

JRE PTSA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Feb 15 (rescheduled from Jan 25)

7PM — JRE Cafeteria

Attendees:

Amy Connell
Annalise Johnson
Casie Ponticello
Christy Tenhaeff
Danielle Shannon
Hinda Mandel
Kara Cannarazzo
Kara Ricotta
Karen Wilson
Kerry George
Kim Chin
Lindsey Yu
Liz Konar
Marni Kleper
Megan Williams
Michelle Kostik
Rebecca O'Loughlin
Sara DeLaurentiis
Sheila Greenhill

Meeting Minutes:

1. CALL TO ORDER — Co-chairs
 - Kara Ricotta called to order at 8PM.
2. ESTABLISH QUORUM — Co-chairs
 - Quorum established.
3. INTRODUCTIONS
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Secretary
 - Oct 26, 2022 minutes approved.
5. BUILDING UPDATE — Principal
 - Liz Konar, interim principal, provided an update.
 - JRE update to the board is on April 18th. In place of providing data, which the board already gets, Ms Konar would like to show a video of students, families, teachers so they get a feel for the school. Aaron Brady does a wonderful job compiling and setting to music. Please send any videos and/or pictures direct to him (Aaron_Brady@pittsford.monroe.edu) or to Ms. Konar

([Elizabeth Konar@pittsford.monroe.edu](mailto:Elizabeth_Konar@pittsford.monroe.edu)) by April 1st. She will send another reminder, wants parents to come as well to the meeting.

- Many children coming in ill the past few weeks, for example, 61 students went to the nurse last Fri, 17% went home. Help get the word out, if not feeling well, keep them home, important for the child and everyone they come in contact with.
- Going back to the future now that many of the changes necessitated by Covid are not needed, one being pick up of children from school. No rush in implementing but the process will go back to the way it used to be. Park, sign out your child and then wait for them and head to car, no longer having line of cars. No rush in implementing, maybe by the end of the year.
- Happy to have feedback on the above or anything else, feel free to call, make an appointment.
- Reconnecting with Sutherland grads has been so fun!

6. CO-CHAIR UPDATE — Co-Chairs

- Welcome to Ms Konar, so happy to have you!
- Strong start to 2023, fun and exciting time.
- Complete District PTSA questionnaire by end of the day today.
- Lifetime members nominations due Fri.
- New principal search. Searching for new principal, reached out to get more info, starting to look for candidates, large group interview process, parents included, staff, admin from district, interview large pool, narrow down and come to school and meet teachers.
 - i. Other schools sometimes finalist would come back and meet with parents, Liz will mention to Mike
 - ii. Committee gets to ask questions, feel free to send questions to Danielle and Kara, and they will pass on.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT — Treasurer

- Michelle gave an update.
- Budget is posted on website.
- Has needed to move things around as best she can as certain things not in budget (unknowns) and some items over budget.
- Welcome back and light the loop – \$684 made
- Courtyard, Read to Succeed and library books were a few areas in which not enough or none was allocated. Typically, Mrs. Sweeney relies on about \$1200 per year for new books, unfortunately not known at the time the budget was drafted so moving things around to accommodate.
- Also need to keep in mind: Prices have increased, some business not doing quite as well so donations not coming in as much as they used to, we are shifting things around for now, but just mentioning for awareness.
- Received money for Square1 tile

- Front loaded field trip and cultural events not sure where they stand in terms of money, \$11K includes district money but might not use it all, so some might need to be reallocated.
 - Book fair profits go to family fun night.
 - Staff appreciation needs a bit more allocated. Also may want to consider asking for donations (Incognito for out to parents, \$5 increments if needed – Calkins road does it for staff appreciation)
 - Teachers have been told they can plan for their field trips and they are!
 - District PTSA increased amount per student up \$3081 (6.5 per student), this is back to normal pre Covid amount as Super Sale proceeds were back to normal.
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS — Committee Chairs
- See chart below
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- None
10. NEW BUSINESS
- Recess donations, many thanks to Casie.
 - Clean out the PTSA closet – paper supplies, old spirit wear, needs a clean out party, several members will touch base to work on it.
11. ANNOUNCEMENTS
12. ADJOURNMENT (*by general consent or motion*)
- Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM

