

**JR Briggs PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**May 9, 2018**

*President:* Alisha VanHillo  
*Treasurer:* Greg Belkin

*Vice President:* Michelle Parkinson  
*Secretary:* Jeraldine Lumbert

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM

***Welcome and Thanks***

**Principal's Report**

Mrs. McGrath, principal, reported that the last day of MCAS will be on Friday for students who were out during the week.

Placement letters are due by Friday, May 11th from parents/guardians. The incoming kindergarten class will have over 60 students. Kindergarten orientation is on May 23, 2018.

The adaptive playground will be a playground that all students will enjoy. The surface cost of the playground was more than expected and will be open to the public after school hours. The plans have been sent to the Steven's Family Foundation for approval.

The school council is holding elections. There are 3 parent openings with two terms. They participate in the budget input process, handbook, and school improvement plan.

**Secretary's Report**

Jerri Lumbert, secretary, presented the notes, from April's meeting for approval. Notes were approved with noted corrections.

**Treasurer's Report**

Greg Belkin, treasurer, went over the monthly budget report. The report was approved with noted corrections.

**Bags to School**

Natalie Nelson is organizing the bags to school project. A flyer is going home soon. The event takes place on May 20th. The truck will come to pick up our bags. We get paid by pound, so don't hold back! Anybody can participate, so let family and neighbors know about it! Please drop off bags by 5pm on May 20th. If you can't make it on that Sunday, you can drop off your stuff at the school on Friday, May 18 during school hours. The organization accepts: clothes, footwear, jackets, hats, belts, towels, bags, backpacks, and linens. Unfortunately they will NOT accept stuffed animals, pillows or comforters this year. All proceeds go to supporting student programs and field trips at Briggs! Talk about motivation to start that Spring Cleaning!!! The Girl Scouts will be helping to unload cars in the afternoon. They will also be collecting cans and bottles, so bring your bags AND cans! See you May 20th! Any questions, please email Natalie Nelson at [ncoggeshall@yahoo.com](mailto:ncoggeshall@yahoo.com)."

**Open Forum**

**Mini Grants**

Tiffany Davis requesting a grant for \$500.00 for supplies for Operation Welcome Mat, a project for this year's fourth-grade students. Students will create a variety of "habitat enhancers" to make the school's butterfly garden and nature trail a more welcoming place for people and animals. Operation Welcome Mat emphasizes project-based learning that is grounded in the engineering design challenges. Students will work

in teams to create products that solve the problems for real users-the creatures that live in our community. The grant was approved for the full amount.

### **Election for PTA President**

The election was held for the president position that was open due to Alisha VanHillo stepping down from the position. Jason Stanton was elected the new PTA President for the JR Briggs PTA.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10

***Next Meeting is on June 6, 2018 at 6:30 pm***