

John Trumbull Primary School PTO General Meeting Minutes

Date: March 3, 2021

Location: Virtual Google Meet

Recorder: Megan Lynn & Carolyn Boynton

General Info

Call to order: 7:05 p.m.

Attendance:

President: <i>Allison DeMarest</i> Vice President: <i>Nicole Kaczmarczyk</i> Vice President: <i>Carolyn Boynton</i> ✓ Treasurer: <i>Megan Lynn</i> ✓ Corresponding Secretary: <i>Sonny Olomi</i> ✓ Recording Secretary: <i>Shelley Lusas</i>	Member at Large: <i>Sabrina DeFazio</i> ✓ Member at Large: <i>Melissa Rizza</i> ✓ Member at Large: <i>Beth Cordeiro</i> ✓ Member at Large: <i>Nicole Pereira</i> ✓ <i>Mrs. Meka</i> ✓ Mr. Paylor ✓
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Other Attendees: Adela Kaczmarczyk, Alison Villanueva, Andrea Perrelli, Annette Pietro, Bob Bostrom, Carolina Rinaldi, Carolyn Boynton, Cassandra Mineo, Dawn LaChapelle, Erika Daley, Erin Dickinson, Hannah Collier, Ian Babington, Beth Cordeiro, Jenifer Caprari, Kate DeSantis, Kelly Taylor, Kristen Bates, Krist Ca, Laura Meka, Leslie Crotty, Liam Hani, Luz Morillo, Madelyn Findley, Marisa Sullivan, Mary Cutrali, Mary Metcalfe, Matthew Paylor, Melissa Fitzpatrick, Melissa Rizza, Michael Longo, Michaela Morris, Nicole Geanacopoulos, Nicole Pereira, Rachel Azzara, Sabrina DeFazio, Sara Carey, Sonny Olomi,

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Carolyn Boynton

Second: None.

Good & Welfare

- Coffee Cart?

Bob Bostrom - Where did we fall in our budget last year? Additional grant monies to help offset those costs for additional unforeseen expenses due to covid. If there is a surplus at the end of the year where does that money go? The funds head back to the town, but any additional funds are probably not

Nicole Geanacopoulos, what is the deal with cutting money for substitutes? SO many needed this year doe to covid, but even with that, our use of subs was stable, the funding seems to have stayed the same and they are pulling some money from that to go elsewhere, but will evaluate it moving forward and will absorb the cost of them if needed in the future.

Budget Report

Budget was not sent with agenda. Mr. Paylor shared screen. Fundraising efforts are lower than normal because of the pandemic. Fall fundraiser was 2600 under normal. SG was about 3K. Smencils about 550 sold - they are pouring in. We are making money, even though we pay for subscriptions (Scholastic, PebbleGo). We don't want to leave next year with little to no money. When we spend we seem to make it back. Rest of the year about finding ways to make a strong 2021/2022 budget. 2nd grade celebration and Mother's Day are coming up.

Principal's Update - Mrs. Meka

Excited to have kids back in the building... love the noise! Please remember to share information about COVID. If child is pending a result they cannot come to school until negative.

Dr. V visited. Ten 2nd grade students met with her. She will be coming back to JTPS to spend more time with the students and staff.

Most of the teachers have introduced the mood meter - social and emotional learning. Labeling, expressing and regulating emotions.

K-2 60 minutes of live interactive and special time with literacy and math teachers.

Valentine's by Monday in sealed bag, teachers will pass them out.

Past Events

- Silvergraphics: \$2943 (above expectation). Perhaps we could a spring fundraiser with them? Mother's Day & Father's Day - either upload a new piece from school or something from home.
- Catalogue Sale almost \$2400, usually \$5000

Upcoming Events

- Coffee Cart/Teacher Love - February 4. Special treat on the cart.
- Smencils: due by Feb. 5. Distribution Feb. 11&12.
- Clothing Drive: February 20-March 6 (stuck at home cleaning). Megan set it up.

- In the Pinshop 42 or 46 cents/lb delivered. There will be a bin for drop off.
- Spring Fundraiser: Possible online auction/raffle. Local business donations plus we have stuff from last year's gala that didn't happen.
 - Mother's Day Flowers: drop off a truck load and parents can pick up Friday or Saturday. Presale for teachers of hanging baskets. Could set up on the Square for payment.
 - Spring Book Fair: last week of May. Virtual book fairs are difficult. Cash free option is available - kids can potentially have a budget ahead of time from parents.
 - 2nd grade celebration: looking for a committee:send an email to JTPS PTO. Looking into sign, we are trying to get Quassy involved too. Beth is Chair. Shannon McDonnell has run 5th grade celebration at Judson twice.
 - Cookies and canvases: Mrs. Meka talked to Bethany - she would like to talk to Chair. She has specific requests for paint and materials.
 - Restaurant night: kind of hung up on this because families are still not really going out to dinner. Looking into take out options for this.

New Business - 2021/2022 Executive Board - there will be some people leftover but looking for more members.

Next meeting:

Adjournment: 725