



Meeting date:	November 7, 2018
Time (Start/Adjourn):	6:00 - 7:15 PM EST
Attendance Total:	8
Members:	Kerry Labovitz, Tasha Benson, Brigitte McCarthy, Rachel Gritzer, Kierstie Keller, Kim Piela, Katie Cerasoli, Margaret Honda

## Agenda Items/Notes

### 1. Co-Presidents' Report

#### i. Events for 2018-2019

- Possible Bake Sales on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> (1 and 2) and 11<sup>th</sup> (3 – 5<sup>th</sup>) at the Holiday Concerts
- Staff Cookie Swap - Monday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Cookie Swap volunteer needed
  - Kierstie to set up sign up
- UNH Hockey Outting – 1/12<sup>th</sup> (Social Event)
  - Plan to offer ticket at Face value as a fun night out and not to fundraise
  - \$9 or \$15 depending on seat location
- Someone Special Snowball – February 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Some parents are disappointed that they took away gender specific events like the Father/Daughter dance and Mother Son Bowling
    - ❖ Overall consensus of PTA board is that we want people to feel good about their options and be an inclusive community
    - ❖ It's challenging to have everything be suitable to everyone
    - ❖ We are open to other opinions
  - Question was brought up as to whether we can offer another event that isn't a dance
  - Kim Piela to check with Laura Hancock about chairing a bowling event
  - Looking for someone to chair the dance: Jeannette Lindsay chaired it last year and has a binder of information to share
    - ❖ Katie Cerasoli will volunteer to chair the dance
- Family Game Night
  - Idea is to plan an evening during the winter as part of Wellness Week
  - Event will be held at RES with appropriate age levels
  - ASE could maybe make life-size games to support the effort
- Bike Parade
  - This will be a community event
  - Continued discussions for planning the event and ideas:
    - ❖ Will reach out to people to see if there is interest: Police, Fire, Library
    - ❖ Contest for best decorated
    - ❖ Bike Safety incorporated
    - ❖ Bike Swap
    - ❖ Parsons field
    - ❖ Will reach out to selectman after getting other feedback
- Movie Night
  - Not going to hold parent movie night for as we did last year with Polar Express
  - Time of Year around first week in December was hard

- Polar Express event was used to fill in to the holiday concerts which was cancelled last year only
- If holding additional movie nights, some things to consider:
  - ❖ Would need additional staff, microphone, strong adult presence

**ii. Playground update**

- Parents expressed disappointment in the playground equipment would go to RJH
- Looked to add GAGA pit (brand bake sale profits as “Playground GaGa pit fund

**iii. Speakers and Assemblies**

- There is considerable budget allotted for Speakers and Assemblies
- Still looking for ideas such as Positivity, Body image, Attitude/Bossiness – Focus on Kindness, Self Confidence, etc.

**iv. ASE**

- Signups will begin Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>
- Discussion around offerings at RJH; difficult to run as students are involved in other activities/clubs
- Looking for idea that kids would be interested in; currently haven’t gotten traction
- Art club currently at RJH but not tied to ASE
- Consider branding it a little differently – Give budget to have clubs vs. an activity every week
- Possibly check with Mr. Ross about running something for 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**2. Vice President’s Report**

**i. Membership**

- 141 members
- Tracking similar to last year

**ii. Grants**

- No new grants
- Grant submissions are due 1 week before an upcoming PTA meeting
- RJH is requesting money for Open House to have Pizza supplied
- Follow-up on last month’s grants:
  - Purchase birdseed to continue bird study in elementary school
    - ❖ Natures outpost donated one bag
    - ❖ Rachel to investigate other options
    - ❖ Needs approx. 100 lbs.
  - Purchase for multi-use organizers with baskets needed for math center (Maggie Hanna)
    - ❖ Organizer additional funds approved
- Additional barrels and liners for Composting (Suzanne Lull)
  - The ask was for an additional \$843 (2 extra bins \$568 and \$275 for liners = \$843
  - Mr. Fox is currently supplying 1x a week
  - We are using more liners than expected thus the reason for needing to purchase extra
  - This is included in budget for next year (school board)
    - ❖ Unassigned fund balance kicks in at March
    - ❖ Budget goes by category not classroom and doesn’t go by grade level
  - Needs buy-in at RJH; Help middle school do more recycling programs, etc. ; some community members are willing to help
  - They have composting trays at RJH but unsure if they are getting over to RES
  - System needs to be put in place at RJH
  - Joan Provencher can be a community member

- Question on if schools have considered plastic forks/spoon
  - ❖ Rachel will look into it more for compostable silverware
  - ❖ Investment in terms of a commercial dishwasher (thousands of dollars and needs to have a lot of space for drying)
  - ❖ Worth considering but would need to be researched thoroughly
- Voting In regards to the \$843: Brigitte 1<sup>st</sup>, Tasha 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, none opposed

### 3. Treasurer's Report

#### I. Budget Report

- Current balance and outstanding checks discussed
- PTA Sponsorship fund allocation
  - Moved \$6750 to the school play budget based on original idea that RJH was going to have 2 productions which then increased the sponsorship funds to \$12500 per Nina's request
  - RJH can't find a director for the 2<sup>nd</sup> play
  - Decreasing the amount of sponsorship to \$10K
  - Budget for Jeffrey is paid from School Board
  - Assistant Director is paid from PTA
  - Christine Sedam – looking to put on a small play at elementary school
    - ❖ Estimating \$3K for expenses (\$2200 to Adelle)
    - ❖ Question as to whether or not this can be an ASE program
      - 5. Tasha/Julie reaching out
    - ❖ REF was wondering if there could be a fee associated to offset the production cost
    - ❖ For 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students
    - ❖ A large amount of kids were interested and they are trying to open more spots than last year
    - ❖ Students could be chosen by a lottery system (unless they have funds for another staff person)
    - ❖ Connecting with Tasha to see what they need in terms of budget
    - ❖ The planning and preparation would be approx. 8 or 10 weeks (similar to ASE)
  - Nina Parrott was working on Long Story Short
    - ❖ Looking to do it at the 3S Art Space on April 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Voting on reallocating funds: Rachel 1<sup>st</sup>, Kerry 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, none opposed
- Budget income
  - Goal is to have everything be gross
  - ASE doesn't prorate
  - Some checks are late but charged a late fee
  - Some students could have scholarships
  - Brigitte is working to figure out a way for the numbers/income to show correctly

### 4. Secretary's Report

#### I. Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve meeting minutes for remainder of last year; Minutes approve