

JR Briggs PTA Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2017

President: Alisha VanHillo

Vice President: Michelle Parkinson

Treasurer: Greg Belkin

Secretary: Jeraldine Lumbert

Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM

Welcome and Thanks

Principal's Report

Mrs. McGrath, principal, reported that Mindy Lorden started as the JR. Briggs music teacher after the Thanksgiving break. On January 31st, Jr. Briggs will have their winter concert. The school committee is starting conversations regarding next school year. This year, we participated in the Local Veteran's Toy Drive. Mrs. Davis received a grant from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Planet Stewards grant. We'll get \$2500 for a STEAM activity connected to the nature trail and butterfly garden.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

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

Bunny Breakfast

The annual bunny breakfast is scheduled for March 24, 2018 from 8:30 -11:00 AM. It will be in conjunction with the Week of the Young Child which is overseen by Jana Harrison.

Roll on America Night

The event that took place in November was paired with other schools. The event on January 30, 2018 will be a semi-private roller skating event and will take place with other schools in the area. The March event will be an open event to the public too. The PTA will get out more information for this event prior to the next date to parents/guardians.

Girls/Boys Events

Surveys were sent home to all Jr. Briggs students regarding the events to help with the planning process for each event. We received 183 back from parents/guardians. The dance had a total of 58 responses. Game night had 86 responses. Both events had 39 responses. The Jr. Briggs staff support the decision to make the events more inclusive for all the JR. Briggs community.

The dance will take place on February 2, 2018. We still need a person or persons to chair the event. Myriah Zwicker will contact the person who has the photo booth that we used last year.

Open Forum

The fifth grade teachers put together a presentation to discuss the wonderful opportunities that take place for our fifth graders in lieu of a graduation ceremony. Mrs. Bennett presented the powerpoint. Jr. Briggs offers the following enrichment and learning activities to the fifth grade students: a field trip to Meetinghouse Cemetery, a hike up Wachusett Mountain, structures unit which allows students to build their structures all around the school, Mars Rover Derby, Mars Student Imaging Project, Fine Arts Night, and ice cream social and yearbook signing with slideshow.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Next Meeting is in February 14, 2017 at 6:30 pm