

JR Briggs PTA Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2017

President: Alisha VanHillo
Treasurer: Myriah Zwicker

Vice President: Michelle Parkinson
Secretary: Jeraldine Lumbert

Meeting Called to Order at 6:08

Welcome and Thanks

Holly Garlock presented information about SOCS a parent group that has been formed to express your concerns regarding budget cuts and their impact on our child to the school committee. The group is also working on a letter campaign to state senators and representatives regarding funding for our district. If you are interested please contact Natalie at ncoggeshall@yahoo.com for more information.

Principal's Report

Ms. Lilley, assistant principal, reported that the 5 year strategic plan has been presented at the last school committee meeting. It includes technology, STEAM and readiness to wellness. The plan can be found on the district website.

Mindfulness program has been completed in grades 3 and 4. It is now being conducted in the 5th grade. Parent/Teacher conferences are on February 2nd and 9th. MCAS 2.0 is required by the state. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades will be taking MCAS 2.0. It is not timed and a schedule of dates has been sent home.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Myriah Zwicker, treasurer, let the board know that she will be stepping down at the end of this school year. The position will be open if anyone is interested. She has enjoyed her time on the board. She wants to continue to volunteer.

Myriah presented Ms. Lilley with a check for \$593.70 towards the Sunshade for the playground. This was from the Sunshade account which has now been closed.

Myriah went over September through December treasurer reports. Motion to accept treasury reports was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Coupon Fundraiser (Update)

We sold over 173 books total. We had 10 families sell 5 or more books. We are currently missing 12 books. The coupon books fundraiser made over \$2187.00.

Roll on America (Fundraiser)

The next dates are January 29, 2017 (5:30-7:30 pm), February 6, 2017 (5-7pm), and March 20, 2017 (5-7 pm). We will get the \$1,000.00 after the four events is completed. The money raised will go to the Sunshade for the playground.

BJ's Membership

Michelle Parkinson, vice president, reported that the BJ membership fundraiser made a little under \$200.00 and 34 memberships. Last year, we made \$185.00.

Bingo Night

Bingo night went very well. We did purchase popcorn for \$25.00. We made a profit of \$372.50 which will go to the Sunshade for the playground.

Parent Night Out

We had a 50/50 split of returning vendors and new vendors. We have raised \$600.00 less the cost of the tables at this time. Our profit from this fundraiser was \$680.00. We may consider holding this fundraiser every other year.

Girls Event

The girl's event will be chaired by Alisha, Myriah, and Michelle. Flyers will be sent home. We are looking for volunteers for snacks, setting up, etc. Veronika Patty will be the photographer and Sarah Allen will be the florist. They will each send home order forms separate from the PTA form. A photo booth will be set up also so that there is an option other than formal pictures. Mr. Colette will be the DJ for the night. We did ask for the budget to be increased from \$1, 500.00 to \$2, 000.00 in case of additional costs.

Boys Event

The boys event is March 10, 2017. The chairs are Greg Belkin and Jason Stanton. It is currently in the planning process. More information will be coming regarding this event.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

Next PTA Meeting is February 16th @ 6pm in the library