



Meeting date:	October 11, 2017
Time (Start/Adjourn):	6:00 -7:30 PM EST
Attendance Total:	13
Board Members:	(6) Kerry Labovitz, Tasha Benson, Christine Sedam, Laura Hancock, Courtney Mulvey, Kierstie Keller
PTA Members:	(7) Jacquie DeFreze, Sheila Adams, Margaret Honda, Paula Tsetsilas, Nina Parrott, Laurin Flynn, Katie Jones

Agenda Items/Notes

1. Co-Presidents' Report

- i. Introductions
 - All attending members knew each other; introductions were waved
- ii. Membership Update
 - Currently 124 members, the goal is to reach 140 by November
 - Asked members to reach out into their own networks to let people know about PTA
 - Possibly send flyers home in folders about the PTA in folders
 - Margaret mentioned the RJH membership might be low due to lack of opportunity of afterschool programs already ran
 - Work of the PTA tends to be geared towards the elementary school however most grants go for middle school....becomes transactional
 - Discussion on how to motivate RJH parents to be members of PTA
 - Send Newsletter - combined source of info (ask Marie to help figure out distribution)
- iii. School lunch app update
 - It was suggested at the school board meeting that the technology be implemented
 - Possibly a Joint SAU; worked with Lisa Furman
 - Doesn't seem like it is a huge cost and there is interest from Greenland school as they have higher enrollment
 - Lisa indicated it would also be helpful
 - It will be on the agenda again for Nov for further discussion
- iv. Upcoming events
 - 10/26: Monster Mash (6:00 – 8:00 PM)
 - Steve will be focusing on the haunted house after Oct. 13th and we will find out how the fortune teller may be included as part of it (may look for volunteers from the ASE haunted house building session)
 - Ticket cost increased from \$7.00 per person to \$8.00 per person so the ice cream sundaes can be included
 - Ice House is donating 4 tubs of ice cream and Beach Plum offered to donate as well if needed
 - ❖ Ice cream will be stored at Kerry's and transferred the day of the event to the RES cafeteria
 - Currently we have 15 parent baskets and 14 teacher baskets
 - ❖ Lauren Kalil and Mel Conway have volunteers to organize and distribute the baskets
 - ❖ Other possible donators who have been generous in the past include G-Willikers, Atlantic Grill, Carriage House
 - Other volunteer roles have been set up in a SignUp Genius and the only areas we still need people are: Haunted House Helpers, Clean Up Crew, Ice Cream Helpers

- Kierstie is coordinating with decorating committee; available boxes for prizes, decorations and any other items needed
- Kierstie will contact Petey's for paper goods needed and Trader Joe's or Peachwave for topping donations (only chocolate and sprinkles)
- 12/5: Staff Cookie Exchange
 - Looking for volunteers to help at the locations (set up, organize, and cleanup)
 - ❖ Laura will set up and partner with someone who can be there
 - ❖ RJH – Katie will help set up; Marie will help with clean up
 - ❖ RES – Kierstie will help set up; Jacquie will help with clean up
 - Action: Look for containers for the cookies; possibly Christmas tree shop
- 12/8: Polar Express Night (6:00 – 8:00 PM)
 - More information to be discussed at the November meeting

v. Assembly ideas

- PTA investigated Kindness and Diversity assembly ideas at the request of Suzanne Lull
- Budgeted \$6500 each school (already spent \$2000 RJH and \$1100 RES)
- Option 1: Accept the Challenge – Mass. Down Syndrome
 - Goal to promote understanding and acceptance of each other regardless of differences
 - Interactive group assembly – another educator saw this and said it was impactful
 - \$1000 for 45 min assembly
- Option 2: Tiger Program – Theater, Integrating Guidance, Education, and Responsibility
 - Prof. theatre company from Plymouth State
 - \$825 for 1 or \$1550 for both schools
 - RJH: Bystander: A Portrait of Empathy – a Jr. High Musical type performance designed to initiate change, to take ownership of their schools climate and eliminate the things in their social lives at school that scare them most.
 - RES: I've got your back – raising awareness to bullying behavior by empowering bystanders to help stop the behavior; OR Just Between Friends – what it takes to make and be good friends
 - Could also look across the district to see if other schools would be interested and reduce cost
- Option 3: Johnny the K – Geared more for Elementary School, promotes messages of environmental conservation, cultural diversity, positive behavior and self-esteem thru music, props and audience participation
 - Jacquie saw him and said he was wonderful
- Alternative Option Suggested by Katie Jones: Houston Craft – Character Strong for RJH
 - She will get more information

2. Vice President's Report

i. Grant requests and vote

- **Moth StoryTelling** – revisited from last meeting
 - Competition will be held at RJH – Hold auditions (audition workshop)
 - Teachers work in teams; Jeffrey will hold workshops – Condense timing 6 weeks
 - Performance in Spring (March 15th) when Moth comes to Music Hall
 - Looking for community volunteers (i.e. Minnie White – Poet Warrior of NH)
 - Students could develop an app to vote - Sheila will look into it
 - People who weren't chosen will be able to participate via future podcasts or other venues
 - RJH Podcasts – weekly pod cast link to podcast of the moth
- Night performance and day performance; looking to bus the 5th graders to RJH

- Investigating with 3S to have the winner perform at “ Long Story Short”
- Requested \$2250
 - Unanimous vote to fund \$1800 now (for stipend and workshop) and look for donations for the remaining items
 - PTA is open to funding more as needed

3. Treasurer’s Report

- i. Budget Report
 - ASE turned profit
 - Calendars over budget

4. Secretary’s Report

- i. Approve Minutes
 - Minutes approved for last month; posted to website
 - Suggestion to send minutes to school principals

5. After-School Enrichment (ASE) Update

- After School Enrichment – Session 2 is underway
 - Canceled Greek Mythology due to low enrollment
- Working on Session 3
- Plans to post summer camp info in January
- Suggestion to align release of sessions on Wednesday – or let people know when enrollment will be via a member email
- Discussion around Kindness Club
 - Large interest
 - Running both age groups each session would be costly if free as we still need to pay the instructors and supplies
 - Consider a minimal fee similar to capture the flag for future sessions
 - Waitlisted kids may get first option to sign up for next round

6. Communications Reports

- Grant information to get posted
- Courtney is looking for photos from previous funding activities so she can post
- Suggestions for greenhouse pictures, gear wall
- Suggestion to have Elwood provide a “shout out” to PTA for funding 6th grade boat
- Will work on a blub about the Moth on FB
- Nina is investigating the approval of becoming an official educator of the Moth so the name can be used for advertising (possibly NHPR and Herald)

7. Other items

- RES student council will be presenting an Online newspaper at next month’s meeting
- Suggestion for hosting a Coat drive – local cleaner might offer to clean them
- There is a Haunted Walk – Oct. 20th – Pirates; spread the word
- Suggestion to “beautify” the RJH Planters