

Loranger - Jameson

Parent Teacher Organization



Meeting Minutes

Date/time: Monday, 1/4/16 | 6:00 pm
Location: Jameson Cafeteria
Attendees: Kim Beaudoin, Teresa Androkitis, Nicole-Jo Charette, Elaine Lees, Lori Kennedy, Samantha Sauls, Anne Schermerhorn, Barbara Fletcher, Lisa St. Louis, Mike Flaherty, George Shabo, Ashley Martin, Kristin Zecchinelli, Chris LaSalle

Treasurer's Report

The Loranger and Jameson bank accounts have been merged with the new tax id for the newly established 501C. \$6,303 was deposited into the account and checks are coming soon. In merging reports for the two schools, a discrepancy of \$1900 was uncovered (likely due to starting balances) and Chris will reconcile.

Upcoming expenses: CPA, Void CLYNK check, Box Tops postage, water cooler service, trophies/water bottles, Winter Wonderland, Enchanted Learning

Faculty's Report

Mrs. White/Mrs. Roberge/Mrs. Lees report			
Teacher	Grade	Amount/Detail	Status
Ms. Falvey	K	\$25 for bowling and pizza field trip	Approved
Ms. Latve	Pre-K	\$41.95 toward pre-k cubbies (poster board, wipes, sandwich bags, etc.)	Approved
Ms. Thompson	Library	\$23.12 for Mr. Clean erasers and Lysol wipes	Approved
Ms. Hutchings and Ms. Hilz	Special Education	~\$85 for new mice (\$6/a piece through amazon.com) *Donations will be requested in an upcoming newsletter. PTO will cover remaining cost.	Approved

Principal's Report

Jameson update [Ms. Fletcher]:

- Reminders:
 - Friday the 15th is an early release day.
 - Kids need to dress for the weather (pre-k through 5th).
- Cafeteria lunch procedures continue to be practiced.
- The transition to school after Christmas break was very positive.

Loranger update [Mr. Flaherty]:

- Reminders:
 - There is no school on Monday, 1/18 (Martin Luther King day).
 - Middle school parents: Friday 1/22 marks the end of the second quarter.
- Thank you to all the parent volunteers who made the recent staff breakfast a success!
- Keeping Kids Safe alternative option: Lucas Porter (School Resource Officer) and Officer Jami Ladakakos (certified in internet safety) are willing to team up to do a school presentation at no charge. They may possibly be able to leverage Mike O'Neil's presentation materials. Lucas and Jami will present at the February meeting.

Jameson/Loranger update [Mr. Shabo]:

- A collection has been started for the Dyer family in the wake of Jimmy's disappearance. A Facebook message has been sent out and a jean and hat day has been scheduled for Friday, 1/7. If you are able to help this family during this very difficult time, please send checks to Loranger school.
- Performance-Based Education: Information about the Performance-Based Education approach is being incorporated into the weekly memo in an effort to explain and promote this real world education technique. The state mandates that all schools be on board with this approach by 2009/2010. To stay informed, visit the [Loranger School website](#) to read published memos.
- We're still seeking donations for the after school snack program—supplies are very low.
- A gaming club is starting up on 1/7. Membership will be at no cost to kids (grades 6-8), will feature board/video/card games, and will be supervised by Ms. Stearns.
- The 7th grade class would like to take an all-class field trip to Salem, MA to visit the Salem Witch Museum, Nathaniel Hawthorne House, and Gallows Theater. The estimated cost for the trip is \$2,000. The following businesses are being tapped into for possible donations: Berlin City, American Legion, and TD Banknorth. Additional funds may be requested from the PTO—an update on fundraising will be discussed at the February meeting.

Old Business

- Playground: Ms. Fletcher will follow-up with the builder for an update.
- Box Tops: A new collection sheet will be going home soon. It was recommended that we do an all-school contest with a "fun day" incentive. Goal setting and date for this contest will be discussed at the February meeting.
- Kohl's Update: The paperwork for the Kohl's grant is in process—Kristen will provide an update at the February meeting.
- Winter Wonderland was a success! We raised ~\$200 in concessions. Turnout was great with ~300 people in attendance. The OOB Rec department plans to hold future events.

New Business

- Penny Social: The date for the Penny Social is April 1st. Students/parents/community members are encouraged to attend. A sheet went around for folks to sign up to research business addresses and send letters of appeal to solicit prizes for the event.
- Bulletin Board Update: Lori volunteered to design the Loranger bulletin board for February. If you're interested in helping for future months, contact Kim Beaudoin.
- An after-school movie is being scheduled for March. Discussion around this event will take place at the February meeting.
- A Valentine's dance for Jameson is scheduled for Friday, 2/5 from 6:00-8:00. More discussion to take place at February meeting.
- The decision was made to table the Yankee Candle fundraiser for this year.
- Grant opportunities: Please think about/research ideas for obtaining grant money and bring your ideas to the February meeting.

Adjournment

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for February 1 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Jameson Cafeteria. See you then!

^Note the early start time for the Office Porter/ Ladakakos presentation.

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