

Jeffrey Rather Robert Seaman PTA Meeting Minutes September 15, 2021

Welcome/Announcements (Sheree Weingarten)

Thank you everyone for attending our first ever Jeffrey Ratner Robert Seaman Elementary School PTA meeting today.

We would like to welcome:

- New Co-President, Melissa Mancuso
- New executive board officers Robyn Mermelstein (co-VP) and Maria Nocerino
- New executive board members Orit Yakuel, Melanie Cohen, Danille Jackowitz, Tina Szeto, Angela Ip and Christine Oh

We would like to thank Mrs. Kletter, teachers, staff, and especially our custodial staff for an extremely successful school re-opening with all COVID protocols in place to keep everyone safe

Reminder that **Photo Day** is September 22 and will take place outdoors (weather permitting) (retake day November 3rd). If outdoors, we will take regular class group photos rather than the composite style like last year. Parents will be able to pay and select packages online. Instructions will be sent by Irvin Simon directly a few weeks after the photo day with an online code for ordering.

Mr. Grishman's Report

Thank you to the teachers and staff for such a wonderful school re-opening. We had a great first day and the kids were so happy to be at school.

Despite the number of breakthrough COVID cases, the Nassau County Department of Health feels that the Delta variant is going to level off and hopefully October will be a quieter month.

The vast majority of staff are vaccinated. Any adult working in the building who has not been vaccinated must be tested every 7 days.

Our zip code has had some of the lowest infection rates over the past four weeks.

Secretary's Report (Stephanie Richman)

An attendance sheet is being passed around. If you are a head room rep, please be sure to initial that sheet.

The next Board of Education meeting is September 23, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

Our next general PTA meeting will take place on October 13, 2021 at 9:30 am.

Please be sure to check our PTA web site, Facebook and Instagram pages to stay informed on PTA events, fundraisers, etc.

Minutes from the PTA meeting will be posted on the PTA web site.

Treasurer's Report (Emily Wachtel)

This year's PTA budget was reviewed and passed. All of our accounts are in good standing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Unlike 2020, we are moving forward this year like a regular school year and planning on holding all events in person. We are very excited to be running 22 committees plus the 5th grade PTA. As the year progresses, we will all wait for instructions from Mrs. Kletter and the district office to see what adjustments we need to make for our events and plans based on CDC guidelines with the safety of our children being the most important priority.

Bulletin Board: The September bulletin board features the Jayhawk mascot wearing his JRRS t-shirt. Thank you to Cherilyn Weiss and Meredith Greenberg, as well as to Mrs. Gilfedder for assisting our team.

Welcome Back Picnic: The event is scheduled for Friday, September 17th with a rain date of Tuesday, September 21st. Thank you to Sahba Tehrani and family for donating food from the Persian Grill and to the family of Maryam Tehrani for donating pizza. Families are encouraged to bring blankets, lawn chairs and their own sports equipment. There will be an obstacle course set up for the kids, a DJ and ice cream. Fifth grade merchandise will also be sold.

Seaman Connect: The PTA welcomed new families to Jericho with a special event on August 23 featuring a tour of the school, a Q&A with the PTA, distribution of trip t-shirts, and delicious bagels and cookies from Bagel Boss in Roslyn. The committee is also organizing a meet up for new families at Homecoming on September 25th from 1-3 pm.

Box Tops / AmazonSmile / Shoprite for My School: A flyer was distributed via the head room reps outlining how to participate with each fundraising program. This is an easy way to help the PTA raise money.

Community Service: Hats for Heroes is going on September 13-15 and will be extended through the 17th for anyone who still wishes to donate new hats (with tags) for children suffering from cancer.

Family Photo: Family Photo Day will take place on Saturday, November 6th at the home of Maryam Tehrani. A flyer will be distributed on Remind with more information including how to sign up and pay using MemberHub.

Sunshine: The teachers and staff were treated to an amazing hero sandwich lunch courtesy of the PTA. Heroes were displayed in the shape of our new school name, JRRS! Thank you to the Sternchos family for donating Ratner- Seaman note pads and pens for our staff to use at their desks.

Fifth Grade Committee: The committee has been working all summer on planning and getting everything up and running for this year. The 5th grade merchandise is on sale today and 5th grade t-shirts for the sports and spirit event taking place on October 1st are being worked on. We also have a few Back to School fundraisers taking place in September:

- Ices pre-sale going through September 24th on MemberHub
- Personalized water bottles through September 24th on MemberHub
- Sneaker collection from September 27-October 1 (bins located in school lobby)

Fifth Grade Yearbook: The team met over the summer and will be sending out a flyer soon asking 5th grade parents to start looking for baby pictures to include, along with old photos from school events.

Health and Safety: The committee is working on Red Ribbon Week.

Plant Sale: This year's plant sale will take place on October 7th all day outdoors. Plants have been ordered and we will do the pumpkin patch where kids select a pumpkin and then decorate it in their classroom (pumpkins will be funded by class dues). There will be a pre-sale on MemberHub from September 20-24 for larger sized items and for those parents who cannot attend to shop with their children. The shopping schedule will be distributed via Remind.

Membership: Please join the PTA on MemberHub. Dues are \$10 per family.

SEPTA: Melissa Rand is our SEPTA representative this year. A SEPTA membership flyer has been emailed to parents. There will be a meet and greet on September 24th at 10 am at Cantiague School with all principals. The first SEPTA meeting is on September 28th at 7pm in the Middle School Library.

Programming: The committee is hard at work on some exciting assemblies for our kids. Programming and field trips will be virtual, although, we may be able to bring in a few guest speakers.

Sweatshirt: Our amazing fall sweatshirt line is available on MemberHub. The sale closes on October 29 and merchandise will be delivered to your child's classroom.

MRS. KLETTER'S REPORT:

Mrs. Kletter has been spending time in each classroom getting to know the students by talking about a variety of subjects including pets, nutritional labels (to teach children about allergies), trusting the adults around them for help, and how kids can be safe and learn.

This year we will be focusing on STRETCH.

Please be sure to read the "From the Principal's Desk" weekly bulletins. The calendar is updated each time so please review.

Parents are encouraged to get the Remind app for PTA flyers, notices, etc.

You don't need a Twitter account to see all of the JRRS tweets. Just google #JRRSfamily.