

John F. Kennedy Middle School General PTO Meeting Minutes



Location: Media Center

Date: January 17, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Call to Order and Welcome	<p>Sarah Cabata and Jessica Mitchell: Jessica began the meeting. This is her first meeting that she is leading this year. Both Co-presidents introduced themselves.</p> <p>Attendance: Jessica Mitchell & Sara Cabatta - Co-Presidents, Marc DiDominzio - Assistant Principal, Rhea Mulligan - Secretary, Paula Mennone-Preisner - Treasurer, Kerry Morin - Membership Coordinator, Tracy Munson & Lisa Gelada - Fundraiser Co-Chairs, Susan Lamontagne - Grade 6 Teacher, Tanya Paolino - 8th grade parent, Christine Liebler.</p>
Guest Speaker	<p>STEPS: Bill Palmieri Deputy Chief of Police & Megan Albaneses: The history of the creation of the program was reviewed. The STEPS coalition was reviewed. Surveys are taken every two years. Parents are concerned about the questions that are asked of students. The purpose of the survey questions was explained. The survey is anonymous. Suicide is discussed on the survey. High numbers of suicide attempts were revealed in the high school survey. The developmental assets were reviewed. The surveys help determine which assets need to be focused on. There is a focus on prevention with police. Pictures of various events were shared with the members. The STEPS calendar was displayed. Narcan training is offered through STEPS. A Newsletter sign up was left for interested members to sign.</p>
Principal's Report	<p>Marc DiDimenzio: Internet presentations will be going on tomorrow. Recent vacancies were discussed and the new teachers that assumed the roles were announced. The administration is striving for consistency with staffing. "Ask the Admins" was discussed and explained. People can join even if they don't have questions per se. The meetings will be held virtually. Mr. DiDimenzio asked how much money each grade will receive for field trips: The treasurer reported that the following money has been budgeted: 6th grade 2K, 7th grade 2K, 8th grade Holiday Hill 3K, Ice Cream Truck for all grades 2K. These can only be funded if the PTO meets its projected budget for fundraisers.</p>
President's Report	<p>Sarah Cabata and Jessica Mitchell: The co-presidents</p>

reported on our current fundraising situation. See Fundraising below for a complete report.

Secretary's Report

Rhea Mulligan: Reviewed the general meeting minutes from 9/2023, meeting minutes will be posted on the JFK PTO website. There was no general meeting in November per a decision made by the board. Kerry motioned to approve the September minutes and Paula seconded the motion

Fundraising Committee

Lisa Gelada, Tracy Munson, Jessica Mitchell & Sarah Cabata: Jessica explained that the co-presidents and fundraising chair have been working very hard. There are two upcoming fundraisers: Dairy Queen on 2/6 between 5-8, - 10% of ALL sales that night will go to the PTO. Panera Bread, 2/28, customer PTO profits must be part of JFK PTO. Moe's in Southington donated coupons for Eagles Excellence Program. On 3/12 a Taco Kit can be ordered from Moe's. Parents will have to pick it up at Moe's. Sports Night: Hartford Wolf Pack on March 8th, Friday night. There will be an online link to buy tickets. Box Tops receipts can be scanned and it is much easier than cutting out the coupons. The school code is on our FB page. Gift card fundraisers were discussed. Extreme Air night is on 1/26 and 20% of profits go to the JFK PTO. Bingo night is upcoming. There will be a prize drawing with local businesses.

Tracey: Butterbraids and cake rolls will be coming up. Paper forms were preferred. It runs from 2/19 to 3/31. Meadow Farms will be coming up in April and runs through till May with a focus on Mother's Day gifts.

We will be selling carnations at the school and they will be delivered on Valentine's Day.

Lisa: 1/27 Fancy Bagel Shake the Can for 8th grade Committee, parents are needed to volunteer. For BINGO (2/10 - Saturday night) the prizes are designer bags. The cost is \$35/person. There are some concerns about it being too costly for a family. There will be a raffle table and Lisa would like to do a bake sale. People can bring their own food. It's already been advertised on Southington Talks.

Book Fair Update

Kizzy Hernandez (Co-Chair is Needed):** Kizzy was not in attendance. Jessica discussed the Spring/May bookfair. It is not BOGO.

Treasurer's Report - budget

Paula Mennone-Preisner: Reviewed December income. Over Budget for Book Fair and Chick Fil A. We are in the negative for Spirit Wear. Raffles were not budgeted. Shake the Can is over budget. Sneakers fundraiser is still billing as it is ongoing throughout the year. The Winter Fundraiser did very well. We haven't spent much money so far. Expenses were reviewed. \$8951 has been brought in since the start of

	<p>the school year.</p> <p>-Agreed to fund the three grade level field trips. The ice cream trucks are contingent upon funding. Members are looking into seeing if budgeted costs can be reduced.</p> <p>-We are looking to schedule a DQ fundraiser for the spring concerts.</p> <p>-Teacher luncheon donations were discussed to try to offset the cost of funding the luncheon. Jessica requested that members help her to solicit businesses for donations and/or discounts.</p> <p>-Paula motioned to approve the budget. Jessica approved the motion. Sara seconded the motion.</p>
8th Grade End of Year Celebration	Kerry Hannify Morin - No update. Kerry had to leave at 8:00.
Membership	Kerry Hannify Morin - No update. Kerry had to leave at 8:00.
Enrichment	Karen Corrado: Mystic Aquarium is upcoming.
Open Discussion	No open discussions.
Adjourn Meeting	Jessica motioned to adjourn. Sarah approved the motion. Lisa seconded the motion.

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