

JRE PTSA Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Wednesday, Mar 20 at 7PM — JRE Cafeteria/Zoom

Attendees: Megan Williams, Kara Cannarozzo, Sheila Greenhill, Carolyn Linehan, Sara Delaurentiis, Danielle Shannon, Kara Ricotta, Kerry George, Karen Wilson, Maria Aray, Carlene Stahlnecker, Emily Roussell, Hinda Mandell, Lindsey Yu, Joanna Pietropaoli, Annalise Johnson-Smith, Amanda Dwyer

Meeting Minutes:

1. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 7:01PM by co-chair Megan and Kara.
2. ESTABLISH QUORUM – Quorum established by co-chair Megan.
3. INTRODUCTIONS
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 1/24/2024 minutes approved.
5. BUILDING UPDATE
 - Kerry passed along message, lots of spring activities coming up, all are very excited.
6. CO-CHAIR UPDATE / ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - Appreciate the previous co-chairs Kara Ricotta and Danielle Shannon.
 - **Reimbursements** have changed. District treasurer now must handle all reimbursements, ideally within a 3-day period. Send direct to him and cc Michelle our treasurer.
 - **Fun run** update from Kara – New activity, probably not until Fall. As fundraiser, use money toward Challenger fundraiser. To sustain the Challenger field trip ongoing. ACE is piloting a fun run this spring.
 - **Book vending machine** hopefully in the Fall. TRE has one and working with them re procedure. Kids get book on their birthday. Some books from scholastic will keep filled. Assortment of books from all reading levels.
 - Kim Taylor will run ice cream social this year. Laura and Libby will take over for next year.
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS from Committee Chairs
 - **Teacher Appreciation** – Day is May 7, No longer able to decorate doors, want to be able to do something for everyone and make sure teachers feel appreciated. Food is appreciated. Keep focus on the teachers. Books are appreciated. Keep with room parents for that. ACE does some raffles with gift card donations and used to do something similar at JRE. Sometimes confusing with staff appreciation which is in November. Cognito forms will go out soon, for food donations, could get gift cards too. ACE also handed out roses once for special teachers. Or packet of flower seeds. Lots of ideas for baskets, hanging plants, gift cards, etc. PTSA is also talking more about what we could do around **School Related Professionals Day** in Nov to show our appreciation to everyone in the building.
 - **ASEP - Sheila's update:** Winter session winding down, in the middle of planning Spring. Expect registration to be around 4/11. Holding on Chess for Spring, have new Green club starting with Amanda Casey, in the approval phase.
 - **International Day** is Friday May 24th – *Kara's update:* Lots of activities booked but still need volunteers for booths in the gym, we have about 5. How can we get more? There are usually up to 40. Booths can be simple. Maybe do a sign-up genius. Will try to contact last year's group.

- **Art Ambassador** (part of International Day 5/24) – *Hinda's update*: 'String is magic' learn from spinning professionals how to turn fluff into yarn. Different techniques so will have a variety here for students to try. All students will leave with a hand spun bracelet. Wants to create a JRE friendship bracelet library so could be used in classrooms during win or free time. *Can she provide volunteers a gift card? Megan and Kara will check with district treasurer. Or ask store if they will donate. Hinda is looking how to gift them with something. We'll see what options we have.*
- **RISE Against Hunger** *Carolyn's update*: Need to raise \$8K to make it happen. Carolyn will shorten and re word summary and will send out via a variety of ways. Carolyn will also work on sponsors.
- **Spirit Wear** – We need a new chair for this for next year. Consensus is to bring back the glitter sweatshirts! People don't love 'together we fly', not sure where it came from.
- **Courtyard** – Regarding plan donations for the flag pole. Gift donation form and paperwork has been submitted. Megan will respond when approved then Kim can send out sign up genius and message.
- **Family night** on May 31 5-7 PM *Lindsey's update*: Update DJ coming. Mister B's hot dogs, hamburgers, Netsins etc. Joanna working on prizes. Lots of garbage cans. Lots of water in closet.
- **Bike to school** – May 8 School has gotten approval for church parking lot. Looking for horse patrol. Will have their own sale for shirts.
- **POP** – *Maria's update*: Doing more reminders, will keep asking for volunteers, send updated not via infinite campus.
- **School first day school supplies** – *Karen's update*: new kit company, more professional overall, guarantee delivery within 2 days window. Pencil packs will be included as part of the supply kit. Carlene coordinating supply donations. Stephanie indicated we need to handle collections similar to ingathering if collecting at school. Instead, we will pilot this year collecting at houses (Carlene, Kara and Megan).
- **Diversity & Inclusion** *Annalise's update*: Speaker/ 4/18 from Bivona
- **5th grade transition** - Kara R provided updates: 4/29, parents panel will be held here to learn about 6th grade and Calkins, lots of good info. Changing celebration this year, based on feedback moving celebration to Horizon Fun FX for laser tag and roller skating. Then back to school for pizza party and yearbooks. Date is 6/20.
- **Book Fair & Read to Succeed next year** – Based on space constraints, book fair and read to succeed will be decoupled with book fair moving to October (in auditorium) and Read to succeed 3 weeks in March. (March is Read Across America month.) Danielle to check with Scholastic re an October date.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

- No update

9. DISTRICT UPDATES - None

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

11. NEW BUSINESS

- Student council, little school store. Could this be something to do?

- Polar bear walk, run through student council at TRE, kids walk around bus loop, shared planning sheet with Kerry, 2-hour block, kids could go out at any time. Kerry to touch base w Mary.

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

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