



RIJMS PTO NOTES

Monday, February 10, 2020

Meeting was called to order by President, Jennifer McManaman at 6:31pm. The President, Jennifer McManaman, welcomed everyone, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Jennifer McManaman, the President called for approval of the January '20 meeting minutes. Mr. Novinski, the Principal made the motion, Jennifer McManaman the President, seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report Kathy Gruber the Treasurer was in attendance. Kathy Gruber gave the Treasurer's report. Kathy Gruber, the Treasurer, shared since our last meeting we mainly made some big purchases, cameras and CPR Kits. These items are listed under the school gifts column. We had \$5.30 made through the school store. Jennifer McManaman, the President questioned if there was anything for Amazon Smile. Kathy Gruber, the Treasurer shared there was nothing at this time. The PTO will provide money for the Family Night for National Honor Society.

Principal's Report given by Tom Novinski Principal. Mr. Novinski, the Principal, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Novinski, the Principal thanked the PTO for purchasing cameras and CPR Kits. IREADY test results should have went home last week. On March 10-11, the students will be starting IAR; Eighth graders will take science right after spring break. There are five days of testing; three days of math and science and two days of reading. The SOS testing, Signs of Suicide, for sixth grade students was on Thursday. The sixth and eighth grade students participate in the SOS testing. The Panarama survey will be on February 21 during PE class. We are at 25% for parents participating in the 5 Essentials survey, we have plenty, thank you to all who participated. Link crew will be visiting Ira Jones this week. We are in the middle of Girls Basketball season. And Wrestling just finished, the Ira Jones team officially came in 2nd place. The eighth graders leave this Friday for the Washington D.C trip. Stop the Bleed Kits were also purchased as a precautionary measure. The kits include items such as tourniquets and bandages. Eleven kits were purchased for around the building. Staff will be trained on how to use them. Mr. Novinski, the Principal, also shared the new sports team posters will be put up soon. On March 9th, there will be a Vaping and Opioid seminar, on the SIP day, for seventh and eighth graders.

Committee Reports:

Box Tops: Lorrie Walker Box Tops Chair was unable to attend. Jennifer McManaman, the President shared the report; Lorrie Walker used the Box Tops App and said it was very easy if we want to use it moving forward. The PTO Board decided to table the decision as to whether they will proceed until next year. To date, the PTO has received \$162.30 due to Box Tops collections.

CAPE: Lorrie Walker was unable to attend. Jennifer McManaman, the President shared the CAPE report. Census starts in April it is very important we take it and it can be very lucrative if taken and done correctly. The Midterm was February 7; grades will go out soon. High School musicals are coming up. They are listed on the websites for the respective schools. The musicals include Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, Sister Act and Into the Woods, The SOS board; Signs of Suicide program was talked about at the meeting. BOB – Battle of the Books starts tomorrow. The District competition will be February 27 at JFK middle school. There will be no school on Monday, February 17 because of Presidents Day. And there will be no school on Tuesday, March 17 because of elections.

Hospitality: Julie Steben, the Vice President and the Hospitality chair shared the hospitality report. Julie Steben, the Vice President and Hospitality Chair, shared the plan for Teacher's Appreciation. The caterer is scheduled for three days, then there will be a breakfast/brunch one day and then Olive Garden will be on Friday.

Membership: Chrissy Jenks the Membership chair was unable to attend. Jennifer McManaman, the President shared there was no report.

Spirit Wear: Allison Jordan the Spirit Wear chair was unable to attend. Jennifer McManaman, the President shared there was no report.

Volunteer Coordinator (for School Store, Student Council, Book Fair and Pride Incentives)

School Store Kelly Conlon-Hockman, the Volunteer Coordinator was unable to attend. Jennifer McManaman, the President, shared we need to have more volunteers sign up for School Store.

Student Council: Kelly Conlon-Hockman, the Volunteer Coordinator unable to attend. Jennifer McManaman, the President, shared there was no report.

Pride Incentives- Kelly Conlon-Hockman, the Volunteer Coordinator, was unable to attend. Jennifer McManaman, the President did question if anything was needed for Pride Incentives. Mr. Novinski, the Principal, shared not at this time, but maybe in a month or so and he will communicate that to Kelly Conlon-Hockman, the Volunteer Coordinator.

Book Fair- Kelly Conlon-Hockman, the Volunteer Coordinator was unable to attend. Jennifer McManaman, the President, shared we need to have more volunteers sign up for Book Fair and she just posted the sign up to Facebook.

Old Business:

New Business: Mr. Novinski, the Principal, requested four, four-foot custom benches that have “Ira Jones Pride” on them. They will be for the entrance hallway for the students to sit on. Mr. Novinski, the Principal, also requested funds to wrap doors in the building and the rise part of the stairs and maybe the upper windows coming in. There is a representative coming in to discuss the wraps and Mr. Novinski, the Principal, will hopefully have more information on this next month.

Open Forum for Concerns/Issues/Discussions:

Next Meeting: April 13, 2020 at 6:30

Upcoming Events: No School 2/17
No School 2/28

Meeting adjourned 6:55pm.