

Jerome Harrison School

PTO Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm.
- The month was filled with many successful events.
- Coupon book – Sold 178 books (50% profit) for a profit of \$2,225.
- Book Fair - \$8,250 sold and 30% profit around \$2,500.
- Square 1 Art – 38% of total sales for a profit of \$3,400.
- Spring Fundraiser – There is a possibility of doing a Yankee Candle fundraiser.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Clothing line – The order was sent in about two weeks ago. The clothing will be sent home as soon as it is received.
- Box Tops – The room parents did a great job of organizing the box tops that were sent into Karen.
- Membership – Mrs. Ayotte and Mrs. Jones classes tied, so both will be attending the breakfast with Dr. Welch. There was about a \$2,000 profit from Membership dues.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Minutes approved from the October meeting
 1. Kathy Moorehead
 2. Jaime Wyatt
- There were 14 parents in attendance as well as Dr. Welch, Ms. Parker, and BOE member Sara Querfeld.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Angelique was unable to make the meeting. At the next meeting the budget will be revisited to add additional money to Cultural Arts and Student Fund.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Implementing a new report card that is similar to the past, but it will be reported out differently. Now it will show the end of the year standards and whether or not the child has met the goal for the end of the year. Most students will have mostly 2's until the final marking period. The teacher will comment that they are making progress toward the end of the year goal. Dr. Welch will send a letter home with the report card to let families know about the change in reporting.
- Connecticut Association of Schools is coming to do a site visit based on the school's positive climate. Surveys were completed by some teachers and parents. It would be a great honor for the school to receive.
- Veteran's Assembly this week is for veterans only. There will be another KIND assembly this month. Classes that are involved will be notified.
- Please connect with Twitter to follow JHS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Holiday Sale – Possibly moving the sale to December 10th and 11th instead of the 8th and 9th. Many volunteers are needed to help students make selections.
- Night to Care – There are only about 40 snowmen left. The food drive is November 22nd at Stop and Shop in Branford. The next meeting is at 6:30 pm on November 19th. TVES is doing dollar day and each classroom has also adopted a snowman.
- Coat drive – The initial goal was 75 coats and it exceeded the expectations. It was very successful and builds on the awareness to give to others.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- Sara Querfeld was a substitute teacher in NB for a few years. Then taught in Guilford and came back to NB. She was a principal in North Haven and then became the superintendent before coming back to NB for a few years. Her mission is to make sure that NB schools are meeting students' needs and are getting an excellent education. She has nephews in all NB schools and wants to be made aware of concerns or questions from townspeople.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.
1. Kathy Moorehead
 2. Sarah Siegel