

Meeting Minutes

James R Watson Elementary PTO



Date/Time: Monday, Sept 15th at 6:30pm Location: JRW School Cafeteria

Meeting called to Order by: *Lindsay Foster, President* Time: 6:33pm

Attendance: There were 17 attendees including Board & Principal & guest speaker, JRW Administrative Instructional Coach Carrie Quaintance; a quorum was reached.



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

- August Starting Budget Treasurer Report & Summary of 2024-2025 Accomplishments handout available & posted to PTO Website
- Reviewed current General Fund Budget report dated 9/15/25
- Increased Dine2Donate Budget this year
- Increased Spirit Wear Budget this year (new offerings)

Committee Reports

Box Tops *(given by Andrea Sponhower)*

- Current 25-26 school year amount raised is \$43.92. This year's goal is \$800. 2nd Grade won July/Aug Boxtops to Spin the Wheel for a treat & Dance Party. PTO will provide Ice Pops to students on Field Day if we meet our annual goal. Reminder to apply credits to Grade level

Literacy Night/Trunk or Treat *(given by Lindsay Foster)* *PTO BOARD

- Trunks & volunteers needed, Texas Roadhouse will provide meal option with free-will donation to PTO, asking for families to register for attendance. May have add'l Food Truck option. APD hopes to bring the BearCat SWAT truck.

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

- Great Turnout, less families than year prior, total raised ~\$13,462 with a few outstanding expenses. Angie stepping down next year as co-chair, Amanda McGrew to co-chair 26-27 school year. Pie in the Face tentatively set for 9/24

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

- Using same company as last year, already started putting it together!

Sweetheart Dance *(given by Lindsay Foster)* Co-Chairs Kileigh Wolfe & Jennifer Hagar

- Date TBD in Spring, last year for Jen to Co-Chair, Amanda McGrew to Co-Chair 26-27 school year.

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

- Date TBD in May

Son Plus One Event *(given by Andrea Sponhower)* Co-Chairs Andrea Sponhower & Anne Eidam

- Tentatively set for 5/3 for an afternoon Cosmic Bowling activity.

Teacher Appreciation *(given by Lindsay Foster/Andrea Sponhower)* *PTO Board

- Aug-Welcome Back Breakfast; Sept-Fair Donuts & Cider; Oct-Apple Bar; Nov-Mini pies; Dec-May-TBD

JRW Scholarships *(given by Lindsay Foster)* *Chaired by Ashley Sparkman

- No update

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

- List requests go out to teachers in Jan, order forms go home March – will look into see if we can order extra for purchase AT Registration next year.

Skating Party *Chaired by Eric Bowser

- Date TBD in November



Committee Reports(cont'd)

Spirit Wear (given by Lindsay Foster) *Chaired by Amanda McGrew



- New items added this year; fidget games & wristbands. Every student received 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

- Over halfway to our goal of 1million by end of this school year!

Rise N Roll Fundraiser (given by Lindsay Foster) *Co-Chairs Kileigh Wolfe & Anne Eidam

- Plan to do in Spring timing, Suggestion to use cafeteria for sorting if possible to allow for more space

Texas Roadhouse Bread Fundraiser (given by Lindsay Foster) *Chair _____

- Order forms to come home Nov timing, limited on school orders this year, going forward will be unlimited. Delivery before Thanksgiving

Student Engagement (given by Lindsay Foster) *PTO Board

- Students received Pencilgrams at start of school; will receive Fruit Snacks @ Halloween.

Dine2Donate (given by Andrea Sponhower)

- August Chipotle earned \$218, Future D2D: BWW - 9/17, Panda Express - 10/23, Salvatori's - 11/18, Texas Roadhouse **w/ Santa – Dec TBD, Mad Anthony's – 1/4/25

Principal's Report (given by JRW Principal Austin Harrison & JRW Instructional Coach Carrie Quaintance)

TITLE 1 ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Harrison posted the annual Required Title 1 notices to Parent Square on 9/14, & today held an open meeting in compliance with program requirements. Our school qualifies for the Title 1 Program due to the 41% Rate for Free-Reduced Lunch. Mrs. Quaintance elaborated on how the Title 1 program allows for intervention groups to be fluid and allows help to be given to students even if test scores meet/exceed standard. Per Mr. Harrison, our school achieved a 98% Pass rate for IREAD in 2024/2025 school year. The State Expectation is 95% by 2027. Mr. Quaintance spoke about the new program, CKLA, & reviewed the various testing students do throughout the year, which varies by grade level.

Mr. Harrison provided mold update.

Next Meetings : November 17th, January 19th, March 9th, May 18th

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

Minutes compiled by Emily Wrona, PTO Recording Secretary