

***JR Briggs PTA Meeting Minutes***  
**December 1, 2016**

*President:* Alisha VanHillo

*Vice President:* Michelle Parkinson

*Treasurer:* Myriah Zwicker

*Secretary:* Jeraldine Lumbert

***Welcome and Thanks***

Meeting Called to Order at 6:08

The PTA recognized Sarah Dorsey for the wonderful work that she has done for the PTA while she was the president for association.

***Principal's Report***

Mrs. McGrath reported that the budget process has started for the district. There is a school committee meeting on December 6, 2016 at 7pm at Overlook Middle School. She is recommending that teachers be brought back due to the large class sizes. At this time, the kindergarten projections are 60 students so far. The district is working on a strategic plan that will be presented on January 10, 2017 at the school committee meeting. The budget will be presented on January 24, 2017. Natalie Nelson, Tiffany Davis, and Holly Garlock are working on setting up a committee to involve parents in the process.

The holiday concert is two weeks away at 7pm with 70 chorus members. We are still collecting for Toys for Tots. It is still a little empty and an email will be sent out. They collect the toys on December 15, 2016. The food drive collected over 900 canned goods for the food pantry.

Mrs. Batalado and Mr. Foss have been working with the 4th grade on Mindfulness. It helps children deal with self awareness and self regulation. It has just started in the 3 grade and will finish in Decembers. Staff are using the vocabulary as well throughout their day. They will introduce it to the 5th grade after the holidays.

***Secretary's Report***

Jerri Lumbert, PTA Secretary, presented meeting notes from November's meeting for approval. Notes were approved as presented.

***Treasurer's Report***

Myriah Zwicker, Treasurer, stated that the taxes were filed for this year as of today, December 1, 2016 with an ending balance of \$10, 525.

***Movie Night***

Tiffany, Karen, and Lindsay thank you for helping organize the event this year. The event raised over \$663.25. The peer leaders were helpful. It was recommended that maybe we can track how many people attend to see over the years the attendance record. Movie selection seemed to be a drawing factor

### ***Coupon Fundraiser (Update)***

The coupon books money is still trickling in and at this time we have sold 160 books with a \$2,000.00 profit. We will be sending some of the books back to the company.

### ***Roll on America (Fundraiser)***

We had a good turn out. We are pleased with the deal. The next dates are January 29, 2017 (5:30-7:30 pm), February 6, 2017 (5- 7pm), and March 20, 2017 (5-7 pm). We did ask extended day if they would like to take part, however, at this time they had already planned for the half days. They expressed an interest in taking part in this event next year.

### ***BJ's Membership***

Michelle Parkinson reported that Jr. Briggs will be running this fundraiser again. BJ's will buy or renew memberships for 15 months for \$40.00. They give us \$5.00 for each membership.

### ***Mini Grant***

We are hoping to increase amount awarded in the mini grants to the classrooms with the fundraising that we are doing this year.

### ***Bingo Night***

Bingo night is scheduled for January 13, 2017. A chairperson is still needed to help organize this event. The money raised from this event is given toward a particular fund.

### ***Parent Night Out***

Parent's Night Out is next Friday. We have a 50/50 split of returning vendors and new vendors. At this time, we have 37 vendors with a registration fee of \$20. We have raised \$600.00 less the cost of the tables at this time. Flyers will be sent home again in backpacks to spread the word. Gardner News is doing an article to promote the night. We are asking for donations for snacks. There has been a donation of 333 assorted cheese cakes and eclairs from an unnamed source for the event. Wooden & Triumph donated a child size picnic table for the big raffle prize at the event.

### ***Girls Event***

We are need of a chairperson for this event. The girl's event will be on February 3, 2017 with a snow date of February 10, 2017. It was recommended that we should have more than one photographer with the amount of pictures that are taken on this night. We discussed themes for the night. Holly Garlock stated she would contact the DJ. Myriah will contact the photographer to see if they are available. A flyer needs to be created and contact with the person who does the flowers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

***Next PTA Meeting is January 19th @ 6pm in the library***