



JRMS PTA
Member Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2022 - 7pm ZOOM

Attendance:

Board Members: Darrell Bradford, Maritza Jones, Jen Simpson, Amy Whittle, Meredith Schuchard, Seana Bedard, Beatrix Eriksen, Stephanie Dionne

Members: - Heather Hopkins, Jennifer Desmarais, Jessica Thorton, Serene, Janet Parry, Queen (Christine Antipas), Andrea Escobar, Kyla Dunn, Jan, Siobhan Hickie, Angela Caes, Sandhya Bhoopalan, Kristen Ansett, Kelly Donahoe, Meredith Ferris, Lindsay Mumbach, David

Total Attendance: approx. 25

Principal Update - Jennifer Desmarais and/or Kyla Dunn

- Jennifer
 - Welcome to a fun year!
 - Feels like regular school again
- Kyla
 - Hello and thank you for the opportunity to join this community
 - Looking forward to the year!

PTA Staff Liaison Update - Christine Antipas

- Intro and Hello!
- Thank you from the teachers!
- Looking forward to working

CALL MEETING TO ORDER - 7:12pm

President's Report - given by Darrell Bradford and Maritza Jones

- Approval of June 2022 Minutes - Approved
 - Minutes for June
https://www.jrmspta.org/files/ugd/fb7e46_d447f690106441c4a4c97cb60bb9442e.pdf
- Presidents Update

- Project Cool
 - Construction Complete
 - Michael Kelly to work with students to create the signage
- Bench Plaque Fundraiser
 - 18 available to sell at \$500 per bench
 - \$\$ will go towards remainder of costs
- ARPA funds used in its entirety for the project
 - Other ½ funded by donations
- Dates to know
 - 9/7 - School Picture Day
 - 9/8 Open House - Grade 5
 - 9/13 Staff Appreciation Breakfast
 - 9/14 Open House - Grades 6-7-8

Fundraising Report - *given by Seana Bedard and Meredith Schuchard*

- Meredith and Seana introductions
- Supporting all local businesses with this years fundraisers
- Fall Fundraising Underway!
 - Dr. Mikes Pies on sale through 9/14 - pick up on 9/24 & 9/25 from 9-11am
 - Fall Mum sale with Longridge Greenhouse from 9/9 - 9/26
 - Be on the lookout for communication about a fun fall event in Georgetown!
 - Amazon Smile
 - Go to amazon.com/smile and choose John read Middle School PTSA

Programs Report - *given by Maritza Jones*

- Teacher Appreciation - September 13th!
 - Please donate online to help offset cost
- Socials - look for communication on volunteer opportunities
 - 5th Grade - 9/28
 - 6th Grade - 9/29
 - 7th and 8th Grade - 9/30
- Working on schedule the first cultural assembly
- Grants Program Update
- Reflections Program!
 - Theme "Show Your Voice!"
- School of Excellence - working toward this designation!
 - Be on the lookout for surveys!
- We need volunteers for committees!
 - Committee needs: ArtCon, Community Outreach, School of Excellence
 - Email sarah.odell.burgess@gmail.com

Membership Report - *given by Stephanie Dionne*

- 78 memberships sold - 33% of families **IN THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL**
 - 7 of those being faculty
 - 26 - 5th grade
 - 14 - 6th grade
 - 15 - 7th grade
 - 15 - 8th grade
- PTA will be at both Open Houses on September 8 and 14th to answer questions and take memberships
- If working parents can't volunteer time, then a membership is a perfect way to support JRMS

Treasurer Report - *given by Jen Simpson*

- Budget Review and Updates
 - Board is working through adjustments to achieve a balanced 22-23 budget
 - Reserve balance meets best practice of 100% of current year operating budget
 - Budget - ■ [JRMS PTA Budget_090522.pdf](#)
 - Positive cash flow with fundraising well underway
 - Current balance is \$32, 139.69

Communications Report - *given by Beatrix Eriksen*

- Improved Communications for 2022-2023!
 - Social Media - Announcements, Events/Meetings will be listed, volunteer needs, etc.
 - Tiger Times - increasing frequency to twice a month
 - Please feel free to reach out to us at jrmsptainfo@gmail.com

Secretary Report - *given by Amy Whittle*

- N/A

Public Comment/Questions

- Jan - How do we volunteer for the socials?
 - Email sarah.odell.burgess@gmail.com
 - Tiger Times looks fabulous! Thank you Beatrix!

Meeting Adjourned at 7:42pm