

JRE PTSA Meeting

March 17, 2021

Note: This meeting was held online using the meeting platform Zoom.

Attendees:

Leah Kedley – Principal
Kate Munzinger – Co-Chair
Brooke Fossey – Secretary
Miglena Charpied
Christina Ficicchia
Danielle Foringer
Megan Frank
Jeff Johnson
Lori Leitgeb
Hinda Mandell
Terese Manfredi-Hill
Tricia Piccirilli
Kara Ricotta
Danielle Shannon
Victoria Starr
Megan Williams
Kim Winter

1. CALL TO ORDER – *Chairs*
 - Welcome and Call to Order at 7:04 pm
2. ESTABLISH QUORUM – *Chairs*
 - Quorum established
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *Secretary*
 - Confirm Receipt of Proposed January 27, 2021 Minutes by Members.
 - Minutes were posted on the website and shared in the Zoom chat.
 - **Motion to Approve January 27, 2021 minutes by Megan Frank. Seconded by Tricia Piccirilli. All in favor. Motion carries and January 27, 2021 minutes are approved.**
4. SCHOOL UPDATE – *Principal*
 - Ms. Kedley introduced herself and thanked everyone for the warm welcome to JRE.
 - She has visited every classroom and is starting to learn all the kids' names.
 - She has been attending all the District-wide meetings and planning for next year.
 - Re-opening plans are coming from the CDC. The District will be sending an update out soon.
 - JRE teachers are providing great consistency to students right now.

- Ms. Kedley will be continuing to reach out to in-person and remote students.
- Her style is all about partnership, collaboration, and open-communication.
- She is focused on honoring teacher work-life balance; not working on weekends, etc.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT – *Treasurer*

- No update for the last month.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS – *Reports from each Committee Chair*

- Art Ambassador (Hinda Mandell)
 - The “Unexpected Garden” project is on track for this spring with an installation set for the end of May.
 - Materials will go home in backpack mail for all students; remote learners can pick up at Hinda’s house near JRE. They will receive a small piece of fabric and a Sharpie and will fill out “People don’t expect that I [fill in the blank].”
 - The returned flags will be hung like peace flags on trees around JRE and fairy doors installed at the base of the trees.
- Square 1 Art (Leslie Allen)
 - No update.
- After School Enrichment Program (ASEP) (Tricia Piccirilli)
 - Megan Frank is taking over ASEP next year.
 - ASEP is still limited but virtual Art Class is going well.
 - A successful virtual LEGO program exists at another school. We may try to have a spring program.
- Book Fair (Danielle Shannon)
 - \$2000 has been collected so far and the Book Fair goes through Sunday.
 - Scholastic Rep is asking to set up dates for next year. Danielle will confirm dates with Ms. Kedley and Ms. Sweeny.
- Box Tops (Danielle Foringer)
 - No update
- Bike to School Day (Brooke Fossey & Renee Barr)
 - National Bike to School day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5.
 - Renee and Brooke are planning for JRE BTSD for Wednesday, May 5, with a rain date of Friday, May 7.
 - Info/permission forms should go home in backpack mail and email for remote students around April 15/16 with a return date of April 29.
 - Want to encourage remote students to go for a ride before they start their day or go for a mid-day ride and share a photo to JRE’s Facebook page.
 - We can reach out to Wegmans for donations of food.

- We have a budget of \$250, but need to decide what we could use that towards. Giveaways or something for the school or a donation?
 - Brooke reached out to the Town to see if they can allocate another crossing guard during the morning drop-off and noon-hour dismissal. They have committed to another crossing guard.
 - Do we need additional back-up due to traffic and the Bridge Closure? Brooke will ask Renee Stetzer, Village Trustee, to reach out to the Sheriff to see if they would help. Could they post one of those informational LED signs leading up to BTSD on Jeff Rd?
 - During morning drop-off, a volunteer is needed at the parking lot entrance.
 - Could we designate a bike lane along School Lane road or sidewalk?
 - Can all volunteers wear the same bright color vests?
 - Patches, signs, yellow vests were suggested as uses for our budget.
 - Brooke will send Ms. Kedley a blurb describing Bike to School Day and topics that will require collaboration.
- Ice Cream Social / Open House (Ms. Kedley)
 - To be determined.
- D&I Liaison (Lori Leitgeb)
 - How can we creatively use the money we have? Here are some ideas:
 - Work with Ganondagon to host indigenous Pittsford cultural arts for children to align with the fourth grade curriculum.
 - Could it be in conjunction with International Day?
 - Ms. Kedley could offer video clips each morning, if needed, with prior planning.
 - We could pilot something very small this spring, since it is an off-year, to experiment for next year.
 - Thornell parents opened up a podcast group called "Seeing White." All are welcome.
 - Workshop on pronouns coming up. Info online on how to join.
- Courtyard
 - No update.
- Cultural Arts (Christina Ficicchia)
 - The budget does not need to be used this year, but it can be. We won't risk losing our allotment for next year.
 - Christina will put together an email seeing what help she needs and what information she needs.
 - Cindy in the main office knows about the application and timeline.
- International Day
 - Looking for a new Chair for 2021-2022.
 - No update.

- PTSA Membership Chair (Kara Ricotta)
 - No update.

- Read to Succeed (Mary Referemet)
 - 89 game boards submitted and more coming.
 - Lots of positive feedback on trivia.
 - Families were eager to have an activity for their kids.
 - Mailed to all remote learners.
 - Prizes go home next week.

- Rise Against Hunger
 - No update.

- Spirit wear (Terese Manfredi-Hill)
 - New product: flannel pajama pants that say “Together We Fly”.
 - Six pairs of pajama pants will be set aside for Read to Succeed Grand Prizes.
 - It’s an important school fundraiser, so thank you everybody who has purchased!

- STEAM
 - No update.

- Super Sale Rep
 - Looking for a new Chair for 2021-2022.
 - No update.

- Teacher and Staff appreciation (Megan Frank & Kim Winter)
 - We have had a great response from parents for all the breakfasts and appreciation efforts.
 - First week in May is Teacher Appreciation Week.
 - Looking for parents to sponsor the breakfasts so the school can use the funds for a staff lunch.
 - We are allowed to decorate the classroom doors this year, so there will be a need for parent help.
 - Remote teachers are included in all these events – gift cards were sent to them and they have been getting snacks delivered.
 - Idea for teacher appreciation for remote learners: kids could upload a teacher appreciation zoom pic background!

- Yearbook (Toni Ganguzza)
 - Email photos to: jeffrdptsayearbook@gmail.com

- 5th grade transition team (Stacy Muldoon)
 - In the works, especially regarding moving-up day.

- Webmaster (Kara Ricotta)

- No update.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Several District-level PTSA roles are looking for nominees: President-Elect, Secretary, VP of Program Support, VP of Resource Development. Job descriptions and an application to each position are on the District website under Volunteer Opportunities.

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

- **Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.**