

Loranger - Jameson

Parent Teacher Organization



Meeting Minutes

Date/time: Monday, 11/2/15 | 6:00 pm
Location: Jameson Cafeteria
Attendees: Anne Shermerhorn, Barbara Roberge, Buffi Webber, Kate Young, Kayla Morris, Kim Beaudoin, Lori Kennedy, Mark Beaudoin, Mr. Flaherty, Mr. Shabo, Ms. Fletcher, Nicole Arey, Nicole-Jo Charette, Samantha Sauls, Serena Nadeau, Shannon Bryant, Teresa Androkitis

Secretary's Report

Welcome and quick overview of minutes from the 10/5 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Brief overview of the [November Financial Report](#).

Summary:

- Approximate Jameson balance: \$5600 | Approximate Loranger balance: \$6800
- Agreed to increase the Camp Kieve donation to \$500 in 2016
- Watercooler discussion tabled for now—will discuss at the 12/7 meeting

Faculty's Report

Mrs. White/Mrs. Roberge report

Teacher	Grade	Amount/Detail	Status
Mr. MacDonald	Phys. Ed	\$25 for Five Below footballs	approved
Ms. Kurtz	Occ. Therapy	\$23.78 for dry erase cleaner/Ziploc, etc.	approved
Ms. Sotir	Spec. Ed	~\$25 for cooking supplies	approved

Wish List

Teacher	Grade	Items Wished For
Peggy/Terry	Custodial	Lysol Wipes – Ms. Fletcher will put it on the Jameson wish list and this request will be mentioned in the newsletter.
Mr. Shabo	Asst. Principal	Donations for Snack Program – running low and would like to build a surplus in time for Winter sports season. Mr. Shabo/Kim will have this added to the Loranger wish list.

Principal's Report

Jameson update [Ms. Fletcher]:

- The ribbon cutting ceremony for the pre-k playground occurred last week. Ms. Gallant will coordinate sign-ups for K-2 to visit the pre-K playground. This will allow grades K-2 to build connections with the little ones.
- The needs assessment for the Jameson/Loranger playground is planned. This assessment will uncover things that *need* to be done and other opportunities to make improvements.
- The kids enjoyed Halloween festivities last week—wearing orange & black and taking part in individual classroom celebrations. Officer Porter came in for the Friday assembly and spoke about Halloween safety.
- The kids participated in a lock-down practice last week. They did a great job.
- The next early release day is Wednesday, 11/4. Teachers are continually being surveyed to make sure that content for professional development days is as relevant as possible.

Loranger update [Mr. Flaherty]:

- The grades 6-8 costume dance took place last week. Attendance was a little bit lighter this year given competing activities and the kids just returning from Kiev. Still, 92 kids were in attendance and fun was had by all.
- Grades 3-8 were allowed to wear costumes to school to celebrate Halloween. The kids had an awesome day and behavior was great for the most part.
- The kids participated in lock-down practice last week. These drills have uncovered some challenges around old equipment/door locks which administration is working through. The observation has been that the high school kids are well versed in these procedures from all the great practice year after year.

Jameson/Loranger update [Mr. Shabo]:

- Restorative practices: we're seeing positive results with this initiative to coach 8th graders who are struggling with their attitudes at school and at home. Circles are working, kids are communicating and advocating for themselves.
- Attended a valuable AP conference about Performance Based Education
- Seeking volunteers for this Friday, 11/6 from 7:50-8:20 to help with Connections so teachers may attend staff picture day.

