

Loranger - Jameson

Parent Teacher Organization



Meeting Minutes

Date/time: Monday, 1/9/17 | 6:00 pm
Location: Loranger library

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the 12/5 meeting have been posted to the [RSU23.org PTO website](http://RSU23.org).

The updated [calendar of PTO events](#) is on page 6 of these minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Kim provided an overview of the [December financial report](#).

Summary:

- Beginning balance of \$7,565.28
- Total deposits of \$509.00
- Total expenses of \$1,273.45
- CLYNK balance of \$676.75
- Playground donation of \$1,605.00*
- Ending balance of \$9,082.58

**A separate savings account has been established for playground donations.*

Faculty's Report

Mrs. White/Mrs. Lees/Mrs. Roberge report			
Requestor	Grade	Amount/Detail	Status
Ms. Kalina	Library	\$30.77 for stamp pads and misc. supplies	<i>Pending</i>
Mr. Nye	7	\$50 for class aquarium supplies (food/filters)	<i>Pending</i>
Mr. Ashleigh	7	\$25.71 for math supplies	<i>Pending</i>

Principal's Report

Jameson update [Ms. Fletcher]:

- First grade students sang at assembly before winter break and again for the Assisted Living facility residents across the street
- Second grade students in Ms. Coffey's class recently presented on 'Growth Mindset'
- We're looking to do a 'weather from Jameson' highlight on News 8—folks are working on getting that set up
- March conferences are on the horizon
- Check out the [latest principal's memo](#) for information about procedure changes

Loranger update [Mr. Flaherty]:

- Assemblies continue to be positive and fun
- A 'Coffee with the Superintendent' session will be taking place Wednesday, 1/11 at 6:00 p.m. Suggested topic is around MEA.
- A grades 6-8 dance will take place on Friday, January 27 (a nice turnout is anticipated)
- Ms. Putnam enlisted her brother (Skipper - meteorologist in Kansas) to engage with her 3rd grade students in Skype conversation. Students had a great chat with him about what it's like to be a weatherman.
- National "[No Name-Calling Week 2017](#)" is coming up (January 16-20)
- Mr. Shaw's nephew came to Ms. Fagan's class to discuss what it's like to be a member of the bobsledding team
- Ms. Wilder's 3rd grade class entered a Science and Engineering content (with technology prizes at stake)
- Ms. Rosignol's 6th grade class are working on a New Year's resolution project based on hash tags (picking one word that motivates them and creating posters)
- The boys and girls 7th/8th grade basketball season has begun with good participation
- Check out Mr. Shabo's [latest parent memo](#) for more Loranger news

Guest Speakers

Natural structures for playgrounds [Sue Gallant]:

Sue Gallant joined to present the benefits of natural playscapes. Through extensive study of play, and touring schools who've built such playsapes, Sue and others have fully realized the tremendous benefits that natural structures provide to the cognitive development and engagement of children. Naturalization of the pre-k playground will begin this year. Further consideration of whether to plan for a natural playscape for Jameson/Loranger will be explored by the new Playground Committee.

Resources:

- Funding possibilities: [Life is Good Foundation](#) | [Kohl's](#) | [Maine DOE](#)
- Schools with natural playscapes: [Longfellow School](#) (principal states that naturalization of playground has cut behavioral issues by 2/3. The Wells school system has also added a natural feature to their playground.
- Reading and research: [Experiencing Nature with Young Children](#) | [naturalplaygrounds.com](#) | [rustykeeler.com](#) | [National Playground Safety Council](#)

Playground fundraiser / gofundme page [Michelle Violette]:

- The ongoing [OOB Schools Playground Equipment Fundraiser](#) has received over \$6,000 in donations! Check out the Tri City All Stars performing 'Christmas by the Sea' on the fundraiser page if you haven't already and share the fundraiser link liberally.
- Discussed forming a new 'Playground Committee' led by Michelle Violette. This committee will meet to discuss the project moving forward, how to raise needed funds, and what the best use of those funds to improve and modernize our playground at both schools would be. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact pto@rsu23.org. All community members are welcome to join.

Old Business

Box Top update:

- Received a check for ~\$600, with 2,800 more box tops received and counted for later submission. The deadline for next submission is March (with payout in April).
- Discussed setting a collection goal for both schools and awarding the snow cone machine prize to all students if target is met

Dylan Tenney magic show:

We will be hosting a Magic Show in the Jameson gym for grades preK-5 on January 20th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 per family. Volunteers are needed for set-up, concession table, and admission. Please contact Kim at pto@rsu23.org if you can help.

