

JR Briggs PTA Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2017

President: Alisha VanHillo
Treasurer: Greg Belkin

Vice President: Michelle Parkinson
Secretary: Jeraldine Lumbert

Meeting Called to Order at 6:35

Welcome and Thanks

Principal's Report

Mrs. McGrath reported that the shade structure is a big success and being enjoyed by all. The new goal for the school is to raise money for and inclusive adaptive playground to be added to the existing playground. The Ready, Set, Glow event is kicking off the fund raising. A project of this size will an estimated cost of \$100,000. The school will be looking into grants to help with once it is further along in the process.

Curriculum night took place on September 14, 2017 in place of open house. It allowed teachers to present and the curriculum to be explained to the parents.

Jr. Briggs current enrollment is up by 10%. The override vote allowed us to have 4 sections in each grade level and assist with class sizes.

CAPS collaborative has joined us at Jr. Briggs with a hearing impaired program in 1st and 2nd grade.

Parent/teacher conference sign up will online this year. We will pilot it for Fall conferences. Information will be going home shortly.

A band/chorus will be starting shortly. Mindy Lorden will be the chorus director. Joe Lorden will start concert band up. The winter concert will take in January this year.

Ready, Set, Glow is all set to go on September 22, 2017. Mr. Berg and the committee were able to secure local donations from the community along with raffle baskets at the event. The Staff will be in pink shirts this year.

Jr. Briggs may be hosting a STEAM night for students and parents on November 9, 2017. At this time, it is still in the planning stages with more information to come.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Greg Belkin, Treasurer, presented the 2017-2018 budget along with projected expenses for events for this year. Budget was approved as presented with the addition of \$250 for the staff appreciation event.

SOCS

Natalie Nelson reported that SOCS continues to put pressure at the State level for funding instead of relying community. They continue to get accurate data to the community and help with assist understanding the budget process.

Movie Night

Movie night is scheduled for November 17th. We are still in need of a chairperson for this event.

Staff Appreciation

Jason Stanton and Tiffany McGillivray are chairing this event. The first staff appreciation luncheon is scheduled for October 12th. We are utilizing Sign-up Genius for the volunteers. We will be hosting another luncheon during the February conferences.

Roll on America (Fundraiser)

We will be involved in this fundraiser again this year. There will be 4 events. The first is scheduled for October 6th. It will be an open event. The others are scheduled for November (private for JR Briggs only), January (private for JR Briggs only), and March (open event).

Worcester Railers

Myriah Zwicker organized this event with the new Worcester hockey team for Sunday, March 18th at 3:05 pm. Tickets will be \$16 per person when we sell 100 tickets. It will be on Kids Night. Children under the age of 12 will get a free prize. At the next meeting, we can decide about the Mascot Package from the Railers.

Yearbook

Mrs. LittleJohn will be chairing this event again this year for the PTA.

PTA Website

Jason Stanton presented the new PTA website (jrb-pta.org).

Mini Grant

The 4th grade team are requesting \$150.56 mini grant towards math homework supplies (playing cards, dice, etc.) for each 4th grade student. Mini grant was approved.

The 2nd grade team are requesting a subscription to A-Z Reading. This series ties into the grade level science standards and can be used across the curriculum. Mini grant approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next PTA Meeting is October 11th @ 6:30pm in the library