

JR Briggs PTA Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2017

President: Alisha VanHillo
Treasurer: Myriah Zwicker

Vice President: Michelle Parkinson
Secretary: Jeraldine Lumbert

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

Welcome and Thanks

Open Forum

The 1st grade teachers requested mini grant for Discovery Museum in Acton for \$600.00. PTA approved the request.

The 3rd grade teachers requested a mini grant for Old Sturbridge Village field trip for \$500.00. PTA approved the request.

Principal's Report

Mrs. McGrath, principal, reported that the override is set for June 20th during school hours. JR. Briggs is asking for 3 teachers and 1 kindergarten paraprofessional. If the override passes, each grade level will have four sections. If it does not pass, they will spread the teachers across the grade levels. The superintendent will be putting up information on the district website about the budgets.

The 5th grade math MCAS was today. ELA and Math were done online. Science MCAS was paper based. The 3rd grade will be taking their math MCAS next week.

Fine Arts night will be on June 1, 2017. Each student will be decorating a rock for the rock garden. Field day is on June 8, 2017 with a rain date of June 15th.

The shade structure has gone out for three bids. Quotes are coming in but do not include site work.

Open house will become a curriculum night. It is scheduled for September 14, 2017. The grade level times will be staggered to assist parent with more than one child and with parking.

Mr. Berg will do another Glow Night. If you are interested in helping with the planning of the events. Please contact him.

The last day of school, June 21st, is a half day. Extended day is not open after school.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Myriah Zwicker, treasurer, presented the March and April reports. Treasurer report was approved as presented.

Box Tops Update

A flyer created by Alisha VanHillo will be sent home to inform parents of what Box Tops are used for in our school and how we use the money raised toward the students. A labeled baggie will go home with each student in June to provide an easy storage for the box tops over the summer. The flyer will be posted on Facebook and at the town library.

Bags to School

Natalie Nelson organized the event. It was a great turn out with two truck loads and a one car load. Final amount is not in yet.

Bike Rodeo

Alisha Van Hillo has contacted the Ashburnham Police Department and has not heard back from them at this time.

Open Forum

Voting for the treasurer position took place. Greg Belkin was elected as the new treasurer of the PTA.

PTA approved \$200 toward the development of JR Briggs PTA website. Jason Stanton is developing this project.

PTA would like to recognize graduating parents that have participated in the PTA. Paula Kuehl's is graduating from JR. Briggs this year. She served on the board for several years.

PTA discussed options for teacher appreciation week next year with ideas of breakfast on a cart, appreciation station, and etc.

PTA discussed contacting the Worcester Railers hockey team for a family night which JR Briggs participated in when the Worcester Sharks were here.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Next Meeting is on June 8, 2017 at 6 pm