

Jerome Harrison School

PTO Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2016

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.
- Fundraisers:
 - Coupon Book –The book cost \$25 and \$12.50 goes to the PTO. Please send in money or return the books by the end of the week.
 - Square One Art – Mrs. Rametta is finishing up the art work this week. The order forms will be coming home shortly and are due mid-November.
 - Book Fair – The sale is October 26th and 27th. Anyone interested in helping set up, clean up and to assist children in purchasing books during school hours.
- Room parents have been chosen and there was a tea last week. She commented on an anonymous letter that was sent to her about the process of selecting room parents and their concern about it being a popularity contest. Liz welcomes people to contact her with any concerns or questions, but the goal of the PTO is to have all families be part of the school community.
- Stop and Shop A+ rewards are registered by the office. All proceeds go into the student activity account. Go to the Stop and Shop website to enter the school information. The school portal should be ready in about two weeks and there will probably be a flyer that is disseminated.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Karen shared that over 150 families have joined the PTO and about 17 faculty/ staff members.
- Box Tops are due by October 14th and then room parents have to turn them into Karen by October 21st. Bonus Box Tops can go into a separate bag.
- Karen will ask the office to make sure room parents are given a list of students and emails in order to contact families about school events and Box Tops.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Hospitality and Movie Night were two event on the August/ September budget.
- Budget Approval
 - Jennifer Prato
 - Kelly Martinez

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Minutes were approved from the September meeting.
 1. Andrea Kinesi
 2. Andrea Fusco
- There were about 25 parents in attendance as well as Mrs. Bozzuto and Mrs. Esposito.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Mrs. Bozzuto, reading specialist, presented about Response to Intervention. It is a state wide program to meet the needs of all students. It is a three tier system. There is an academic and social/ emotional component to the program. Three paraprofessionals assist Mrs. Bozzuto in providing additional math and reading instruction in a small group to boost academic achievement. It is a flexible program, so students may not remain with RTI services all year. Scientific Research Based Intervention is basically a way to meet the student needs. Lexia and the use of reading recovery strategies are used specifically at JHS. This year additional support will be offered in math as compared to the past as well as enrichment opportunities for students performing above the benchmark levels. Ms. Parker uses a Second Step program in the classroom that offers strategies for problem solving. I-Ready is used to help determine which students are in need of extra support in addition to classroom data and teachers' viewpoints. Students that are receiving RTI support are progress monitored closely to track their progress.
- Dr. Welch was unable to attend but sent an email.
 - He thanked the PTO for Movie Night.
 - He also stated that all i-Ready benchmark assessments were completed mid-September. The results gave information about student progress to determine RTI support in language arts and math.
 - October 6-7th will be fire safety assemblies by NB volunteers.
 - October 7th the JHS Dream Team will be recognized by CAS at a state workshop.
 - October 18th the Kindergarten is going to Rose Orchards and second graders are going to Sleeping Giant State Park.
 - October 19th is an early dismissal day.
 - October 20th and 21st will be a visit by Dr. Fisk to promote dental hygiene.
 - October 25th is the next KIND assembly.
 - October 26th and 27th is the Fall Book Fair.
 - October 28th will be the Halloween parade through the school and room celebrations are from 1:15-3:00. HAN is October 28th.

- Classrooms are continuing efforts for community service projects.
- A student leadership program will begin with first and second grade soon. It will include about 30 students.
- Kathy Esposito is the new librarian at JHS. Students meet once a week for 45 minutes to check out books, read stories, and have quiet time. Parents are welcome to volunteer to come in the library to assist. She is working on teaching students about the organization of the library. Kindergarten is selecting books from previously selected books by Mrs. Esposito to decrease the overwhelming nature of selecting a book from the vast selection. Second graders will probably increase to two books (one chapter and one picture book) a week later this year. Please email Kathy with any questions, suggestions, or to volunteer. Next week she will be putting a volunteer schedule together.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- There is an online sign up for committees through Sign-Up Genius.
- October 26th and 27th is the book fair. A flyer will go home to tell families the times and days that specific classes are shopping.
- Halloween Activity Night is Friday, October 28th. Please stay for the HAN committee night meeting directly after PTO.
- Coat Drive: If anyone is interested in volunteering the night of HAN, please look for a flyer and school email blast for Dr. Welch. There will also be a social media component.
- Holiday sale is held at JHS in December to shop for family members during the holidays. Many volunteers are needed to help the students shop and also with set up and clean up.
- Night to Care is holding a meeting this Thursday. Dollar Day and Crazy Hair Day have been successful in generating some initial funding for this community event. Snowmen with children ages will be posted to take at conference time in order for families to donate.
- Health and Wellness Committee will provide information through social media. Anyone with ideas can send them to Shelia.

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.
1. Nicki Waterworth
 2. Kelly Martinez