

JR Briggs PTA Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2017

President: Alisha VanHillo
Treasurer: Myriah Zwicker

Vice President: Michelle Parkinson
Secretary: Jeraldine Lumbert

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm.

Welcome and Thanks

Principal's Report

Mrs. McGrath, principal, reported that the yearbook will be dedicated to Mrs. Gusek. On April 29th, JR Briggs will be having a celebration of life for Mrs. Gusek from 9 to 11am. It will include Go Noodle, reading of her favorite books, making notes for her family, and etc. Mrs. Gusek wake will be on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at Miles Funeral Home , 1158 Main St. Holden from 4 to 8 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at St. Patrick's Church, 259 Main St. Rutland at 10 am on April 19, 2017.

The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are in the middle of MCAS 2.0 which is combines MCAS with PARCC. Math MCAS will be in May.

Nature's Classroom will take place May 22, 2017 to May 25, 2017.

The shade structure is going to bid. It may need to go out to bid. It will be 24 by 24 with four columns and metal roof. They are looking at local vendors to do site work. They are hoping to be installed by the summer so extended day may enjoy on the hot days over the summer.

Mr. Berg, physical education teacher, is planning to continue the Glow Run to raise funds to make a more inclusive playground accessible for all Jr. Briggs students that will incorporate sensory components too. Field Day is June 6, 2017 with the rain date for June 19, 2017.

The school calendar was approved for next year at the school committee meeting.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Myriah Zwicker, treasurer, was not able to attend the meeting. She will update us at the next meeting.

SOCS

Holly Garlock, Support Our Children and Schools, stated they put together a flyer explaining the budget process. It explains level funded vs. prioritized budget along with many other important facts. Town meeting will be at Oakmont High School on May 2, 2017 at 7 pm.

At the state level, Senator Gobi and other senators have been advocating for an increase to \$55 per pupil.

Box Tops Update

A flyer was created by Alisha VanHillo to send 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.

Bunny Breakfast

There was a great turnout at the breakfast along with positive feedback. Next year when the volunteer slips go out, we will clearly indicate whether peers leaders are volunteering for bunny breakfast or children's fair.

Yearbook (Update)

Mrs. Littlejohn stated per the contract that was set up last year indicated that we are contract for 300 yearbooks. At this time, we are 160 short. Life Touch's customer service has been great. However, the software program used to upload pictures and etc. is difficult to use at times.

Bags to School

Natalie Nelson is organizing the bags to school project. A flyer is going home on Friday. The event takes place on May 7th.

Bike Rodeo

The bike rodeo needs a chairperson to organize this event. It is a coordinated event with the police department. In the past, they have done safety checks, helmet checks, and had a safety course.

Open Forum

The 4th grade teachers requested to send the rest of their grant (\$73.65). PTA approved the request for \$100.

The PTA, Alisha VanHillo, requested funds to purchase rubbermaid totes to organize the PTA closet. The PTA approved the purchase of the totes.

Elections will be held at the next meeting for the treasurer position that will be open due to Myriah Zwicker stepping down from the position.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26

Next Meeting is on May 11, 2017 at 6 pm