

JRE PTSA Meeting

January 27, 2021

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

Attendees:

Shawn Clark – Principal
Meredith Rietz – Co-Chair
Kate Munzinger – Co-Chair
Robin Barone – Treasurer
Brooke Fossey – Secretary
Kimberly Cufari
Megan Frank
Lori Leitgeb
Hinda Mandell
Tricia Piccerilli
Karen Riccotta
Danielle Shannon
Kim Taylor
Kathleen Ward
Mark Williams
Karen Wilson
Mike

1. CALL TO ORDER – *Co-Chairs*
 - Welcome and Call to Order at 7 pm
2. ESTABLISH QUORUM – *Co-Chairs*
 - Quorum established
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – *Secretary*
 - Confirm Receipt of Proposed October 10, 2020 Minutes by Members
 - Call for Corrections to Minutes
 - Motion to Approve (as corrected)
 - **Motion to Approve October 10, 2020 Minutes by Megan Frank. Seconded by Tricia Piccirilli. All in favor. Motion carries and October 10, 2020 minutes are approved.**
4. SCHOOL UPDATE – *Principal*
 - JRE's new principal, Ms. Leah Kedley, will start on the Monday after February break.
 - Ms. Kedley will visit the school on January 28 to meet the children.
 - The group thanked Mr. Clark for his incredible leadership of JRE. We are all going to miss him but are so glad he will still be with PCSD. Thank you, Mr. Clark!

- So far, 78 students and 15 staff members were tested for COVID in school and it went phenomenally. The nurses, children, and parents all helped it to run smoothly.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT – *Treasurer*

- There hasn't been much coming or going this year.
 - Spending: afternoon enrichment, visiting author, fifth grade tiles, and teacher appreciation.
 - Revenue: Square 1 Art and Box Tops. Book fair will bring in revenue too.
- District allotment for next year is going up so we will be in good shape next year.

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

- Art Ambassador (Hinda Mandell)
 - Hinda is working on “The Unexpected Garden,” a combination of both traditional and unexpected ornamentation of a tree/garden area. All students (in-building and remote) will receive a hexagon-shaped paper with a blank “When people look at me they may not expect _____.” which they will return to school where Hinda will laminate them and hang them on a tree. She’s planning to plant some marigolds around the tree. Kids could bring in painted rocks with affirmations on them.
 - If/when it has to be moved or taken down, it would be nice to move it to the courtyard to save.
 - Kate will connect Hinda with Rachel George, past Art Ambassador.
 - Megan Frank will assist with flower donations from her family’s company. Thanks, Megan!
- Square 1 Art
 - The fundraiser was a huge success this year. In 2020 we had total sales of \$6,200. The school gets a portion of those proceeds. This year our total sales were \$8,565. Our profit percentage of sales is determined by a tiered profit guideline that is set by Square 1 Art.
 - We did offer the fundraiser to the remote students but only a small portion, around 5, chose to participate.
 - The fifth grade tiles that go up in the entryway of the school have been ordered and those will be put up by the custodians by the end of the year.
- After School Enrichment Program (ASEP) (Tricia Piccirilli)
 - Art and Mad Science were successfully run virtually this fall. The second session is Art and it started today (20 kids). Planning for a spring program. Megan Frank will take over from Tricia Piccirilli.
- Book Fair (Danielle Shannon)
 - A virtual book fair will happen March 8 through 21, in conjunction with Read to Succeed.

- Box Tops (Kate Munzinger)
 - \$150 check received

- Bike to School Day (Brooke Fossey)
 - We are planning for this event to happen (May 5). Brooke will formulate some options for the March PTSA meeting, taking into account remote/in-person learners, drop-off schedule, full-school vs. by grade, in-person gathering, Bike Week, etc. taking into account the changing pandemic situation and guidelines/recommendations.
 - We have a small budget.

- Ice Cream Social / Open House (Kim Taylor)
 - Kim Taylor and Stacey Muldoon will be taking on the Ice Cream Social and Open House for 2022.

- D&I Liaison (Lori Leitgeb)
 - Monthly meetings ongoing. A number of workshops have happened with decent attendance. “The Indigenous History of Pittsford” will take place on February 2.
 - One of the Pittsford Elem Schools started a book club, if any parents are interested in leading that at JRE.
 - Lori could connect with our Cultural Arts Chair.

- Courtyard
 - No update

- International Day
 - Looking for a new Chair for 2021-2022.

- PTSA Membership Chair (Kara Ricotta)
 - No update from the District.

- Read to Succeed
 - Read to Succeed is scheduled for March 1 - 19

- Rise Against Hunger
 - No update.

- Spirit wear
 - There was a mix-up with the JRE Flag shirts; they were not delivered on time. Someone shared an old link to purchase spirit wear online and some families have ordered, so there are a lot of spirit wear options coming!
 - At MCE, each grade level has a different color shirt, which was really well-received. This may be something for JRE to consider in the future.

- STEAM
 - No update.
- Teacher and Staff appreciation (Megan Frank)
 - Kim Winter and Megan Frank are working on the next Teacher Appreciation for February 10. Dunkin Donuts is donating coffee. Sign-up genius will go out soon.
- Yearbook
 - Send photos in!
- 5th grade transition team
 - No update.
- Webmaster (Kara Ricotta)
 - No update.
- Replacements needed for International Day and Super Sale Rep

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

- Succession of PTSA Board. Kate and Meredith's term is up and they identified some great candidates, to take over: Kara Ricotta to Danielle Shannon. Thank you for stepping up to lead, Kara and Danielle! Thank you Kate and Meredith for your leadership over the last two years.
- The terms of Secretary and Treasurer are also up so they will be posted.
- The District has set up a nominating committee and the District is looking for people to serve on the nominating committee. Kate Munzinger shared the District's Committee Procedure Document in the Zoom chat.
- The District is also selling "Pittsford Strong" spirit wear. Kate Munzinger shared the link to purchase it in the Zoom chat.
- Reach out to Sarah Pelusio with ideas to better connect remote learners.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- **Meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.**