



Meeting date:	March 6, 2019
Time (Start/Adjourn):	6:00 – 6:30 PM EST
Attendance Total:	7
Members:	Kerry Labovitz, Tasha Benson, Brigitte McCarthy, Rachel Gritzer, Kierstie Keller, Sheila Adams, Jacquie DeFreze, Sharon Scott

Agenda Items/Notes

i. Events for 2018-2019

- PTA Spring Fundraiser
 - April 6th at the Elks in Portsmouth
 - Price of tickets cover the cost of the venue; \$30 PP will cover and be close to cost; \$5 member discount will be \$25 PP (half of what we have done in the past)
 - ❖ All in attendance thought this seemed reasonable
 - No silent auction so there will not be anything to bid on
 - Optional activities:
 - ❖ big ticket live auctions such as week of camp, harbor cruise, dinner from Nina
 - ❖ In between sets can have people donate to specific causes if they want (for example, help fund gaga pit board)
 - ❖ 50/50 raffles
 - Becky Barbour and Laurin Flynn are in charge of decorations
 - Classic Rewind is the theme – 80s and 90s
 - Need to check PTA closet for dual tickets
 - Courtney is working on a flyer (get tickets accessible by end of the week)
- In your Shoes Parent University
 - Organized by school board
 - Presentation to put yourself in the shoes of those with learning challenges
 - Anxiety in Children presentation
 - ❖ Suggested dates - May 7th or 14th
- Bike Parade/Rodeo
 - Chuck Gallant – offered to go to board of selectman to start the process
 - Sunday, June 2nd – save the date
- Spring Soiree (Family Dance)
 - Scheduled for May 18th
 - Theme is “Under the Stars”
 - Supplies being purchased are coming from different stores such as JoAnns and Five Below and or borrowed from those who already have items
 - ❖ Photo Booth
 - ❖ Inexpensive tulle fabric
 - ❖ Photo props
 - ❖ Photobooth sign
 - ❖ Silver stars with balloons
 - ❖ Food tables with star balloons
 - ❖ Vases with Flowers – Rhodies
 - ❖ Laser lights on ceiling
 - ❖ Stringing white lights on walls

- Questions to address:
 - ❖ Are there additional decorations in the PTA closet?
 - ❖ How many tickets were sold last year?
 - ❖ Should we have a Disco ball Dance contest and/or Carnival Games?

ii. Grants and other areas of support

- Anxiety Lesson (Dr. Rubin)
 - May 7th or 14th is available
 - ❖ Discussion pointed to May 7th as the preferred date to avoid multiple events in one week with
 - 90 minutes – 6 to 7:30 PM
 - \$300 is the ask
 - Microphone and projector needed
 - Event will be held at RES and open to SAU50 (informal invitation can be sent)
 - Building use permit with needs should be filled out (ask Suzanne for recommendations)
 - Approval: all in favor, none opposed
 - PTA will help circulate flyer for the event
 - We will see if she can do something for kids – strategies to deal with coping
- CPR Training (Nurse at RJH)
 - Requesting \$12 for each student – Totaling \$432
 - Normally paid for with grants; it was in the budget but got cut
 - Asking to certify 36 students towards end of the school year
 - Meeting on the April 20th with school board to see if this can be covered with unreserved funds
 - ❖ PTA recommends checking with school board first
 - ❖ If they can't make a decision in March then we can ask and revisit this offline – will check with Margaret
- Montreal trip – Sheila will check if any funds are needed but should be OK

iii. ASE updates

- Cooking classes:
 - Will there be any nut allergy considerations for cooking class
 - Should be added to description

iv. Budget

- Current balance, outstanding checks and PayPal balances were discussed
- ASE income is doing great; expenses
- Sponsorship came in for \$250
- 2 new members joined
- Camp will also go into income

v. 5th grade transition to RJH

- 11 out of 13 classrooms are moving in the RJH
- First floor is 5th grade and moving 6th grade upstairs
- Project-based learning
- Doris/Audrey/Sheila getting together to see what next year looks like
- Revamp the school to make it more aligned with current learning
- Need to think differently about space and learning