

JAMES W. ALEXANDER PTA, INC.
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
September 10, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

President Heather Peoples called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., welcomed everyone, stated there were enough members in attendance to establish a quorum and led the flag salute.

Heather highlighted 2013/2014 accomplishments and talked about new objectives such as Raz Kids – a reading program similar to first in math.

Denise announced to the group that June minutes had been distributed and to send changes to her attention. If no changes are received the minutes will be filed as written.

Correspondence Melissa read a thank you note received from a scholarship recipient.

TREASURER REPORT – Given by Melissa McCarthy

Michelle stated that:

Balance as of June 3, 2014	\$17,485.09
Receipts	\$ 982.52
Disbursements	\$ 4371.01
Balance as of June 3, 2014	\$14,096.60

Audit has been successfully completed!

NEW BUSINESS

- Budget review – budget approved
- Processes – review of forms – tax exempt, disbursement form
- Art ideas – Lisa Porsche suggested implementation of an art fair for 2016 that would need to be budgeted for in Spring 2015

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising –

- Review of committees. A chair for reflections, co-chair for the holiday shop are needed
- A list of scheduled fundraising events was shared the nearest events being:
 - Write a check campaign
 - Kid stuff book sale
 - To date this has been slow with 58 books returned and 26 purchased
 - Carellas Brown Dog Ice Cream – September 26, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 - Not Just Clothing Drive – October 18

PRESIDENTS REPORT

- Back to school night is September 16 at 7:00 p.m. – bakers needed and helpers to clean up, sell magnets, chip clips etc.
- Mercer County PTA Dinner is on October 16

TEACHERS REPORT – Mrs. Ferraris & Mrs. Fiorello

- Just a note that K back to school night begins at 6:15 p.m. as there is a lot of ground to cover.

PRINCIPAL REPORT – Mr. Bookholdt

- Great opening to school!
 - Teachers are back in flow
 - Back to school night is coming will be informational
 - Roof repair is ongoing when school is not in session. Target completion is October 7.
- PARCC
 - Preparing to utilize *Keyboarding Without Tears* – a web based typing program in preparation for testing.
 - Change in pacing of curriculum because of PARCC
 - Home preparation of students is valuable
- Raz Kids
 - PTA hoping to help implement this program.
 - There is an app for devices
- Staffing
 - Ms. Hamilton is out for a few months, there is a long term substitute in her place.

OTHER DISCUSSION

- *Bricks for Kids* was discussed. Mr. Bookholdt indicated that in order to implement we would require board approval.
- Madison Everett has offered to babysit during e-board meetings, just let Stacey know in advance.
- Terracycle was mentioned as a fundraising opportunity. Among the group it was agreed that it was a lot of work for limited ROI. Was suggested that perhaps this is a good project for Early Act.
- Denise asked folks to calendar the newsletter copy deadlines.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Denise M. Goldenbaum

Recording Secretary