Committee Reports

Art Ambassador	Hinda Mandell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnering w steam day, similar to international day last year • Planning an activity accessible for all grade levels, demonstrating and providing supplies for a personality patch and then plan for a date in late spring as ‘patch day’ where they wear the patch they made that day. Croc charms, fun things to attach to patch. • Demo how to do basic stitches grades 3-5, blunted needles not sharp that could be used. • Possibly add some building patch nights, cafeteria where families can come together and work on their patch. • Provide access for teachers of extra supplies for day of, teachers can grab and last min create a patch in case someone doesn’t have a patch or forgets it. • Teachers and staff can make a patch also!
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After School Enrichment Program	Sheila Greenhill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halfway through winter session. • Big thanks to Kara and Mary Beth! • Allens Creek hosting a chess tourney 3/7. Email going out tomorrow for registration. Do not have to be a part of the chess club but do need to know how to play.
Bike To School Day	Christy Tenhaeff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First wed in May 3rd • 5th grade Mom made a logo last year and updated for us that can be put on spirit wear • Donations for food from Wegmans. • For safety, contact town, Volunteer fire dept • Church will offer parking again • Budget \$150, more may be needed, will be used for laptop stickers (477 students total) • Rain date is that Friday
Book Fair	Danielle Shannon Megan Williams Kara Cannarozzo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just ended, no final numbers yet. • Thankful to all the volunteers. • Need to decide on date for next year by end of year. • Discussed best placement of cash register. There are some restrictions. Will try to have in the auditorium next year. • ACE has 2. One was connected to ice cream social, Nov and spring • Total last year spent was 15K, profits are less, combo of scholastic bucks and cash, thinking to donate to a city school.
Cultural Arts	Christina Ficcchia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • African drumming coming on Feb 25
Family Fun Night Coordinator	Sara DeLaurentiis Lindsey Yu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, 6/9, approved through school. • Use of gym if needed, donut truck, pizza truck and sandwich truck are booked. Looking for other suggestions or if people think that's enough. Some options thrown out, some booked but Netsins might be an option. • Stu the DJ will be back! • \$1500 min for the games and tattoos, maybe instead get high school volunteers or Rotary? • Hours will be 5-7, Calkins has a Talent show at 7:30 the same night.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jo Jos cool bus, come another time, there was a mix up with the dates and would be willing to give more money to us. Think about some options.
Ice Cream Social / Open House	Kim Taylor Stacie Muldoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 10
JRE Courtyard	Kim Cufari Chin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pond hasn't been touched yet, still not working, leaking. • Wondering if people are using the courtyard, added birdfeeders, want it to be used space. It's locked so need janitor to unlock, how can teachers use it more? Per Mrs. George, everyone has noticed and appreciates it looking nice, winter now so not on the radar, perhaps communicate that space is able to be used. • Possibly do something gardening related for steam day? Earth day possibly do something for that, bottle drive, sustainability theme is nice for Steam, could do bottle terrariums • 3rd grade used to do a gardening unit, 4th grade – touch base with those teachers, butterfly unit, maybe 3rd grade. Just want to look for ways to utilize the new courtyard! • Put pictures on the tvs of people using the courtyard. • Steam day – could students paint rocks and display in courtyard, or plant plants?
Parents on the Playground (including recess donations update here)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor recess: lots of donations received, more of a new now probably for outdoor items, balls. • Kids are much happier! • Parents on the Playground chair needed, probably that person could be responsible for the donations too. • Perhaps some options to make POP accessible to more parents, hard for some to volunteer for a 3 hour block.
Spirit Wear	Meghan Dean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March spirit wear sales and flag day
STEAM Day	Marni Kleper Kara Cannarozzo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/19 • Outreach to figure out what can be done there, similar schedule to int day

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Figure out if younger kids can do less activities • Run all school day for all grades, no big community service event that day, probably something smaller for community • Tossing around theme • Cafeteria in use for the community service last year, not sure if cafeteria is in play or not, kids ate in their classrooms, could work well again. • Excited, getting things worked out • Will send out a flyer and feeler emails • Bret Burrows and Deb Malinoff are helping
Teacher/Staff Appreciation	Sara DeLaurentiis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have done lunch, brunch after winter break, things here and there • No more swag, appreciate more food / snacks, mix up snack day, breakfast day etc. • Once they know budget will figure out details for appreciation week. Parents like to participate and help, donate items etc. • Can't decorate doors any more, teachers appreciate something like the books done in previous years more. • Keep in mind, does not have to be done at home, room reps can come in, pull kids out to make or do something.
Yearbook	Megan Williams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearbook is underway • Notification will come out for 5th grade competition • Looking for parent reps for each grade, volunteer to touch base with teacher, come in and take pictures (Megan to run this by Liz first, it is done at other schools) • Want yearbook focused more on school, and try to avoid some of the issues that occurred last year by getting as many eyes on it as possible.