

Jerome Harrison School

PTO Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2015

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The meeting was called to order at 6:48.
- 25 parents, 1 teacher, Ms. Parker and Dr. Welch in attendance.
- PAC – Meeting with the superintendent and parents from across the district. It is a great way to find out what is happening in the schools, ask questions and voice concerns. It is usually held on a Wednesday or Friday morning. Please contact Liz if you are interested.
- Really Good Stuff Fundraiser – The books were due back last week. There are over 60 books still due back. The board will have to absorb the cost if they are not returned.
- Room parents – Room parent tea was last week.
- Fundraisers – Book fair is November 5th and 6th. Teachers sign up for half hour blocks to take classes. Volunteers are needed to help with the purchasing of books and budgeting of money.
- Square One Art – The order will go home in about 2 weeks and orders will be back the first week in December. You can select a variety of items with your child's artwork displayed.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Box Tops – Cut the box tops from participating items on the dotted lines and make sure it doesn't cut off the expiration date. Please send them in by the end of October.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Minutes approved from the September meeting
 1. Jen Prato
 2. Sarah Siegel

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The report is brief because it shows the end/ beginning of the school year. Next month will have many more line items.

- Approval of Budget
 1. Shalia Gambardella
 2. Danielle Pannone

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Dr. Welch commented on the KIND assembly that was held last week. There were about 120 family members that came to the presentation. If your child's class is presenting, you will receive an invitation. Ms. Parker planned the assembly and it was a great success.
- A local dentist came last week to go over dental hygiene.
- The fire department will be here this month to discuss fire safety.
- Kindergarten went on a field trip today to Common Ground in New Haven to understand how farms function. The other half of the Kindergarten classes will go on the field trip this Friday.
- Second grade will be going to Sleeping Giant State Park later this fall.
- Cereal box fundraiser went well. Collected food went to the food bank.
- On October 19th Singable Stories Around the World will hold an assembly.
- Judy Bannon is being recognized and honored at Aqua Turf with a Beacon Award for her service in the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Shelia is organizing a coat drive that will take place from 5:30-7:30 on the night of Halloween Activity Night. The coats will go to organizations outside of North Branford. You will receive a tax slip and raffle ticket for the basket raffle when you donate. There will be a spot to donate indoors if there is inclement weather. Shelia discussed setting up a spot for teachers to donate. Volunteers may be needed to help with the donations. Liz commented that the coats could be stored in the Connex if needed.
- Beautification – Stacey Appell has planted fall mums at the entrance to JHS.
- Clothing Line - Joya Dolzani reported that the order forms went home last week and are due back by October 16, 2015.
- Halloween Activity Night – Sarah Siegel gave an update and stated that the committee is in a good place for the event. The committee will meet directly after the PTO meeting.
- Night to Care – Danielle Pannone commented that the first committee meeting is October 13 at JHS. Liz will put that information out on the Facebook page.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

1. Danielle Pannone

2. Joya Dolzani