

JRE PTSA Meeting

January 26, 2022

This meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Participants:

Leah Kedley – Principal
Kara Ricotta – Co-Chair
Danielle Shannon – Co-Chair
Robin Barone – Treasurer
Tori (Victoria) Starr – Teacher Rep
Brooke Fossey – Secretary
Jay Brend
Danielle Foringer
Megan Frank
Annalise Johnson-Smith
Lori Leitgeb
Mary Refermat

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairs
 - Welcome and Call to Order at 7:06 pm
2. ESTABLISH QUORUM – Chairs
 - Quorum established.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Secretary
 - Confirm Receipt of Proposed October 27, 2021 Minutes by Members.
 - Minutes were posted on the website.
 - ***Motion to Approve October 27, 2021 minutes by Mary Refermat. Seconded by Danielle Shannon. All in favor. Motion carries and minutes are approved.***
4. SCHOOL UPDATE – Principal
 - Parents on the Playground has been successful.
 - Grateful for the kindness and generosity of families towards teachers over the holidays.
 - Continuing to prioritize well-being of everyone at school. Ex: pushed out home COVID tests.
 - Dr. Kedley presented to the School Board last night on behalf of JRE; very well received.
 - Dr. Kedley will send out her February update email.
 - Field trips are still not a possibility because of bus constraints, but we are working on spring options. Requires creativity and flexibility.
 - May be doing a movie night instead of roller skating parties.
5. FINANCIAL REPORT – Treasurer

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- Supply Kits raised money. ASE on target. District allotment arrives in February. Fifth Grade Tiles raised money. Directory been paid for. Miscellaneous spending: crayons and coffee snacks.
- \$19,000 in account, \$1,500 in reserve.
- Will have most outflows this spring.
- **Looking for a replacement for Treasurer for summer transition.**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Reports from each Committee Chair

- After School Enrichment – Megan Frank
 - Fall ASE was successful – one club at full capacity.
 - Winter has a bigger demand due to fewer sports. Winter LEGO filled up in 5 minutes; Art Club filled up in 22 minutes. Yoga filled up. Hip Hop is full. Rainbow Club was added this session.
 - ASE is a big undertaking for one person; is anyone else interested in helping Megan?
 - Code Ninja has been contacted but we cannot offer it in the school at the present time.
 - Another parent may offer another LEGO class if there is enough demand for it.
 - Rainbow Club – both JRE and Thornell are doing this club with the same curriculum.
- Art Ambassador – Hinda Mandel
 - Working on a spring art project (May), combining art and community service.
- Bike to School Day – Brooke Fossey
 - Will start conversation early February with Dr. Kedley and Christy Tenhaeff with list of improvements from last year.
 - Will likely offer a Bike to School Day spirit wear item (Meghan Dean).
- Book Fair – Danielle Shannon
 - All volunteer time slots are full now, including Family Nights.
 - Delivery will be tomorrow and Danielle will set it up in the Library.
 - Kids will go with their class and bring home their wish list so families can either come to Family Night or send in approval for what children are allowed to purchase.
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – Lori Leitgeb
 - Next month is Black History Month.
 - February 7 District DE&I meeting coming up.
 - Womba drumming will be coming to all of our schools, including February 3 at JRE.
 - Dr. Kedley's messaging will continue to be that diversity and inclusion is not limited to a month. The children are doing an excellent job promoting that.
 - Can pull funds from DE&I and cultural arts to provide pizza for presenters.
- Ice Cream Social – Kim Winter & Stacy Hollenbeck

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- Aiming for outside event in the spring.
- International Day – Marni Kleper and Kara Cannarozza
 - Aiming for May, outside.
- Read to Succeed – Mary Refermat
 - Game boards went out in backpacks. Morning messaging has been promoting event. Prizes will be distributed for completing sections of the board (including partial participation). Pizza party planned for the spring for grand prizewinners.
- Square 1 Art – Leslie Allen
 - Everything went smoothly.
 - Donating half of proceeds back to Mrs. Maslin for her art budget.
- Staff Appreciation – Megan Frank
 - Every month snack days. Question raised if we could switch it up to be a little different each month—to be more community-based in terms of gathering in the building.
 - What is the budget? \$189 left to spend. Can parents just donate goods or money if they want? PTSA needs to check on rules. Kara/Danielle can check with the District before February break. Megan will talk with Robin to work on budget item.
 - Megan, Ann, and Kara included goodie bags for the bus drivers, and received a nice thank you note in return.
- Tiles
 - Dr. Kedley will check with Terry on the date for fifth grade tile installation.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Roller Skating Parties
 - Movie night proposed instead. Questions around family logistics/grade-by-grade, room/capacity logistics, snacks, days/hours. March 2022. Sara DeLaurentiis reached out to other elementary school that did a movie night in the fall.
 - One suggestion from Sharing Circle Night: could parents have an event while the kids watch the movie?

7. NEW BUSINESS

- Board and Program Chairs should think about what role(s) they would like to take on next year. Report out at March PTSA meeting.
- SEPTA: Special Education Parent Teacher Association is new this year. They would like a liaison from each school. Would attend PTSA, SEPTA and leadership meetings.
- Parents on the Playground: 30 volunteers so far. When weather permits, parents are on the playground; when weather does not permit, parents help in the lunchroom.

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8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None.

9. ADJOURNMENT – (BY GENERAL CONSENT OR MOTION) – Chairs

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.