

# Loranger - Jameson

## Parent Teacher Organization



### Meeting Minutes

**Date/time:** Monday, 12/7/15 | 5:30 pm

**Location:** Jameson Cafeteria

### Keeping Kids Safe Presentation

Mike O'Neal (founder and CEO of [Keeping Kids Safe](#)) joined to share a condensed version of the presentation he facilitates for jr. high/high school children. This presentation teaches kids and parents about the dangers of online sharing/social media and how to stay safe.

#### Sampling of media shared:

- [The Dangers of Social Media - Girl Edition](#)
- [The Dangers of Social Media - Boy Edition](#)
- [Child Internet PSA](#)
- [Rossen Reports: Webcam](#)
- [Bullied Student: Chy Johnson](#)
- [Anchor's On-Air Response to Bullying](#)

#### Post-presentation discussion:

- Middle school audience identified as target group
- Kenny Blow (Town Council) and Helen Whittaker (Crime Watch Council) attended
- The Town Council is enthusiastic about having a presentation done and there may be funding available for it
- There is some concern that the content of the presentation might be too harsh. Administrators will reach out to a couple other schools who have received this presentation and request feedback. They may also consider looking into other options with Office Porter.
- All agreed that parent communication beforehand is key, potential opt in/opt out
- A decision should be made soon—all are encouraged to reflect on the presentation and come prepared at the 1/4 meeting to have a roundtable and reach a decision

### Treasurer's Report

Chris Lasalle provided an overview of the [December Financial Report](#).

#### In summary:

- Monthly expenses: ~\$3900 (mixed bag, fee to lawyer, Mad Science, garden, CLYNK)
- Monthly deposits: ~\$1570 (mixed bag/pumpkin sale proceeds, yearbooks, etc.)
- Balances: ~\$7600 ending | ~\$780 teacher wish list | \$300 outstanding lawyer balance

#### Watercooler update:

The watercooler for Jameson is in place at the same price as the Loranger watercooler.

## Faculty's Report

Mrs. White/Mrs. Lees/Mrs. Roberge report			
Teacher	Grade	Amount/Detail	Status
Ms. Hopkins	music	\$28.39 for bulletin board supplies	approved
Ms. O'Neal	grade 1	\$24 for holidays around the world, popcorn party, handwriting SLCs	approved
Ms. McSorley	grade 3	\$29 for electric pencil sharpener	approved

## Principal's Report

### Jameson update [Ms. Fletcher]:

- Report cards went home on Friday. Feedback received is that October progress checks were very helpful for parents.
- Friday morning assemblies continue to be successful and fun (star pledge, star student winners, other fun activities).
- Mrs. Falvey (K) is always looking for new ways to engage students with technology. She is currently piloting [Padlet](#) and [Kahoot](#) and continuously shares her learnings with staff.
- Updates by grade:

<b>Pre-K</b>	creative learning centers in progress
<b>K</b>	developing foundational skills (reading, writing, sight words), reindeer research, iPad work and digital portfolios
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	handwriting SLCs (student learning communities), Festival of Trees field trip
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Festival of Trees field trip, Toys for Tots Downeastster field trip, animal adaptations unit, base-10 math

### Loranger update [Mr. Flaherty]:

- Assemblies continue to be successful: grades 3-5 are scheduled for Friday afternoons and grades 6-8 meet on Monday mornings.
- The combined K-8 assembly took place the week before Thanksgiving. The middle school band played and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class sang. Lots of moving parts and logistical planning to make this happen. The next combined assembly is scheduled for **Monday, 12/21 at 11:45** – come check it out!
- Teachers have recently been given some leeway in supplementing the math program to help students develop math computation skills (this flexibility didn't exist when we were part of the RSU).
- Due to a unique student population, a new Special Ed teacher has come on board at Jameson. Welcome, Jen MacDonald!
- Jameson/Loranger have two new custodians and we're seeing a great benefit already.
- Surrounding school districts are inquiring about our restorative practices work and wanting to observe and learn from us.

