



**Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 7:30 PM**

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1. President's Welcome – *Katrina Madden/Natalie Cusato* [JEPTOPresident@gmail.com](mailto:JEPTOPresident@gmail.com)

- Introduction of PTO BOD members
  - PTO Communications Policy
  - Recent PTO activities and events
    - Playdate for incoming kindergartners
    - Contribution to the Annual Friends of Reading METCO Pool Party
    - New student welcome bags
    - Technology purchase - \$25,000
      - Carts and document cameras
      - If money is left over, Bee Bots will be purchased for kindergarten and first grade for basic coding
    - New student orientation
  - Staff Appreciation/School Resources
    - Bulletin board decorating – right before school started, items provided by Mrs. Ippolito
    - Welcome back staff luncheon – thanks to Kevin and Lori Briere
    - Playground painting and improvements – met with DPW, Reading Rec.– hope to do some repainting and spruce it up a little to match the new parking lot
  - Community Service
    - Book Collection for Mission of Deeds at Back-to-School Family Picnic
      - Instead of just requesting board books they will now take through 5<sup>th</sup> grade level

2. Vice President's Update – *Julia Bonarrigo* [JEPTOVp@gmail.com](mailto:JEPTOVp@gmail.com)

- Event request forms should be all taken care of
- Enrichment events will be paper forms; confirming times

Mrs. Ippolito introduced Mrs. Ingemi and Mrs. Emery who were joining us for the meeting. Hope to have teachers each meeting.

3. Volunteer Coordinator Update - *Susan Audley/Lesley Yamaki* [JEVolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:JEVolunteers@gmail.com)

- SOS Forms
  - Going out this week. New Online option!
    - Sign up for what you can; they will check in closer to actual events to see if you can still help
    - Also opportunity to sign up to be a room parent
- Room Parents
  - Meeting set for October 10th. Selecting process ongoing

4. Fundraising Updates – Nicole O'Leary [JEFundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:JEFundraiser@gmail.com)

- Calareso's
  - This year dates are Oct 15 – Nov 2 and March 25 – April 12
- Box Top week coming up
  - Same as book fair week
- Amazon smile and Scripp – trying to encourage people to do these easy fundraisers

5. Enrichment Update –Heather Gagliardi/Rachel Hitch [JEnrichment@gmail.com](mailto:JEnrichment@gmail.com)

- Communication
  - Getting grade level info to the grade level volunteers.
  - Volunteer meetings with teachers.
  - Going paperless this year
- School Program Ideas? Past favorites?
  - Trying to set up all school assemblies. Rachel looking for suggestions in these categories:
    1. Positive development/self-confidence
    2. STEM/interactive hands on
    3. Cultural
  - Have you tried to set up the STEAM museum again? They aren't varying but 2 of the exhibits this year, so no.

6. Social Update – Christina DiRico/Tori Murphy [JEPTOSocial@gmail.com](mailto:JEPTOSocial@gmail.com)

- Back to school picnic, September 17
  - Sign up genius going out to scoop slush
- Howl prep - co coordinator needed for this year to work with Christina DiRico, event on October 26
  - Kids welcome to come help decorate
  - Goes faster now that event is on a Friday; start right at school dismissal and done by 5:00 start
  - Breakdown assistance also needed, done by 9 pm.

7. Treasurers' Update – Kevin Briere/Ibrahim Al-Qamari [JoshuaEatonPTO@gmail.com](mailto:JoshuaEatonPTO@gmail.com)

- Donation drive forms going home tomorrow, doing raffle for donations for a gift card
- Accepting paperless donations this year with a link to Paypal. We do take a 3% haircut on each donation done this way so keep that in mind.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday**, October 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM