

Meeting Minutes

James R Watson Elementary PTO



Date/Time: Monday, March 9th @ 6:30p Location: JRW School Cafeteria

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

Attendance: There were 12 attendees including Board & Principal. A quorum was reached.



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

- Over \$3k raised through Coin Race
- \$650 raised from January's Italian Grille Dine2Donate, \$126.04 from January's Mad Anthony's D2D
- See detailed report for remaining items

Committee Reports

Box Tops *(given by Andrea Sponhower)* *Co-Chairs Andrea Sponhower & Trista Gordon

- 1st Grade won a cookie party for most February scans (last contest of the year)
- If we reach new goal of \$800, PTO will provide Ice Pops for Field Day (\$681.76 as of 3/9/26)

Literacy Night *(given by Andrea Sponhower)* *PTO BOARD

- Family Night Feb 26 during book fair week, ordered pizza for food option, great success!

Color Run Committee *(given by Lindsay Foster)* *Co-Chairs Shaye Pfister, Amanda McGrew & Lauren Hofmeyer

- Save the Date 9/13/26, will try to get the date out sooner for families to plan to attend

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

- Jenny will be stepping down next year, Brandi Snider & Abigail Alexander to co-chair – no updates

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

- Will be on 4/24, Glow Light theme, Volunteer sheet coming soon.

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

- Date will be 5/15, rain-date 5/22, theme TBD

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

- Cosmic Bowling on 5/3 afternoon. Will be split into 2 sessions, student cost covered by PTO, \$8/adult

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

- Aug-Welcome Back Breakfast; Sept-Fair Donuts & Cider; Oct-Apple Bar & 'Boo-me' Teacher game; Nov-Mini pies; Dec-12 Days of Winter, January/Feb-Soup-er Bowl, March-Mystery Books

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

- Students have applications now, should be turned in for review in April timing to Ashley Sparkman for PTO Board review/input

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

- Finalizing the lists with EPI. Order forms to go out in April timing, Orders due 5/19, late orders due 6/14. Will not be ordering extra kits.

Skating Party *(given by Lindsay Foster)* *Chaired by Eric Bowser

- No spring skating party

Spirit Wear *(given by Amanda McGrew)* *Chaired by Amanda McGrew & Anne Eidam

- Will put together Spring order for New Spirit Wear. Collections have begun for new offering of Gently Used Spirit Wear to be for sale during PTO events. Drop off items to Front office.





Committee Reports(cont'd)

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

- No updates

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

- Order forms went out 3/6, orders due 3/16 for Pickup Wednesday April 1st.

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

- No update

Student Engagement (given by Andrea Sponhower) *PTO Board

- Finalizing Field Day gift to students

Dine2Donate (given by Andrea Sponhower)

- August Chipotle earned \$218, BWW - 9/17 earned \$295, Panda Express - 10/23 earned \$170.11, Salvatori's - 11/18(\$____), Texas Roadhouse earned \$180, Mad Anthony's - 1/14 (\$164.75), Italian Grille - 2/3 (\$650), Mad Anthony's - 3/10 (\$____)



Principal's Report (given by JRW Principal Austin Harrison)

Mr. Harrison reported on IREAD & ILEARN State mandated testing, checkpoints, & intervention processes.

JRW's IREAD preliminary results have unofficially come in around where we've always been. For the 2024-25 School year, JRW achieved 98th percentile. All students are given multiple opportunities to pass the IREAD, in 2nd Grade (all 2nd graders), 3rd Grade (only 3rd graders who did not pass in 2nd grade), Summer of 3rd grade). If they do not pass, interventions are put in place directed to their areas needing improvement. Students are retained if they do not pass & are not granted a Good Cause Exemption.

ILEARN has replaced what used to be ISTEP & is administered in 3 Checkpoint tests throughout the school year, with a Summative testing toward the end of the year. In December of 2025, the State announced Schools will be held accountable for the Summative ILEARN checkpoints. Teachers and Administration are working to line up the new CKLA learning curriculum to align with checkpoint topics. If you have more questions on any of the testing, please reach out to your child's teacher or Mr. Harrison.

Next Meeting: 2026-27 meetings will be announced over summer

Meeting adjourned at 6:59

Minutes compiled by Emily Wrona, PTO Recording Secretary

