

PTA Meeting Notes

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September 9th, 2021 – 9:15

Members in attendance: Darrell Bradford, Gosia Tedawas, Maritza Jones, Janet Parry

Coffee and Bagels provided by Uncle Leo's

Call to order

PTA Minutes of June 3, 2021, motion to approve and seconded by Gosia

Darrell gave President's Update

1. Discuss Membership
 2. Ask for folks to sign-up via toolkit
 3. Access to Directory
- COOL Project Status
 1. Zoning approved, moving forward
 2. Need for funding now that project is approved
 3. Looking for individual or corporate sponsors for the project
 - Parent asked if there was a corporate sponsor kit that can be shown to potential sponsors
 - Fundraising, Darrell spoke about our activities
 1. Spirit wear
 2. Amazon Smile
 3. Scholastic Book Fair
 4. Annual Appeal/Fall Giving Campaign – our main fundraising activity
 - Call for Volunteers
 1. Book Fair Chair, asked for volunteers
 2. Socials Chair for Grades 7 & 8 (we have Grades 5 & 6)
 3. Other opportunities

Meghan Ward, JRMS Principal spoke next

- Gave background on her experience
- Looking forward to partnership
- Open to suggestions such as Robotics
- Questions from Parents that Meghan addressed:
 1. Open House on September 22nd and 23rd- will be virtual
 2. Question from parent on format of parent/teacher conference

- Continuing to evolve but will be more traditional
- 3. Quarantine protocol for COVID exposures
 - Following State and District guidelines
- 4. Snowdays-will be traditional format (no remote options)
 - Subject to State and District guidelines
- 5. JRMS Clubs- when will more clubs be starting
 - Principal Ward will be sending out more information – morning gym is open
- 6. When will 5th graders have access to Learning Commons
 - Access has started and will continue to all classes
- 7. What happens when kids have to be quarantined since there is no online learning this year
 - Team lead will assist with learning but there is no asynchronous learning
 - Teacher Websites are not updated
 - Google Classroom is the portal
- 8. Request from Parent that small groups of parents have access to building during open house – 5th grade parents {new residents} don't know building
- 9. Request from Parent to have some kind of face-to-face meetings with teachers
- 10. School dismissal manager- there is a different process than RES, process works but getting “kinks” out this week.

Sara Scrofani, Director of Technology & Digital Learning spoke next

- Introduced herself
- Mentioned that there is a Board of Ed meeting that evening
- Her mission is to help support digital learning and technology in the District
- Google Classroom
 - 1. Hope to have parent workshops
- Led discussion on screen time for children
 - 1. Mindful screentime
 - 2. Refenced “Reader Come Home”

Meeting Adjourned 10:50 AM: Jan Parry seconded the motion