

**Jackson Elementary School PTA**  
**General Business Meeting Minutes**  
**April 5th at 6pm**  
**Meeting in IMC**

**A. Call Meeting to Order**

- a. Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Emmaly Renshaw. Present: Becky Smith, Amy Blomquist, Christi Winders, Kaci Maire, Ryan Patterson, Kerry Talyat, Amy Bower, Gale Skogman, James, Girdner, Connie Stusak, Nathan Blomme, Mike Fritz, Brandon Blankenship, Lauren Kohlenberg, Melissa White, Julie McMahan, Emmaly Renshaw

**B. Approval of March 2016 Minutes**

- a. Minutes from March 1st meeting were read silently and had no corrections. Minutes were approved as stand.

**C. Reports of Officers**

- a. Membership – Rebecca Smith
  - i. no changes
- b. Treasurer - Melissa White
  - i. During March, we paid for basketball hoops & Kagan supplies. Balance is slowing going down.
- c. Presidents – Julie & Emmaly
  - i. Reviewed Super Skate afternoon & Breakfast with a Buddy - both well attended; need to plan for double amount of RSVPs for next year's Breakfast with Buddy
  - ii. HyVee Cash for Students program is wrapping up on April 30 - turn in your receipts.
  - iii. YMCA at Stoney Point has Super Healthy Kids Day on April 30 9-noon. FREE
  - iv. Try the Y Week is April 18-23 where students, parents, and staff can use any of the area YMCAs for FREE. Flyer available in workroom.

**D. Report of Principal - Jim Girdner**

- a. Offer and acceptance has gone out to new principal, Nick Duffy. Still needs approval by school board at their next meeting.
- b. Technology
  - i. Schools are on 3 year rotation, with Jackson's rotation to occur during 2016/17. Based upon enrollment, will receive 184 new devices. Choices are desktops with touch screens, adult laptops, tablets or ipads. Getting feedback from staff on what would work best. If portable devices in computer lab, will need to install a gate in upper hallway that locks overnight. Received feedback that surface pros are not as durable with the younger students. Compiling info to submit by April 15. There is a form that can be completed to request to keep technology if it was purchased (by PTA or others) in the last 18 months to be able to keep it at Jackson.

**E. Report of Committees & Coordinators**

- a. Volunteer Coordinators
  - i. Book Fair in April, please signup to help during the event - see signup genius in Thursday Folders; will be located in workroom upstairs
    - 1. Apr 15, 9-10am - help with setup
    - 2. Apr 18, 9-3 - help with preview day where students come through and complete wish lists
    - 3. Apr 19-21 - help with selling items before & after school

- 4. Apr 21 - help teardown book fair
- ii. If interested in being a volunteer coordinator for next year, contact Amy Bower to learn more
  - 1. records hours to District in database by 5th of the month
  - 2. coordinates various activities like America Reads, Screenings, Book Fairs
- b. SCRIP
  - i. Starting to sell HyVee Coupon books (available in grab & go bag or on bi-weekly order form). Cost is \$10. School receives \$7 from each sale.
- c. Green Team - Green bucks earned from last year will be used to get new recycling bins that are lighter weight
- d. Garden Club
  - i. Students participated in a garden class during Enrichment
  - ii. Working with kinders/1st graders to plant seedlings
  - iii. Will be planting again in the garden in May
  - iv. Looking for families to adopt a week of garden maintenance during summer break
  - v. Plans are coming together for this year's garden so if interested in being involved or have suggestions, contact Julie or Emmaly
- e. Walking School Bus - Route 1 is starting up April 6 and continues WOW (Walk on Wednesdays) Walks, walking to school. If signed up last fall, are automatically registered for this spring. If want to join, see info & registration form in Thursday folders. Route 2 is on hold until volunteers are available to walk with the students - if interested in volunteering, contact Julie McMahan
- f. Enrichment
  - i. 14 classes were offered
  - ii. Reviewed and received this feedback:
    - 1. Liked having it on one Saturday morning instead of April Mondays after school
    - 2. Didn't need as much storage and not as many snacks needed
    - 3. Kids were more alert, engaged, students wanted to be there, was quieter/calm in building
    - 4. Do it mid-winter, instead of April?
    - 5. Try to offer more physical options, like Zumba
    - 6. Enrollment was down about 30 students but offered more intimate learning
- g. Spring Carnival
  - i. May 20, 5:30-7:30
  - ii. Will be gathering donation items for raffle baskets during April - watch for flyer in Thursday folders
  - iii. planning meetings occurring after PTA Meetings

## F. Old Business

- a. Basketball Hoops for blacktop
  - i. Have been paid for & District will install post thaw (after last frost)
- b. Back to School Supplies
  - i. will continue to use EPI for supply packs; ordering available through June/early July; watch for flyer in Thursday folders to order
  - ii. District provided suggested supply lists
    - 1. Additional needs are highlighters, sanitizer, paper
    - 2. Discussed upping the classroom supplies amount from \$100 to \$150 for next year & include the office for general needs - next year's PTA will need to decide & approve

3. Also discussed doing the Giving Tree twice/year (at beginning of school year in addition to Christmas time) - could advertize in July and bring in at school supply drop off
- c. Recess Cart
  - i. Supplies have been purchased and still need to be assembled.
  - ii. Brandon & Julie will work to assemble - if others are interested in helping, contact Julie

## G. New Business

- a. New PTA Board
  - i. looking for new members to join the PTA board for next year for President, Vice President & Treasurer; if you or know of another is interested, contact [jacksonjetspta@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonjetspta@gmail.com)
  - ii. Voted and approved Darci Jackson for Secretary (Savannah motioned, Gale 2nd) & Brandon Blankenship for Membership Chair (Amy Blomquist motioned, Amy Bower 2nd)
- b. New Playground Equipment/Blacktop Activities - teachers have indicated there are limited activities available for blacktop only recess days so discussed possible net playground structures that range in price from \$8k - \$40k. Will need to fundraise and address options for next school year.
- c. Staff Appreciation - will be purchasing 2 new microwaves for staff lounge, and gifts for each staff member
- d. Kids Against Hunger (KAH) - Connie Stusak spoke on kicking off another KAH campaign to begin April 11; may have KAH tshirts again; drive continues through carnival with Pack Day on May 27; bring in those quarters

## H. Announcements

Wednesday, Apr 13 - Early Dismissal at 1:30	Friday, May 13 - In Service Day, no school
Friday, Apr 15 - Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast 8:00 - 8:40am	Friday, May 20 - Spring Carnival 5:30 - 7:30pm
Monday, Apr 18 - 22 - Book Fair	Friday, May 27 - KAH Pack Day
Tuesday, May 3 - PTA Meeting at 6:00pm	Friday, May 27 - Jackson Night at the Kernels 6:35pm
Wednesday, May 4 - International Bike to School Day	Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day - no school
Thursday, May 5 - Turn in Hy-Vee Receipts - collection for this year ends	Thursday, June 2 - Field Day & Early Dismissal at 1:30
Saturday, May 7 - Lace Up For Learning	

## I. Adjourn Meeting

- a. meeting adjourned 7:10pm (Gale motioned 1st; Becky 2nd)