## Jameson/Loranger update [Mr. Shabo]:

- There is a new award for teachers who recognize students with star tickets. The winner is randomly selected (based on the number of tickets they've awarded) and receives a premium parking spot. Last week, Mr. Poirier won and this week the winner was Ms. Bartlett.
- The Golden Ticket dance (k-5) was a ton of fun: lights, fog machine, movie playing/craft space. The kids were wonderful.
- We're participating in Toys for Tots: several donations have been received and we're looking for more.
- There is a holiday concert on **12/16 at 6:00 pm** in the Loranger gym.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are having a sparkling treasure wonderland presentation on **12/21 at 5:00 pm** (parents/family/friends welcome).
- Thank you for the donation to the new Loranger garden. The compost is in; PTO funds donated went toward soil and loam. Next up: planting grass, installing a park bench and walkway. Come check out the garden!
- We're running low on snack donations with basketball in session. Your donations are very much appreciated. Good snacks to donate: granola bars, snack crackers, pudding, apple sauce, bananas). No candy please.

## Old Business

- **Non-profit status update:** We're officially a 501C! Kate will start the process of looking into the Kohl's grant and will provide an update at our next meeting.
- **Box Top update:** We had a very successful first round! We made over \$1,000 and have already mailed in ~\$345 toward the Spring check. Jameson and Loranger almost tied. Continue sending box tops in as you have them.

## New Business

- **Winter Wonderland Walk:** Reminder that this event is this Friday, 12/11 from 6:00-8:00 and there are currently 55 people pre-registered. Discussed current list of volunteers and sought additional help (baking cookies, providing supplies, etc.)
- **Penny Social:** Looking to repeat the penny social this year in March. Kim will get a letter ready for the public and group will seek donations from area businesses for the raffle. This event was pretty successful last year and we're hoping it will be more successful this year with both schools participating. Mrs. Shabo noted that there is a school dance on March 25.
- **Bulletin Board update:** Thank to everyone who has designed a bulletin board—they look awesome. Please remember to take a picture to put on Facebook and in Mr. Shabo's newsletter when you complete. Seeking volunteers for February on.

## Adjournment

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 4 @ 6:00 pm** in the Jameson Cafeteria. See you then!

## Loranger-Jameson PTO - Monthly Financial Report

December 2015\*

## Beginning Balance

\$9,960.10

## Expenses

Date	Check #	Who	Description	Category	Amount
10/2/2015	--		cash box	Fundraiser - Pumpkin Sale	\$200.00
11/2/2015	1755	Mixed Bag Designs	Payment	Fundraiser - Mixed Bags	\$1,906.75
11/2/2015	?	Heather Putnam	child care	PTO Expense	\$25.00
11/2/2015	?	Linda Maloy	501c expense	PTO Expense	\$500.00
11/2/2015	?	Mad Science	Mad Science (Loranger)	Enrichment Programs	\$340.00
11/4/2015	1757	Candice LaSalle	CLYNK bag	CLYNK	\$9.24
11/4/2015	1758	Mad Science	Mad Science (Jameson)	Enrichment Programs	\$570.00
11/19/2015	DEBIT	Mixed Bag Designs	Final payment	Fundraiser - Mixed Bags	\$140.00
11/23/2015	1759	Moody's	Seaver - garden supplies	Teacher Wish List	\$105.71
11/25/2015	1760	Mrs. Kurtz		Teacher Wish List	\$23.78
11/25/2015	1761	Mr. McDonald		Teacher Wish List	\$25.00
11/25/2015	1762	Katie Sotir		Teacher Wish List	\$25.21
11/25/2015	1763	Mike Burke		Teacher Wish List	\$31.97

Total Expenses \$3,902.66

## Deposits

Date	Who	Description	Category	Amount
11/7/2015	--	Jameson account	Fundraiser - Mixed Bags	\$462.00
11/7/2015	--	Jameson yearbooks	Fundraiser - Yearbooks	\$80.00
11/7/2015		Jameson t-shirts	Fundraiser - T-Shirts	\$12.00
11/7/2015		Donations	Donations	\$40.00
11/7/2015		Sales - payment to Flaherty's	Fundraiser - Pumpkin Sale	\$977.79

Total Deposits \$1,571.79

## Ending Balance

\$7,629.23

## Teacher Wish List

Starting Balance \$992.17  
 This Month's Requests \$211.67  
 Ending Balance \$780.50

## Future Expenses and Deposits

Date	Who	Description	Category	Amount	
--	--	?	501c expense (approx)?	PTO Expense	\$(500.00)

Total Future Expenses and Deposits \$(500.00)

\* reconciled to bank statements as of 8/31/15

\*\* Loranger checking balance: \$2766.52, as of 11/11/15.

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