Prize Raffle:

Planning for our Annual Prize Raffle (formerly the Penny Social) is underway! We have had several volunteers help with donation requests. More information to come as the April 7th event date nears. If you have a hobby or talent, and would like to make a donation for our raffle, please contact Kim at pto@rsu23.org. Additionally, the PTO has agreed that all funds raised at the Prize Raffle will go directly to our ongoing playground fundraiser. Thank you to all those who helped to send out letters.

New Business

Mad Science:

- There is one more group taking place in April
- We've been contacted by Mad Science about doing an all-school assembly. Kim will touch base for details as an assembly has already been done this school year.

Teacher reimbursements – how to improve participation:

Tabled until next meeting—Barbara and Andrea will solicit feedback from teachers

Grade 3-5 dance:

- The Valentine's dance for grades 3-5 will be held in the LMS gym on February 10
- Jason Webber has agreed to DJ
- Donations are needed for the concession table as well volunteer chaperones. A big group is expected, making this an urgent need. Please contact Kim at pto@rsu23.org if you are able to help.

Office elections:

Nominations for **all** officer positions will take place at the March meeting, with voting at the April meeting.

Other:

Group discussed adding an agenda item for the February meeting re: early disbursement of extra funds

Adjournment

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Loranger library. Childcare will be provided. See you there!

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Loranger-Jameson PTO Monthly Financial Report

Dec-16

Checking:					
Beginning Balance					\$7,565.28
Expenses					
Date	Check#	Who	Description	Category	Amount
12/3/2016	ACH	Ready Fresh	Water Cooler	Teacher	59.65
12/5/2016	Debit	Target	Box Top Prizes	Contest	90
12/5/2016	1079	Heather Putnam	Childacre-December	PTO Meeting Childcare	\$25.00
12/5/2016	1080	Margaret Hopkins	Music Pre K-2	Teacher Reimburse	\$50.00
12/14/2016	Debit	Wal Mart	Stamps	PTO Supplies	\$18.80
12/21/2016	1081	Yankee Candle	Amount due-missed order	Fundraiser	\$ 30.00
12/21/2016	1082	Mad Science	LMS	Enrichment	\$1,000.00
Total Expenses					\$1,273.45
Deposits					
Date			Who	Description	Amount
12/23/2016			Kim Beaudoin	Fundraiser	\$ 509.60
Total Deposits/Credits					\$ 509.60
Checking: Ending Balance					#####
Savings:					
Savings account set up for playground donations:					
Deposit					
1/6/2017	Checks/Cash	Mark Beaudoin	Private donations	Playground Donation	\$ 1,605.00
Savings: Ending Balance					#####
November Fundraiser					
Yankee Candle Sale					
Profit-To Date					\$ 4,949.47
Teacher Reimburse					
		Paid To Date	Budgeted	Balance	
		\$712.49	\$2,600.00	\$1,887.51	
Field Trips					
		\$ 3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	
Clynk Balance					\$676.75
Checking/Savings/Clynk Balance					\$9,083.18

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Tentative Schedule of PTO Events: 2016-17

<i>August 6</i>	<i>50/50 Raffle at Powder Horn Campground</i>
<i>August 9</i>	<i>PTO Meeting</i>
<i>August 31</i>	<i>LMS Open House</i>
<i>September 1</i>	<i>JAM Open House</i>
<i>September 10</i>	<i>JAM School Clean-up and Beautification</i>
<i>September 12</i>	<i>PTO Meeting</i>
<i>September 23</i>	<i>JAM Movie Night</i>
<i>October 1</i>	<i>JAM/LMS Pumpkin Sale</i>
<i>October 3</i>	<i>PTO Meeting</i>
<i>October 3-25</i>	<i>Yankee Candle Fundraiser</i>
<i>October 20</i>	<i>JAM Spooky Story Time</i>
<i>November 7</i>	<i>PTO Meeting</i>
<i>November 30</i>	<i>Box Top Challenge Ends</i>
<i>December 5</i>	<i>PTO Meeting</i>
<i>January 9</i>	<i>PTO Meeting</i>
January 20	Dylan Tenney Magic Show
February 6	PTO Meeting
February 10	Grades 3-5 Valentine Dance
Feb TBD?	JAM Movie Night
March 6	PTO Meeting
March TBD	Box Top Challenge
April 3	PTO Meeting
April 7	Prize Raffle
May 1	PTO Meeting
May TBD	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 19	Grades 6-8 Dance
June 5	PTO Meeting

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