

# JRE PTSA Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Sept 18 at 7PM — JRE Cafeteria/Zoom

(DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT NEXT MEETING)

**Attendees:** Megan Williams, Kara Cannarozzo, Sheila Greenhill, Sara Delaurentiis, Michelle Kostick, Carlene Stahlnecker, Amanda Casey, Danielle Privitera, Annalise, Libby Jefferson, Lisa Heisman, Lindsey Yu

## Meeting Minutes:

1. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 7:08PM by co-chairs Megan and Kara.
2. ESTABLISH QUORUM – Quorum established.
3. INTRODUCTIONS
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - Minutes for June 6, 2024 – held over to next meeting
5. BUILDING UPDATE – Kerry George/Mrs. Barg
  - Lots of thanks for the partnership and upcoming events
  - Thanks to Suzanne Hess and the Paul Klingenstein Family Foundation for donation for challenger field trips
  - Thank you for staff luncheon
  - Feedback on combining curriculum night and school drop off, little communication issues about the change, direction for younger kids on presentation
6. CO-CHAIR UPDATE / ANNOUNCEMENTS
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS from Committee Chairs
  - **ASEP.** Update from Sheila: Registration on 9/29 at 7PM. Details can be found on website. Finalizing details to also offer Cricket clinic. Looking for more volunteers. Have a couple interested and looking for more to split up duties.
  - **Book vending machine.** Update from Kara C: More details to come, teachers determine when kids get token to get their book.
  - **Courtyard** – Every child will plan a bulb (Kim coordinating) book marks, Green club to plant more plants to get on Pittsford pollinator pathway, goal for Fall.
  - **Book fair.** Update from Kara and Megan: K parents coming to help worked great last year. 10/21-10/25, classes can go in to preview then buy. Emails go out to set up ewallet. This year parents can come in to help shop. Family night will be Monday. Fair will be held in the auditorium.
  - **School Supply Drive:** Explanation of it for new parents. 17 grocery bags worth of supplies collected. Mrs. Barg raised concerns about JRE families with need, so Ms. Candeais has been given extra supplies. Request to let teachers know that they are available, Could conduct a confidential poll to see who has need. Might look into giving to a different school next year
  - **Fun run.** Updates from Sara D and Kara C: New fundraiser this year on 10/4. All kids can run, walk, dance their way through two courses, 2 grades at a time. Music and a fun atmosphere. Fundraising starts Mon and between kids fundraising and corporate sponsors, hope to have money for a variety of things such as a gaga pit, challenger field trips (4K needed each year

for this alone, first few years covered by donation but hope to have steady stream to handle for future), everyone gets a t-shirt, fund the enrichment fund that teachers can use for things for their classrooms, etc. Video will show in classrooms. If we reach our goal of 15K Mr. Burrows will get in a dunk tank. ½ raised with corporate sponsors already but still have 10 spots left. Spoke is doing a fundraiser, link in Facebook. Event is during the school day, tbd if parents can attend but we will need volunteers for water stations, etc. It worked well at ACE. Rain date TBD.

- **Light the loop.** Update from Katie Ward: 10/26 6-8, Last one for Katie if someone interested in transitioning, need volunteers, discussion of what to do with pumpkins after, many don't get picked up.
- **Parents on the Playground (POP).** Update from Maria Aray: POP is off to a very strong start, and we already have 10 volunteers.
- **School Directory:** It has fizzled, but the question is do parents want it; discussion among parents seems to suggest they do - at least a grade level one; could send out a poll to see how the larger community feels. Hard to get info for Room Reps; there must be a better way. Kindergarten sends forms that parents much fill out with permission to share info. Potentially investigate a Google spreadsheet.
- **Square1 Art:** Mrs. Marlyn does a great job; comes up with different themes by grade. End of October parents get images to place orders in time for the holidays; deadline to order is November 25<sup>th</sup>. Will do email reminders.
- **Sustainability:** Looking into recycling markers. Would teachers be ok collecting them in their rooms. Mrs. George doesn't foresee that being an issue. Amanda Casey will investigate who pays for it. Issues with recycling; we need to get a contract.
- **Welcome back lunch for teachers.** Update from Sara D: Mendon Café great job!
- **Welcome back picnic.** Update from Lindsey: Lots of planning done and underway, food trucks, lots of fun!

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

- Can reimburse for last year still
- Budget, if you need more money, let Michelle, Megan & Kara know.
- We currently have about \$19K in the bank.
- District had to take control of bank account, so it's harder to see where money came from & went last year.
- Michelle requested a shadow for treasury position
- Expecting to make \$27K this year, we get a lot of money from fundraising.
- District PTSA is giving \$6.50 per kid & JRE has 504 children.
- We give \$2K to Mrs. Sweeney so she can purchase what she library needs
- JRE will be donating \$1281.25 to visiting author
- Teacher Appreciation needs to be raised from \$1500 to \$2500
- PTSA buys teacher tenure gifts
- Welcome Back Picnic, Ice Cream Social & Family Fun Night will get about \$1000 per event
- Michelle walked us through the reimbursement forms and process

#### 9. DISTRICT UPDATES - None

#### 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

#### 11. NEW BUSINESS - None

12. ADJOURNMENT (by general consent or motion) – Meeting adjourned by co-chairs.