

# JRE PTSA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Oct 25 — 9AM — JRE Cafeteria or Zoom

## Attendees:

Kimberly Blackshear, Mark Williams, Maria Aray, Lindsey Henderson Mullens, Liz Candeias, Megan Williams, Kara Cannarozzo, Michelle Kostick, Mrs. Barg, Kim Chin

## Minutes:

1. CALL TO ORDER
  - Meeting called to order at 9:08AM
2. ESTABLISH QUORUM
  - Quorum established.
3. INTRODUCTIONS
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - Sept 20, 2023 meeting minutes approved.
5. BUILDING UPDATE — Principal Barg
  - Working on Indoor recess. Keeping students engaged. Now that we have more students, it's harder in the auditorium, harder to keep safe. Keeping kids in classrooms to avoid screen-time if possible. Mrs. Barg will be working with grades on what they need.
  - Courtyard update. Someone donated the irrigation system so it will not be funded by the school. Look into whether PTSA can we set aside money for maintenance. Kim to pull together some numbers, it requires flushing and turning it off, then prep in spring. Steph and Kim will keep mowing, and come once a week to clean up. Park Rd did a successful tulip sale, this could be a fundraiser for the courtyard.
  - Tragic incident that occurred yesterday. Everyone is aware, school personnel won't initiate conversation about it but if brought up will have private conversations.
6. CO-CHAIR UPDATE / ANNOUNCEMENTS — Co-Chairs Kara & Megan
  - New Initiatives:
    - School Supply Update- Carlene and Mia DeLaurentis
      1. Roberto Clemente No 8 (Pre-K through 8 )asked principal if they were interested in some sort of drive, Top need is pencils
      2. Will work with Karen Wilson – ask about donation kit, we can collect new supplies too and make kits
      3. Flyer – for permission
      4. Carlene to talk to Mrs. Barg, would love to put a collection box in each hallway on the last day of school.
    - Sustainability- Amanda Casey – connecting re getting a committee set up for that. She took all the pumpkins left from Light the Loop to food scrap program. Thank you!
    - Fundraisers- Kara, can't do roller skating parties. Looking into a color run or fun run, name stickers with the school supply kits, silent disco, etc.

- Helping hands group- a handy group that can help with small projects that need to be done in the school, would like to start something like this.
- Recaps:
  - Welcome Back Picnic- success! Thank you Lindsey and Joanna! \$530
  - Light the Loop- success! Thank you Lindsey and Katie! \$300
  - School Pictures- Success! Thank you Carlene!
  - Super Sale- Thank you Megan! | JRE rep for next year Don't have final numbers but they estimated 35K and think they're on track, lowered because of cut in hours and can't have in school | super sale rep Sara?
- Business:
  - Membership for JRE
    - Staff- 22.5%
    - Family- 35.3%
    - Total- 32.56%
  - Financial Statement Need Reminder; anytime we put anything with a cost, include the statement.

#### 7. DISTRICT UPDATES

- SEPTA- Erin – no update
- DEI- Annalise - copy from email

#### 8. FINANCIAL REPORT — Treasurer Michelle

- Approve budget by unanimous vote.

#### 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS — Committee Chairs

- ILT- Megan
  - Monthly meeting, grade level leaders talk, things are going well.
- POP- Maria
  - Starts officially starts today, video message needed before volunteering, Maria will send reminders. Happy with turnout so far.
- ASE- Sheila
  - All ASE co-chairs met this week to share information. They had a few other programs we could look into, drama club specifically. I'll meet with Mrs. Barg and MaryBeth to see how realistic it is for us to add more programs.
  - Otherwise Fall programs are underway and going well.
- Directory- Katie
  - No directory up and running, Working on a central hub, at some point this year have a directory
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition- Kara, Danielle and Kim
  - Looking at moving to Horizon so that it doesn't have to be weather dependent
- Spirit Wear- Meagan
  - Sold 182, should arrive Thurs.
- Courtyard- Kim and Steph (see above)
- Webmaster- Amanda Dwyer, got web site up to date and cleaned up, looks great!
- eNews – working hard to make relevant
- International Day- Kara 5/24, rise against hunger and Hinda Art ambassador
- Square 1 Art

- Read to succeed and book fair are next – need a new location

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. ADJOURNMENT (by general consent or motion) Meeting adjourned at 9:54AM.