

**George A. Jackson Elementary**  
**58 Maytime Drive**  
**Jericho, New York**  
**PTA Minutes**  
**September 22, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by co-president, Tammy Balko. Jill Citron was introduced as co-president as well. Everyone was welcomed to the new school year. The executive board introduced themselves.

Thank you to Adriana Milana and Avril D'Costa for today's hospitality. Welcome to Mary Marks, Barbara Bauer and Shawn Gladstone.

Liaisons present raised their hands: Audra Markman, Marybeth Medolla, Jodi Orbuch, Gloria Fumo, Pam Heath, Amy Diaz and Lisa Cooper.

We'd like to mention our new staff members for this school year  
Eric Motkin is co teaching with Mrs. Belloti. Reshma Tharani is a co teacher with Mrs. Rosen and Shana Kotlus is a co teacher with Mrs. Rivera.

Safety was discussed including the policy to sign in the office when visiting Jackson and allow the office staff to relay messages and items to the classrooms.

There are seven PTA meetings scheduled for this year, four are scheduled in the morning and three are in the evening. Jericho as a district is paperless, so information will come home by e-mail. Please check your e-mail daily and stay informed and involved.

One of our goals of PTA this year, as in past years, is to reach out to the general membership and encourage involvement in a broader range of PTA activities. We know that some parents are available during the day and others on evenings and weekends. We hope you will step up, help out, and participate in whatever way you can, on whatever time schedule you keep. Your children will be happy you did and so will you! We'd be happy to help you find an opportunity that suits you!

#### ROOM REPS & CLASS CAPTAINS

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to be a room rep or class captain. Please let us know if you would like to sign up as room rep and have not had the opportunity.

Our children at Jackson rely on PTA member parents to plan and implement fundraising programs and the in-school events they support throughout each year. In an effort to encourage participation and awareness about PTA and school related topics, the PTA requires that Room Representatives attend at least two PTA meetings, participate in at least two committees, **work at Carnival (Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> this year)**, and pay PTA dues each year they serve as Room Representative. Class Captains are asked to attend three meetings and participate in three committees in addition to carnival and paying membership dues. Class captains also cover a territory for soliciting carnival raffles.

Please sign attendance sheets at all meetings and events you attend, they are generally posted at the doorway, of events and circulate at meetings. All committee chairs will hand in these attendance sheets to Adriana Miliana , the Exec. VP after their event. The records are used to guide future committee, class captain, and room representative assignments.

### **PHONE CHAIN**

The Jericho School District no longer uses a phone chain to convey school information such as delayed school closings. Please check the Jericho website for information.

### **WEB SITE**

The School district web site [www.jerichoschools.org](http://www.jerichoschools.org) is a major source of information, there is information on the handout about making sure you have a username and password for your children. School closings are posted immediately on the website. Check out the Jackson website by clicking on Jackson in the schools category on the left of the screen.

### **FUNDRAISING AND PROGRAMS**

Many of us are not aware of how money raised through fundraising supports not only events such as PARP, BINGO, Homecoming, the Teacher's luncheon and the June picnic, but also all the school assembly programs and other events. This year, the PTA will bring approximately 9 assemblies to Jackson.

Fundraising throughout the year enables us to provide fabulous assembly programs that enhance and support the curriculum, offer programs that provide fun and social interaction, and express our appreciation to our dedicated teachers and school staff. We encourage you to support fundraising efforts whenever possible, volunteer at PTA sponsored events, and enjoy our family programs with your children. The revenues and expenditures for both the general PTA account and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade account are all included in the overall Jackson PTA budget and there is a detailed budget for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade committee account as there is for the general PTA account. Joyce will share the budgets with the general membership, and once adopted, they need to be followed.

A motion was made to omit the reading of our June Meeting's minutes, a second was obtained. The minutes are accepted as submitted and are on our web site.

#### **Treasurer's Report:** Joyce Granville

The budget was proposed and accepted with two motions.  
Please get all receipts for reimbursement to Joyce asap.

**Class Captains/Room Reps: Adriana Milana** -the class captains met and new room representatives are welcome to sign up.

**Correspondence: Michelle Cammusulli** – The PTA handbook will be available online this year. It is currently being worked on.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Benny D'Aquila**

**Mr D'Aquila spoke about the staffing changes at Jackson. The JEF garden is available to view on the Jackson web site. The first bus drill was completed with no difficulties. A healthy snack will be offered at all Jackson food related events. Field trips are being planned.**

### **Committee Reports**

**SEPTA-** The next meeting will be October 26<sup>th</sup> in the HS Library

**Sweatshirt Sale-** orders are being taken.

**PARP-** Change from prior years to the week of Jan 17,2011 (prior years October)

**Gift wrap-** please send your orders in.

**Homecoming -** Homecoming is Friday October 1st and Saturday, October 2nd.

**Class Photos-** Oct 12th

**Community Service-**Coat drive in October

**Membership-** Please remember to send in your dues.

**Bookfair-** Change from prior years to the week of Jan 10,2011 (prior yr October ).

**Programming-** There are two presentations for October.

**Cultural Arts-** starts Nov 4th

**PTA Council-** each building in the district is to work on district goals.

**Compact-** welcomes Adriana Milana to the committee

**Pretzels/School Store-** please signs up to help!

**Notepads-**are 2 for \$5

**Jackson Connect-** The executive board has reached out to all new families with information regarding our school and PTA events to educate and “buddy” them.

**Welcome Picnic-** September 24<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm

**Fifth Grade-** Fundraising will include Ralph's Ices once a month. The kid stuff books are out. 5<sup>th</sup> grade spirit wear items are selling.

**Newspapers and Media-** Sue Heilig has once again signed on for this responsibility along with Jen Levi and Jill Citron. Please encourage class captains, room reps, and committee chairs to forward materials from their events to Sue, Jen or Jill.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Wednesday 9/22 Meet the teacher night 3-5

Friday, 9/24 Welcome Picnic 5-7pm

Monday, 9/27 -10/9 Used Book Drive **Please note calendar has dup – will begin Jan5-14 2011**

Wednesday, 10/6 Executive board meeting a 9am

Wednesday 10/20 Welcome information night at 7pm followed by PTA meeting

Our next PTA Meeting is October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

Meeting was adjourned at approx. 1015am.

Respectfully Submitted

Debbie Kenny

Recording Secretary