

Jameson /Loranger PTO Meeting 9/18/2017 6:00PM

Meeting Called to order by:	Samantha Sauls -PTO President
Meeting Date & Time:	9/18/2017 6:00 PM
Board Members:	Samantha Sauls - President Alexandra Lepauloue -Treasurer Vernetta Mariello- Secretary

In Attendance: Barbara Fletcher – Jameson’s Principal; Michael Flaherty- Loranger’s Principal; PTO Board Members; Lisa St. Louis; Andrea White; Jen Partridge; Earl Parker; Rae Wren; Barbara Roberge; Kim Beaudoin; Javier Perez

Board: There was a need for a Secretary, Vernetta Mariello volunteered and was issued this position.

Budget: Alex read out the Treasurer’s report. At this time, the PTO has a balance of \$33.61 in the savings account. There is a balance of \$ 4,772.82 in the checking account. For this coming 2017/2018 school year, the PTO has budgeted \$12,550. This budget was determined based on review of last year’s expenditures.

Jameson Elementary Principal’s Report: Barbara Fletcher “Barb” started by stating that this school year started off on a POSITIVE note. Students were eager to return to school and the year started with the 1st, and 2nd grades starting on August 30th. Pre-K and Kindergarteners started with a transition ½ day on September 8th and full time on September 11th . The first school assembly was held on Friday, September 15th and the emphasis was made on the “star” program. The new playground is in and we are finishing up with the log borders. Students are very excited and with this another recess has been added to the day to make three, with one being before lunch. So far Jameson’s year is off to a great start.

Loranger Middle School’s Principal’s Report: Michael Flaherty “Mike” started out by stating Loranger is off to a great start. They are fortunate this year to have a new faculty member, Joanne Dowd who has started a program this year with the 7th grade student with offering a Spanish 1 curriculum. This has the ability to carry through next year with the 2018/2019, 8th graders being able to take Spanish 2. Along with this, 6th grader’s this year will get an introduction into foreign language with half of the school year focusing on the French language and half on the Spanish language. School Assemblies will start next week (9/29/2017) on Fridays at 8:30AM. It will alternate weeks with one week focusing on 3-5th grades and the following week with 6-8th grades. Mike is hoping to follow the direction set by Jameson’s assemblies and to make more of an impact on his students.

Old Business: Playground Updates: The new playground is in and students are very excited as they have been able to see this transition from their classroom windows. Log borders are being installed and with this, children will be transitioned by classroom to have a fair trial of the new equipment. At this time students have been running in the fields, playing frisbee and cornhole games during recess time.

Two Summer Fundraisers took place, both being 50/50 events at the Powder Horn Campground. These were successful and we appreciate Powder Horn for allowing us to be at their facility.

New Business: The 2017/2018 budget was discussed. At this time, the goal for this year's budget would be to raise a minimum of \$12,550. New items discussed were to look into finding a new event to replace the Mad Science event. This event cost the PTO \$3000 last year and given the cost and what the event entailed a discussion started as to some alternatives that might maintain a lower budget line and provide more for the students. Ideas that were presented were possibly reaching out to Chewonki to bring in some animal exhibits for the Jameson students. For Loranger students, a discussion started about obtaining a local robotics team to come in for a demonstration and workshop along with funds allocated to help grow the robotics program currently in place at Loranger. Jameson has an upcoming movie night on September 29th with Captain Underpants being the main feature. Start time would be at 6:00PM and refreshments will need to be donated to sell. A Yankee Candle fundraiser will be distributed soon and will run from October 2nd thru October 21st. This was incredibly successful last year, so we are hoping for another great year. The Jameson/ Loranger Pumpkin Sale will be on Saturday, October 7th from 9:00AM – 1:00PM Pumpkins will come from Flaherty's farm. Volunteers are needed for this event. A craft fair is scheduled for December 2nd. Forms are going out ASAP to recruit Vendors for this event. For this to be profitable we would need to have a minimum of 15 table at a charge of \$20 per table. Suggestions included reaching out to Stone Artesian, Lula roe consultants, Scentsy consultants, ETC. We are also looking for Community members who are "crafty" to purchase a table. Discussion occurred with this about having a section where students could make something for their parents/teachers for a holiday gift, also a gift wrapping table was suggested at wrapping for \$1 per gift. Next topic was that of Box Tops. This is a very profitable fundraiser, raising almost \$1000 last school year. We are looking for a volunteer to help out with the sorting and cutting of these box tops. If no one comes forward individually, a distribution would be made to PTO members to each take Box Tops home to cut and bag (Bags of 50) and return the schools or the next PTO meeting. The last item on the agenda was to discuss teacher reimbursements. A \$50 amount would be granted to each teacher with the understanding that in order to be reimbursed by the PTO we would require a receipt. There is no need to prequalify any purchase and to have to justify the need for your class.

Next Meeting: October 2, 2017 , 6:00PM Loranger Middle School Library