

JR Briggs PTA Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2017

President: Alisha VanHillo

Vice President: Michelle Parkinson

Treasurer: Greg Belkin

Secretary: Jeraldine Lumbert

Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM

Welcome and Thanks

Principal's Report

Mrs. McGrath, principal, reported that STEAM night is on November 9, 2017. Each grade level has one activity planned for the evening. Parents and students can pick 3 activities for the night. They run about a half hour each. At the end of the night, there will be a story read in each of the pods to wrap up the event. Mr. Berg will be running the yearly Turkey Trot. The student council will be collecting food donations for the local food pantry in conjunction with the Turkey Trot. The Veteran's Day luncheon will take place on November 9, 2017. The band/chorus will have a winter concert in January due to the late start this year. Jr. Briggs will be collecting toys for Toys for Tots again this year.

Secretary's Report

Jerri Lumbert, secretary, presented the notes, from October's meeting for approval. Notes were approved as amended as needed.

Treasurer's Report

Greg Belkin, treasurer, went over the monthly budget report. Budget report was approved as presented.

Movie Night

Movie night will be held on November 17, 2017. The movie will be Sing. The doors open at 6:15 PM and starts at 6:30 PM. Tiffany McGillivray, Karen Vine, and Lindsay Moran are the chair people for this event. Tiffany McGillivray stated that the district does have a license which was purchased by the Foundation of Academic Excellence. LeAnn Roy has a list of peer leader volunteers to assist on the night. Lindsay Moran stated that Brother's and Village Pizza have donated 5 pizzas each for the event. We will purchase popcorn from the Gardner Cinema and chips from BJ's.

Roll on America Night

The event on November 7th had 26 people in attendance. The event was suppose to be a private event just for Jr. Briggs but it was an open event to the public too. The next event is scheduled for January 30, 2017. The PTA will get out more information for this event prior to the next date to parents/guardians.

Parent's Night Out

This event has been rescheduled to next year.

Open Forum

Jeff Lawrence from the Foundation of Academic Excellence shared information about what the foundation does for the district schools. They provide grants to teachers to expand the curriculum. The foundation provides funding for guest speakers for the district to provide information to parents/guardians. The major fundraiser is the dinner and auction. This year, it will take place November 17th at the Colonial Hotel in Gardner. The auction has lots of wonderful items, such as, a week in Las Vegas, Boston Bruin tickets, and many more. The foundation has funded the Mighty Moose group and funded 3D pens at Jr. Briggs.

Last year, they had 14 request for grants. They funded all but 2 out of the 14. They make sure to fund grants across the district. They are in need of people who would like to help out or volunteer. The foundation also accepts donations on-line throughout the year. You can find out more information at ashwestfoundation.org.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM

Next Meeting is in December 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm