

Meeting Minutes

James R Watson Elementary PTO



Date/Time: Monday, May 12th at 6:00pm Location: JRW School Cafeteria

Meeting called to Order by: *Lindsay Foster, President* Time: 6:04p

Attendance: There were 4 attendees including board & Principal; a quorum was reached. No guest speakers were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report *(given by Andrea Sponhower)*

- See attached report

Committee Reports

Box Tops *(given by Andrea Sponhower)*

- Current amount raised is \$819.60, blowing away this year's original Goal of \$600! We exceed our stretch Goal of \$700, PTO will provide Ice Pops to students on Field Day.

Literacy Night **Co-Chairs Lindsay Foster w/ Andrea Sponhower*

- No updates.

Color Run Committee *(given by Lindsay Foster) *Co-Chairs Angie Turner & Shaye Pfister*

- Next years Color Run date set for Sunday Sept 7 (Rain date 9/14).

Student Yearbook *(given by Emily Wrona) *Co-Chairs Jenny Caylor & Abigail Alexander*

- Completed & will be delivered to students in the next 2 weeks before school ends.

Sweetheart Dance *Co-Chairs Kileigh Wolfe & Jennifer Hagar*

- Thank you to all the families who donated Cookies and joined the event!

****Amanda McGrew to shadow for Co-Chair next year.**

Fifth Grade Party *(given by Lindsay Foster) *Co-Chairs Kileigh Wolfe & Lindsay Foster*

- To be held May 16 - Carnival theme. Will have pizza, popcorn machine, & games for students. Each Fifth Grade student will receive a special gift from the PTO.

****Jenny Caylor agreed to Co-Chair next year with Lindsay Foster during 9/16 meeting**

Son Plus One Event *(given by Emily Wrona) Co-Chairs Kileigh Wolfe & Lindsay Foster*

- Tincaps Baseball game - May 4th

Attendance was down due to weather, DMS choir sang National Anthem.

****Emily Wrona agreed to Co-Chair next year during 9/16 meeting. *VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO CO-CHAIR NEXT YEAR.***

Teacher Appreciation *(given by Andrea Sponhower) *PTO Board*

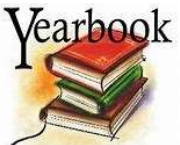
- Aug-Breakfast; Sept-Fair Donuts; Oct-Candy, Pringles, Cookies & Boo Game; Nov-Mini pies; Dec-Texas Roadhouse carry-in lunch & fun game; Jan-Hydration Station; Feb-Souper Teachers; Mar-Trail Mix Bar; April DIY Succulent Terrarium & Easter Egg Hunt. May 'Bon Voyage' Staff Appreciation WEEK included In-flight Snacks, Hawaiian Sandwich lunch bar, Charcuterie Board in 'Italy', pastries & Tom's Travelin Coffee Truck from 'France', & DIY bags back home in Baggage claim to fill with the week's leftover 'Lost & Found'.

JRW Scholarships *(given by _____)*

- Awarded May 5th to Nicole Azzue by the JRW student leadership, who help to contribute to the fund through small fundraisers organized throughout the year.

School Kidz *(given by Emily Wrona) *Co-Chairs Brandi Snider & Emily Wrona*

- Orders due 5/20. Late orders due mid-June. Kits to arrive week before School Registration. 66 kits ordered so far.





Committee Reports (cont'd)

Skating Party *Chaired by Eric Bowser

- No updates.

Spirit Wear (given by Andrea Sponhower) *Chaired by Amanda McGrew

- New Design options were available at meeting for voting. Every student will receive a new JRW Spirit Wear shirt for the 2025/2026 School year at Registration

Ronald McDonald Pop Tabs (given by Andrea Sponhower) *Co-Chairs Andrew Sponhower & Lindsay Foster

- We have collected around 501,000 pop tabs, halfway to our goal of 1million by end of next school year!

Rise N Roll Fundraiser (given by Andrea Sponhower) *Co-Chairs Kileigh Wolfe & Alison Todd

- 1st year was a success, raised over \$4,500, with a Goal of \$10,000. Will consider different possibly adding an additional option next year to supplement budget.

Student Engagement *Co-Chairs Andrea Sponhower & Lindsay Foster

- Students received suckers at start of school; Fruit Snacks @ Halloween; Candy Cane @ Christmas; Sunglasses @ Field Day.



Principal's Report (given by Austin Harrison)

No principal's report given during tonight's meeting due to attendance. See below for Gaga Pit Project-Based learning summary provided by Fourth Grade Teacher Abby Weimer:

1. Project Kick off with Mr. Harrison
2. Students created need to knows (questions about gaga ball)
3. Seven groups were created based on Need to knows
4. Students selected their top three choices to research and then students were placed into groups.
5. Groups created and signed a group contract to work together as a team.
6. Students researched and created a google slide presentation to present to Mr. Harrison.
7. Students will be filling out a self and peer evaluation.

Mr. Harrison listened to presentations & the winning design will be built & placed in grass near playground on 5/14, with hopes to lay down rubber mulch in the near future.



Next Meetings will be added to calendar this summer

Meeting adjourned at 6:07

Minutes compiled by Emily Wrona, PTO Recording Secretary