

John Lyman Parent Association – February 6, 2019 6:30 PM

Presiding: Christine Gerardi, Acting President
Location: Library Media Center, John Lyman School
Recording: Stacy Allen

Attendees: Stacy Allen, Christina Collin, Tom Ford, Christine Gerardi, Carolyn Janis, Loretta Zupnik

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM

Photo Wall: Christine Gerardi noted the Photo Wall for the cast and crew members of the JLPA/Paperhouse Production of Mary Poppins Jr. will be put together soon. She will put a request through the MySchoolAnywhere communication to ask for **donations of duct tape and index cards**. As a reminder, the Mary Poppins play performance is scheduled for February 15-17 at Coginchaug Regional High School.

Cultural Arts Update: Mr. Ford confirmed the Tanglewood Marionettes will be coming on February 22nd to all classes. They will be performing the Dragon King. On April 3rd, Ann Pasquale will make a visit to the school and perform Liberty Bell, which focuses on several immigrant stories. These residencies are funded by JLPA. Mr. Ford also noted he will be meeting with an interdisciplinary team in the coming weeks to plan for a kindergarten through Grade 2 residency.

Odyssey of the Mind: This is a nation-wide creative problem solving program in which John Lyman students participate. Although it is open to all students, it is a big commitment for parent volunteers and therefore space is often limited by resources available. The current team has asked the JLPA for additional funding to help buy the materials needed for their projects. The current budget has allocated \$500 towards the Odyssey of the Mind program. The JLPA unanimously approved an additional \$100 towards the John Lyman team.

Mr. Ford Updates:

Family Curriculum Night is scheduled for March 7th at the Coginchaug Regional High School. This is an event for students in Grades Kindergarten through Fifth. The JLPA will provide a kid-friendly gift certificate and basket as a raffle prize. There will also be a book swap this year as well as a visit from the Cat and the Hat. Look to the Community Flyer for more information.

Today was the 100th Day of School. Multiple activities to mark the anniversary occurred; all involved counting to 100.

Family Share Morning is scheduled for Tuesday February 12th from 7:30 am – 8:30 am.

This is an informal drop in event for children to share their latest work with their families.

February 15th – Early Release Day

February 18-19 – No School

Differences Day is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th. This is planned in collaboration with Brewster. It is a celebration of our differences (physical, learning styles, etc.) and allows an opportunity for our students to understand/appreciate different perspectives. More details will be forthcoming.

This year the 3rd/4th Grade Field Trip will be to the Roger Williams Zoo rather than the Bronx Zoo.

Field Day Volunteers Needed: Field Day is scheduled for May 31st (Rain Date is June 4th). Volunteers are needed for **assistance with serving food**. Lunch will be provided by the JLPA.

Ways and Means Update: The Square One Art Project will once again take place in the spring. The Committee is also thinking of an end of year event (as opposed to another fundraiser), at Peckham Park.

If the weather continues to hold, there is interest in doing a breakfast for the teachers in appreciation of all they do to keep the children engaged during these long, cold days.

Mr. Ford noted that the teachers have interest in bringing in more author experiences for the students. The JLPA will look into additional funding that can be provided in order for these opportunities to occur.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.