

# JRE PTSA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Jan 24 at 7PM — JRE Cafeteria/Zoom

**Attendees:** Megan Williams, Kara Cannarozzo, Sheila Greenhill, Sara Delaurentiis, Maria Aray, Michelle Kostick, John Manchester, Stephanie Barg, Carlene Stahlnecker, Amanda Dwyer, Kerry George, Kim Chin, Amanda Casey, Lindsey Yu

## Meeting Minutes:

1. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 7:03PM by co-chair Megan.
2. ESTABLISH QUORUM – Quorum established by co-chair Megan.
3. INTRODUCTIONS
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 10/25/2023 minutes approved.
5. BUILDING UPDATE from Principal Barg
  - Almost the end of the first semester, lots of feedback, continuing to shower the kids with love and caring. Instructional work is a focus.
  - Shared a thank you card from JRE staff for the amazing brunch.
  - Parents on the playground is great, excited for book fair and read to succeed coming up.
  - Getting immersed in the culture.
  - Mrs. George:
    - i. Everyone appreciated the brunch.
    - ii. Book fair times are on the website, sometimes hard for K so she invited additional parents to help out in their slot. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be there to help too. Clarification on \$ in the ewallet, rollovers from year to year but otherwise can't be used for class flyers but can be used on scholastic website. Mrs. Barg will send to teachers with some details. All K does preview but not all have slots to go buy. Monday is family night. Helps for teachers to sign up for e-news too.
6. CO-CHAIR UPDATE / ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - 5 go 6 info night - *Megan's update*: Last year, 5 or 6 veteran parents from elementary schools gave their time for an information session for 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents going on the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Parent to parent, very informal, lots of valuable information shared. Got a request to do it again. ACE chair asked if we would like to coordinate. Hoping to make it work in late April/early May.
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS from Committee Chairs
  - ASEP - *Sheila's update*: Registration was successful last night. Lego filled up in 2 mins. Yoga shortly after. There are a few spots left for Chess and half for Rainbow. The waitlist is pretty full for Lego. Volunteer sign ups will go out shortly.
    - i. Girls on the Run Tues/Thurs starts in March (this is a national program)
    - ii. Discussed some other options for boys. Running Feet during recess, Ridge Runners
    - iii. Looking at Eco Club for spring. Amanda discussing a look at a recycling throughout the whole school, hoping to start JRE with just recycling paper, simplest to do.
  - Book Fair – *Megan and Kara's update*: Starts next week. Might need help with setup. Still a few open slots, family night volunteers should be OK w/Kara, Danielle, Megan but open if

people are free to help. Long term plan is to have it in the auditorium, the timing will have to change from the last week of Jan, next year due to conflicts with music programs.

- Read to Succeed – *Megan's update*: Ends next Friday, send it in vs email. Some found it more motivating when it was done in increments. Room reps could help with this in the future. Suggestion to move away from food-based rewards.
- International Day is Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> – *Kara's update*: Start thinking about if you can do a booth for a culture or country. We have calligraphy, Irish dancers, RISE against hunger, art ambassador, Native American is cultural, it doesn't have to be only international.
- School Supply Kits / Donations - *Karen's update (via email)*: I'm excited to partner with 1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies this year. I've been really impressed with their customer service and I'm hopeful that things will go more smoothly than last year and we'll have a great fundraiser. Classroom supply kit lists are due to them in March. They are also working on determining the best way to provide us packs of pencils we can offer for sale as part of the school supply drive that's being put together.
- School donation – *Carlene's update*: new used, flyer with permission slip, for parents to sign to donate supplies at school, donation would happen in summer, going through supplies as a group to separate trash vs used, maybe next year look at doing through the year. Number one need is pencils, Karen will look at adding to supply kits. Is it OK to put bins out, Mrs Barg will follow up. Room parents under-utilized, room parents sort through it, class is better Flyers wouldn't go out until a few weeks before end of school
- Spirit Wear – Spring order will be Feb or March, chat w/Meghan Dean, smaller sizes are harder but perhaps could try again with some accessories
- Courtyard – Kim chatted with 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher/para about decorating scarecrow for winter
- Staff Appreciation – *Sara's update*: May 6<sup>th</sup>, something every day like last year with a full lunch on May 7. Will stagger delivery times, this was an issue last year. Will try to see if Wegmans can donate pizza and subs. Sara to talk to Carolyn, may not do boards but teacher books again. Need to consider specials teachers, perhaps Cognito form.
- Family night on May 31 – *Lindsey's update*: More info to come, right now have 3 or so food trucks + Netsins. Kids will play on the playground. Will check with Interact club students to run games. Clix will come for free to run a photo booth, tentatively have it scheduled for this event.
- Bike to school – Starting to plan now. Plan to go back to doing their own shirts vs coordinating w spirit wear.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT from Treasurer Michelle

- All going well, no new updates.

9. DISTRICT UPDATES - None

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

- Some fun possible activities to look at-
  - i. Build forest.
  - ii. Flagpole decorate, sign up genius to donate flowers
  - iii. Polar walk, walk around the loop, bear dressed up, hot cocoa
  - iv. 50 day sock hop

12. ADJOURNMENT (by general consent or motion) – Meeting adjourned at 8:31PM