

JR Briggs PTA Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2015

<i>President:</i>	Sarah Dorsey	<i>Vice President:</i>	Michelle Parkinson
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Myriah Zwicker	<i>Secretary:</i>	Cathryn Bebeau-Smith

Welcome

- Sarah Dorsey opened the meeting at 6:00pm and it was attended by 15 members

Principal's Report

- *Superhero STEAM Night* fundraiser yielded just over \$1,800.00; funding is designated to purchase a playground shade; perhaps a 'thermometer' can be created to show the total funds that have already been raised and the total that is still needed for the purchase
- Mitchell Chester is the *Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education*; if a school did PARCC last year, the school will do PARCC this year; there will now be only one testing block; the report for *Briggs* should be provided soon, possibly December, however, the analysis is different and the availability of data has changed
- *Rediker*: some emails are going through, some are not, kinks still being worked out; comprehensive information is continually posted on the website
- Report Cards are planned to be released in December; the assessment is now "in the moment" whereas previously it was based on the end of the year benchmark
- *Juvenile Specialists* seem to be fully acclimated now, they are blending in well

Secretary's Report

- There are currently 88 PTA members; the *PTA Meeting Minutes* from October 14, 2015 were reviewed; a motion to accept the Minutes was unanimously approved

Treasurer's Report

- The *Bank Reconciliation Report* (End Date: October 30, 2015) was reviewed; some transactions are not yet recorded such as the table rentals etc. for the *Parents Night Out* event
 - \$175.00 was earned from *Bags to School*; \$559.10 was earned from *Box Tops* as of September 30th
 - The budget for the *Staff Appreciation Luncheon* was \$500, however, only \$54.65 was spent since gifts were not purchased for this year's event
 - Massachusetts dues need to be paid
- A motion was made to approve the *Bank Reconciliation Report* reviewed, it was seconded and approved

Logowear Update

- Spirit Gear logowear drive runs through November 30th, order forms were sent home with all students; there is a 10% profit on all purchases; distribution will be prior to Christmas if any logowear was meant to be a gift

Parents Night Out Update

- There are 38 vendors, gift wrapping will be available; \$620 was earned for registration fees and there are still more funds to be added; the delivery fee for the tables was cut in half and totaled \$435.00
- Maps of the vendors are completed, snacks are being purchased, a *50/50 Raffle* is being added
- The budget for the event is on target

Movie Night Update

- The date is Friday, December 4th at 7pm and the cost is \$3/person or \$10/family
- *Peer Leaders* are assisting; work is being done to obtain concessions to be sold during the event; there is no licensing fee for this year
- Pajamas are welcome as well as blankets or a pillow so people are comfortable

Yearbook Update

- Dianna Kriedler and her husband were nominated to be the Chairs, it was seconded and approved
- *Lifetouch* is the company being used; the cost to purchase a book will be \$21.00, orders can be placed on-line; parents will have options such as upgrading to a hardcover or having the student's name imprinted; flyers will be provided by the company and they are doing all portraits

Fundraising

- The *Tea Collection* only yielded \$16.00
- Coupon Book – pros and cons weighed, will be tabled for now, may re-visit and have the books available at the start of the school year so people can maximize the use of the coupons within the book
- In December, the spring budget will need to be approved

Parent Involvement

- Getting parents involved remains a challenge
- *Facebook* is now a public forum; maybe send home or display a flyer to request assistance for chairing events??
- Continue to generate new ideas and ways of getting the message out to all parents

Open Forum

- No items were brought forth to discuss

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

The next PTA Meeting is December 16th at 6pm in the library