Old Business

- **Non-profit status update:** the accountant confirmed that the paperwork will be sent on Wednesday. We're hoping this process will be complete by mid-December. Update at next meeting on 12/7.
- Discussed possibility of obtaining grant for gardens – more to come on that
- The **Mixed Bag Fundraiser** brought in approximately \$4400 in profit—a substantial increase from last year

New Business

- **Box Tops:** This phase of the contest ends on Friday, 11/6. As of the last update, Ms. Falvey and Ms. Allen are in the lead. Group agreed to allow winners to purchase something for their individual classrooms with the award money, versus the traditional prize of a classroom party. First place will receive \$50, second place will receive \$25 and third place will receive \$10. That's a total of \$170 for both schools.
- The **Winter Wonderland** story walk is scheduled for Friday, 12/11 from 6:00-8:00. The PTO will partner with the Rec Dept. to run the inside snack table, craft table and face painting. Hot chocolate, water, cookies and popcorn will be available. Kim has put in a request for high school volunteers, but we are still in need of more helpers. Contact Kim if you're interested.
- **Memory Books** at Jameson: Group agreed that we will pre-pay for 100 books this year to meet expected demand. The actual cost is \$6 with a sale price of \$10.
- **Bulletin Boards:** Lisa will continue at Jameson and Mrs. Lees at Loranger
- **Keeping Kids Safe Program:** [Brenda]:
 - Brenda joined the group to discuss the [Keeping Kids Safe Program](#). The mission of the program is to bring together resources for parents and schools to keep children safe.
 - Administration has viewed the presentation and feels the messaging around internet safety is important for parents and kids to receive.
 - Brenda proposed a presentation for parents/faculty and a separate presentation for the children. They normally present to grades 4-10 at a cost of \$350 per grade. The group discussed negotiating for a combined presentation given our small class size.
 - Group decided the "scratch off" fundraiser was not something we wish to pursue.
 - Discussed looking into lower-cost alternatives to the Keeping Kids Safe Program (e.g., speaking to Officer Porter to see if he could offer a comparable presentation, IRIS scanning, contacting the Center for Exploited Children and other centers that may offer similar programs to the public for free).
 - PTO members are encouraged to look through the brochure and come prepared at the next meeting to make a decision.

Adjournment

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for December 7 @ 6:00 pm in the Jameson Cafeteria. See you then!

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Loranger-Jameson PTO - Monthly Financial Report
November 2015*

Beginning Balance **\$1,540.27**

Expenses					
Date	Check #	Who	Description	Category	Amount
10/5/2015	1750	Heather Putnam	childcare	PTO Expense	\$25.00
10/31/2015	1751	Mrs. Giguere		Teacher Wish List	\$51.70
10/31/2015	1752	Bethany Rocheleau		Teacher Wish List	\$16.93
10/31/2015	1753	Sarah Wilder	3rd grade team	Teacher Wish List	\$94.71
10/31/2015	1754	Dawn Strandburg		Teacher Wish List	\$50.25
10/31/2015	1756	Mackenzie Holland		Teacher Wish List	\$50.00
Total Expenses					\$288.59

Deposits					
Date		Who	Description	Category	Amount
10/19/2015		--		Fundraiser - Mixed Bags	\$4,394.21
10/19/2015		--		Fundraiser - Mixed Bags	\$4,270.21
10/19/2015		--		Fundraiser - Pumpkin Sale	\$44.00
Total Deposits					\$8,708.42

Ending Balance **\$9,960.10**

Teacher Wish List		
Starting Balance		\$1,255.76
This Month's Requests		\$263.59
Ending Balance		\$992.17

Future Expenses and Deposits					
Date		Who	Description	Category	Amount
--	--	?	501c expense (approx)	PTO Expense	\$(1,000.00)
--	--	--	pumpkin sales (includes \$200 cash box)	Fundraiser - Pumpkin Sale	\$1,515.15
--	--	--		Fundraiser - T-Shirts	\$12.00
--	--	--		Fundraiser - Yearbooks	\$20.00
--	--	--	Flaherty's Farm	Fundraiser - Pumpkin Sale	\$(519.36)
Total Future Expenses and Deposits					\$27.79

* reconciled to bank statements as of 8/31/15
 ** Loranger checking balance: \$2596.83, as of 9/13/15.

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