

# JRE PTSA Meeting

March 16, 2022

This meeting was held both in-person at JRE School and virtually via Zoom.

## Participants:

Dr. Leah Kedley – Principal  
Kara Ricotta – Co-Chair  
Danielle Shannon – Co-Chair  
Robin Barone – Treasurer (Zoom)  
Brett Burrows – Teacher Rep  
Brooke Fossey – Secretary  
Kara Cannarizzo  
Sara DeLaurentiis  
Christina Ficicchia (Zoom)  
Annalise Johnson-Smith (Zoom)  
Lori Leitgeb  
Marni Kleper  
Megan Williams

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairs Kara Ricotta & Danielle Shannon
  - Welcome and Call to Order at 9:32 am.
2. ESTABLISH QUORUM – Chairs
  - Quorum established.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Secretary Brooke Fossey
  - Confirm Receipt of Proposed January 26, 2022 Minutes by Members.
    - Minutes were posted on the website and shared on Zoom.
  - ***Motion to Approve January 26, 2022 minutes by Danielle Shannon. Seconded by Brooke Fossey. All in favor. Motion carries and minutes are approved.***
4. SCHOOL UPDATE – Principal Dr. Kedley
  - The school is now mask-optional and it has been a smooth transition, met with kindness on both ends of the spectrum.
  - Dr. Kedley is in spring planning mode.
    - April 28 – Ice Cream Social & Art Show
    - May 4 – Bike to School Day
    - May 18 – International Day
    - June 14 – Flag Day
    - June 16 – Field Day
  - Working on holding traditional events and inviting families back, but still accommodating a COVID world.
  - Will send an e-blast each time the report card portal is open.
5. FINANCIAL REPORT – Treasurer Robin Barone

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- New Treasurer has been identified.
- Book Fair exceeded revenue expectation - \$3,000 profit.
- Back to School Kits exceeded revenue expectation.
- Fundraising is strong this year.
- Does the Visiting Author need to be paid? Dr. Kedley will confirm.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- After School Enrichment – Megan Frank
  - Spring session will only consist of LEGO and Chess due to a rock climbing unit in PE. The art instructor cannot commit to spring due to personal reasons and the district coordinator said we did not have enough time to get a new instructor and curriculum approved. Rainbow Club is unknown, but district coordinator also believes curriculum will not be approved in time. Hopefully more information on that will be available within the next couple weeks.
  - ASEP Chair will be available for 2022-23 if anyone is interested.
- Bike to School Day – Brooke Fossey
  - \$200 budget.
  - Permission slip updated and ready to go.
  - We have approval from Edgewood Church to use their parking lot for “park & bike” for anyone that lives too far away to bike from home.
  - Volunteer Ambulance will stage nearby.
  - Extra crossing guards approved by the Town.
  - Reach out to Towpath about a possible bike rack.
  - 200 stickers ordered. Will get more.
  - Need to request food from Wegmans
  - Need to request donations from Towpath.
  - Ordering t-shirts as a fundraiser to go out late March for late April delivery.
- Book Fair – Danielle Shannon
  - \$3000 profit. Majority cash; \$600 rolled over into Scholastic Bucks to buy Teacher Wish List books. A generous parent raised enough money for the remaining Teacher Wish List books.
  - Need to pick dates for next year’s Book Fair to align with Read to Succeed.
  - Danielle will continue Chairing, but would like a Co-Chair. Megan Williams and Marni Kleper volunteered.
- Box Tops
  - Robin is looking into using our money.
- Community Service

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- Lots of donations for Ukraine.
- Cha Cha Cha toothbrush and toothpaste donations ongoing.
- Cultural Arts - Christina Ficicchia
  - Budget, ideas, and bussing limitations are being discussed.
  - Can spend on performances (not supplies).
  - Please send ideas.
  - Third grade may have a performance related to a book they read.
  - \$15,000 budget to be confirmed. \$9,160 showing in budget per Robin Barone.
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – Annalise Johnson-Smith & Lori Leitgeb
  - Ramadan is coming up; check to make sure there are accommodations for students.
  - Gender diverse characters needed in library; parent sent a list of books to the JRE Library, and Emily Sweeny has endorsed one of the books. Is there funding in the budget for \$12.53? This is important for the PTSA to fund and support. Annalise will send the list of books to Dr. Kedley.
  - Rainbow Club update: 6 children enrolled, 1-2 books read per session, crafts, dance. Will not be offered in the Spring; there is a more in-depth approval process required. Should resume in the Fall.
  - Lori will likely be the President-Elect for the District. Will need to fill Co-Chair position for DE&I at both JRE and at the District-level.
- Ice Cream Social – Kim Winter & Stacy Muldoon
  - Kim is in touch with Pittsford Farms Dairy.
  - Discussion about where to hold event (outside, hopefully).
  - Reach out to Edgewood Church about using their parking lot.
  - Will have a sign-up at the event for parents to volunteer to help with Field Day (June 16).
- International Day – Marni Kleper and Kara Cannarozza
  - Wednesday, May 18; full-day event.
  - Most booths will be in the gym and cafeteria, with children eating in the classroom. Folktale reading in the Library, art events in the Art Classroom.
  - Art Ambassador program (Hinda Mandel) will be rolled into International Day this year.
  - Working on a community-service component.
  - Passports and self-reflection.
  - Scavenger hunts.
  - Will send a targeted email to get more involvement.
  - 18 confirmed booths, goal of 20-25.
- Game Night – Sara DeLaurentiis

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- Instead of a Roller Skating Party, Movie Night was considered, but it would be expensive (\$1700) and would be late (8:45pm) for young kids because we would need to wait for it to be dusk outside.
- Blue Apple Production offers inflatable games, airbrush tattoos, etc.
- Magician - \$160
- If Movie Night being changed is a big disappointment, we could facilitate a movie in the auditorium.
- Planning to use the Book Fair funds.
- 5:30pm-8:30pm
- Sara will move ahead with booking.
  
- PTSA Membership
  - 154 families
  
- Staff Appreciation – Megan Frank
  - Snack Day is scheduled for this Friday, plus ones for April and June. First week in May is Teacher Appreciation Week. Since we have room reps again, they will be in charge of coordinating the door decorating for their respective teacher. Specials and other staff doors will be available to decorate via SignUp Genius. We will do a breakfast and lunch. We will need to ask for monetary donations for the lunch, which will happen beginning in April. As always, we ask for donations for the raffle and an email will go out in April about that.
  - Teacher Appreciation will be available for 2022-23 if anyone is interested.
  - JRE magnets help fund staff appreciation (\$361 this year).
  
- Spirit Wear (Megan Dean)
  - Last day to order is tomorrow. Adult and kid sizes available!
  
- Fifth Grade Transition
  - Camp Arrowhead coming to JRE instead of us going there.
  - Will do a tie-dye event.

## 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- None.

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PTSA would like to know by April 1 if Chairs will be returning to their Programs.  
Open programs:
  - ASEP

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- Light the Loop
- Parents on the Playground
- Read to Succeed
- Staff Appreciation
- Yearbook
- Cannot collect funds via Venmo for PTSA.
- Could we make it standardized how Teacher Conferences are set up (not via Room Reps)?

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

- Meeting was adjourned at 10:51 am.