

*JR Briggs PTA Meeting Minutes*  
February 24, 2016

**Welcome**

- Sarah Dorsey opened the meeting at 6:00pm and it was attended by 8 members

**Principal's Report**

- PARCC – selected to do an additional PARCC test, May 3<sup>rd</sup> will be testing date; MCAS testing also
- Sarah Dorsey is now a School Committee member
- Budget – \$1.2 million deficit in the district, there was a significant rise in health benefits costs among other factors
  - On 3.8, there is a school committee meeting, parents can speak up, legislatures will be present
  - The Budget is part of Public Record, cuts can be viewed and see how funds are being spent

**Secretary's Report**

- There was a unanimous motion to approve the *PTA Meeting Minutes* for January 27, 2016

**Treasurer's Report**

- Tabled until next month's meeting (*Treasurer* absent)

**Girls' Dance Wrap Up (Holly's update)**

- Appreciate lots of parent volunteers; overall, positive feedback
- Greatly appreciated Veronika Patty, the event's photographer, helping out since original photographer cancelled at the last minute; photos were well done; definitely need two photographers next year
- DJ was good; crafts, snacks and games were good additions to the dance
- Some refunds were given due to the date change
- Flyers: some were confused about the wording and how to order; next year, order can be simplified; *Refund Policy* needs to be added

**Boy's Event Update**

- The date is Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>; Michelle Phyfe was nominated and unanimously approved to be the Chair of the event
- Obstacle course was fun last year, can repeat for this year; maybe do a *Treasure Hunt* theme, will have prizes
- *Peer Leaders* to assist; photographer is needed, can contact Veronika?

**Yearbook Update** (Dianna sent)

- Dianna has been uploading pictures, still need more candid photos; Lifetouch has been awesome!

**Bunny Breakfast Update**

- Scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> 8-11a; getting flyers organized and will be sent out soon
- Serving line for food will be covered; perhaps *Peer Leaders* could assist as well??

**Logowear Update**

- All orders were finally fulfilled; still trying to work with Spirit Gear to obtain the refund for the overpricing of all navy hoodies
- Inventory will be sold at the *Bunny Breakfast*, still lots of inventory to sell

**Supporting Mrs. Gusek**

- ½ sheet flyer to be dispensed; Summer theme raffle baskets to be made up, items to be dropped off through March 25<sup>th</sup>
- Benefit hockey game is on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Cushing Academy

**Fundraising Discussion**

- *Treasurer's Report* needs to be reviewed but it appears no additional fundraising is needed to cover the rest of the events
- *Bags to School* – postcards being given this time, no blue bags

- Currently only have one person signed up for the yard sale
- Open Forum***
- Sarah Dorsey is now a School Committee member, therefore, the President's position will be vacated for next year; Massachusetts PTA was contacted to ensure there is no conflict of interest with Sarah remaining President for the rest of this school year, waiting for response
  - *Mini-grant Request* form being sent out, there is a request for a playground item

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.