

# JRE PTSA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Apr 24 at 9AM — JRE Cafeteria/Zoom

(DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT 6/13 MEETING)

**Attendees:** Megan Williams, Kara Cannarozzo, Sheila Greenhill, Sara Delaurentiis, Carlene Stahlnecker, Hinda Mandell, Stephanie Barg, Michelle Kostick, Amelia Holmquist, Joanne Pietropaoli, Kim Chin

## Meeting Minutes:

1. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 9:05 by co-chairs Megan and Kara.
2. ESTABLISH QUORUM – Quorum established.
3. INTRODUCTIONS
  - Principal Barg introduced Amelia Holmquist, social worker working at the school a few days a week.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (skipped)
5. BUILDING UPDATE – Principal Barg
  - Thank you to the PTSA for the support.
  - Focused on social learning in the areas of cafeteria, recess, and bus. Student council is working on outlining cafeteria culture, common language to be used to support each other, seeing great leadership with student council teaching younger students. Also working with bus drivers, shared expectations about behavior and teaching students that it is important part of their school day.
  - Indoor recess is still a challenge. The school is short on monitors so it is not always possible to get kids in classroom space (preferred) vs auditorium. Part time positions are available if anyone interested.
  - May is going to be fun, lots of excitement for the events coming up, like ice cream social and family fun night!
6. CO-CHAIR UPDATE / ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - **Change in reimbursements.** Hinda used the new process/form and it worked great, check comes from the bank. Able to reimburse vendors directly if invoice is available. Reminder to fill out Cognito form and let Michelle, Kara and Megan know so they can plan for budgeting.
  - **Fun run.** *Update from Kara:* ACE is having one in a couple weeks; PRE is having one in the Fall. Ours will be in the Fall too if Stephanie approves. How it works, a track will be set up all day and kids that want to run will get donations. For example, x amount per lap or y amount if they finish all laps. Kids go out and run by grade. We will have refreshments. Parents welcome to come. Money raised by this used for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Challenger field trip. Ideally the fun run will be able to sustain the Challenger field trip cost ongoing. 20% of proceeds goes back to company providing the app and website etc.
  - **Get together.** Kara and Megan want to do something to thank committee chairs and planning a get together. Hope everyone can come. Tentatively thinking of 6/9, late morning early afternoon.
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS from Committee Chairs

- **Teacher Appreciation** is May 7 - *Update from Sara:* Carolyn sent email to room reps, can ask for money but no more than \$5 per family. It is felt this could cause issues (some getting gift card others not) so next year will give direction not to collect money. Favorite things can be re-sent. What is done is up to the room reps' discretion. Kim has done daily gift in the past, does not have to cost anything, she will send out. One day is a flower, used book, etc.
- **Art Ambassador** (part of International Day 5/24) – *Hinda's update:* 'String is magic' learn from spinning professionals how to turn fluff into yarn. Different techniques so will have a variety here for students to try. All students will leave with a hand spun bracelet. Wants to create a JRE friendship bracelet library so could be used in classrooms during win or free time. Each student will get a little bit of fluff that that can make into yarn.
- **Bike to school** is May 8 - *Update:* Shirts are on the way. Hope to get out this week or next. Need to connect with custodians. T-shirts are very cool; everyone is excited about the gear this year.
- **Family night** is on May 31, 5-7 PM - *Joanne's update:* Great line ups of food trucks and photo booth. Little things left, volunteers, water donations. Have budget for prizes. Discussed whether other options would be better. Landed on something consumable, tattoo or something like that. Stickers etc. Or even just make tattoo table bigger, no prizes.
- **International Day** is Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> – *Kara's update:* Lots of performers. Will send another email re booths still light on those.
- **Year book** – *Megan's update:* Order deadline of 5/1 is coming up but it will be extended. If anyone has classroom photos please send them.
- **Ice cream social** – *Update:* Appreciate Kim Taylor is chair again this year. Laura and Libby joining to take over for next. Ice cream order date is 5/4.
- **ASEP** - *Sheila's update:* Registration closed yesterday. Lego filled, Art starting today. Great start for Green Club with 8 kiddos.
- **School first day school supplies** – *Carlene's update:* Will collect supplies from the last day of school through 6/28. Will send out a note through backpack mail, Mia will do the artwork!
- **Courtyard** – *Update:* Trying to get on pollinator pathway, need 10 native plants we might be close. Kim found tons of tadpole eggs in the pond. Kim is checking on them but would love to let teachers know.
- **Diversity & Inclusion** *Annalise's email update:* No committee update but she checking in with Mrs. Barg re some extra DEI funds and whether there is any need for items supporting diversity/inclusion (different skin tone band-aids, colors of the world markers.)

#### 8. FINANCIAL REPORT – Treasurer Michelle Kostick

- When submitting a reimbursement, let Michelle know what budget it is coming from.
- \$35,621 balance right now. Much of that might be used by Book vending machine if it gets approved. PTSA can buy machine but because PTSA funds cannot be used for maintenance items, Scholastic book fair dollars will go toward filling the vending machine with books.
- Art ambassador and visiting author has \$1,270
- Mrs. Sweeney spent budget on books so will keep her budget same for next year.
- \$1,700 for teacher appreciation, collected \$1,600 from parents. Sara will use this for food people have not signed up for yet.
- Read to succeed spent their budget.
- Book fair made \$2,700. Note: Next year book fair will be 10/21-10/25 in the auditorium.

- Square 1 art made \$1,872
  - Working to get petty cash set up.
9. DISTRICT UPDATES - from co-chair Megan
    - Petitions are out there to charter independent PTSA's at some Pittsford schools (not Jefferson Rd), NYS has obligation to present. All PTSA members will be able to vote.
  10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None
  11. NEW BUSINESS - None
  12. ADJOURNMENT (by general consent or motion) – Meeting adjourned at 9:58AM