

JR Briggs PTA Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2016

Welcome

- Sarah Dorsey opened the meeting at 6:00p and it was attended by 12 members

Principal's Report

- Budget – Still large deficit in the district, more cuts are needed
- PARCC – there are morning and after sessions with lunch and recess in between
- June 16th is the last day of school according to the schedule; currently working on next year's school schedule

Treasurer's Report

- Reviewed January's *Bank Reconciliation* document, some checks are still outstanding; unanimously approved
- Reviewed February's *Bank Reconciliation* document, also unanimously approved

Secretary's Report

- Review of *PTA Meeting Minutes* dated February 24, 2016, unanimously approved

Bunny Breakfast – March 19th

- Lots of thanks to Paula & Holly for all their efforts to plan and organize this event!
- Danishes were ordered, Peer Leaders and teachers will be helping out, plants will be for sale in the lobby
- Pancake-making will begin at 2p; the Easter eggs are already filled

Boy's Event Update

- Chaired by Michelle Phyfe; the date is Friday, April 29th from 7-9p, \$5/couple with \$3 for each additional child
- There will be an obstacle course, Wi dancing and a Treasure Hunt; already have crafts
- In need of the following items: more volunteers, a photographer, food donations, assistance with creating Treasure Maps and making the Goodie Bags
- Budget is \$1,200 but Michelle is looking for an increase of \$500; it is not possible to increase the budget due to other events planned as well as grant requests

Supporting Mrs. Gusek

- Some Summer donations arriving; items can be dropped off through March 25th; the Benefit hockey game is on April 2nd at Cushing Academy

Mini-Grant Requests (3)

- The first request: 1st and 2nd Grades are requesting \$630 for a Wildlife presentation (targets science); grant unanimously approved
- The second request: Assistance to purchase a sandbox, a grant already received will cover some of the cost, \$435 still needed; grant unanimously approved
- The third request: Cost of bus needed for a spring fieldtrip being planned by 4th Grade; grant to cover the cost of transportation was unanimously approved

New District Policy on Parent Organizations

- Reviewed the *Authorization of Parent Organizations*; there is a school committee meeting on March 22nd, Paula offered to attend the meeting and submit the required paperwork

Board Positions for 2016-2017

- There are two openings for the PTA Board: President and Secretary, positions are to be posted

Fundraising Discussion

- *Bags to School* – Natalie to send flyer out and post on Facebook
- The yard sale is scheduled for May 22nd with a rain date of May 29th; if there aren't enough participants, the yard sale will be cancelled
- In reviewing the events, mini-grants and expenses projected for the rest of the school year, a spring fundraiser may be necessary; some ideas include:
 - Myriah to call the Tavern, maybe a 10% return on a specific night??, can discuss with owner
 - 50/50 Raffle to benefit both the Sunshade fund (needed for the playground) and the PTA??
 - Open up the plant sale to parents and profits can be divided to also benefit the PTA??; assistance may be needed
 - to sort and distribute the plants to parents

Open Forum

- Nothing presented

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15p.