

JRMS PTA MEETING – Thursday March 7, 2019

BOARD: LM, GT, JD, LP, DJ, AND IH

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 am by LM.

Presenting Kathy Handley from Housatonic Valley Coalition for Substance Abuse: Understanding The Dangers of Vaping and E-Cigarettes

Also present was Julie McTauge - vice principal form JBHS

The presentation ended 10:40am.

President's report: DJ

Motion to approve February minutes: LP made the motion, second by JD

-Power point presentation from today will be sent to parents via listserv.

-We are looking for volunteers to fill various PTA officer positions and other volunteering positions in year 2019-2020.

-Copies of budget workshop were distributed– copies of power point presentation, where we are, and what is potential to loose. Budget was voted with 4.69% increase during the BOF meeting on 3/15. One of the items on the budget to cut is Spanish in RES. We can't use grant money to pay for teacher to return Spanish in RES. \$65,000 is the cost of the teacher. JRMS – classroom libraries budget is eliminated, how does PTA prioritize grant money for that?

-Donations to the library are decreasing now...Listserv for teacher appreciation day will be sent asking to donate books to classroom libraries.

-Socials recap:

92% in 5<sup>th</sup> grade participation

56% in 6<sup>th</sup> grade participation

40% in 7<sup>th</sup> grade participation – we need 9 more kids to participate.

Discussion: which grades should be combined going forward: spring social: out doors: 5<sup>th</sup>, combine 6&7  
Fall – each grade separate, winter?

- Corey the Dribbler March 26<sup>th</sup>, he has everything, nothing to set up.

Fundraising Report:

School supplies all set – May-June, first week in June meeting at RES to promote it.

Do we need to raise the price for dues? National dues might be going up by 1.50 per member.

All year around ideas for fundraiser –gift cards, Spirit wear – kids design the logo, events like Dodge ball mother- son game, movie night -those were just few ideas discussed.

-Membership drive incentives – preferential treatment for PTA members–for example the parenting classes at RES is free for PTA members; Lesley would like to do classes for middle school – evening at MTL – outside of school.

- Free presentations like how to help your kids to study – charge non-members to come.

- Blessings of the B- - book for raising teenagers - parenting class – book discussion evolving to other topic – 8-week program, free for PTA members, charge non-mebembers.

-Multicultural day will take place in early April – perhaps next year include trip to Meadow Ridge to talk the residents, with new bus contract

-May 1<sup>st</sup> finalists are being announced for Reflections. Celebration can be scheduled for May 2 at 8:30am for anyone who entered in the competition.

Treasurer Report:

No much activity except for paying grants, we are close to our budgeted amount.

MOTION was made by LM to make donation for Housatonic Valley Coalition in the amount of \$150 from adult education account to pay for today's presentation.  
JD second, all in favor.

Principals report - N.A.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:44am