

## **John Lyman Parent Association – March 3, 2020**

Presiding: Christine Gerardi, Acting President  
Location: Library Media Center, John Lyman School  
Recording: Stacy Allen  
Attendees: Stacy Allen, Christina Collin, Adreinne Dubluck, Tom Ford, Christine Gerardi, Chris McInvale, Loretta Zupnik

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM

**Mr. Ford Updates:** As a reminder, there is no school on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Conferences are being scheduled the week of March 16<sup>th</sup> with early release days on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. He announced the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Concert is scheduled on April 7<sup>th</sup> at the High School.

**Playground Committee:** Adreinne Dubluck provided the Playground Committee Report. The Playground Committee is a subgroup of the Board and comprised of Board of Ed members, Utilization Committee members as well as Community/Parent members. There is \$50,000 proposed in the next SY Budget to be dedicated towards playground materials at John Lyman School; note there is not a specific line item in the budget to reference. In order to be able to spend this, the budget must be approved in May. The Committee has solicited feedback from student Senators for interim ideas for equipment in the Spring (Gaga Pit, Corn Hole, etc.). A Playscape is proposed for next year, however, it is noted that the cost to set up will likely equal the cost to take down. JLPA is interested in providing some funding; however, it recognizes that it doesn't want to exhaust its reserves too early before the school closes. Christine is soliciting input from parents on how best to handle. Adreinne noted that the Committee is discouraging fundraising specific to the playground needs in order to avoid saturating the community with competing priorities amongst the schools.

**Photo Wall:** Thanks to Chris McInvale and Missy Booth for putting up the photos before the play. Photos were provided by the photographer this year and received a lot of positive feedback. It is estimated that \$1,000 was made in sales. Any pictures/notes not retrieved after the play will be available at the cast party.

**CRHS Scholarship:** CRHS has reached out to the JLPA to see if there is interest in providing another scholarship to a high school senior this year. JLPA voted to provide a scholarship to an individual who is not receiving another scholarship, John Lyman Alum preferred. The budget allocated \$250.00, although the Committee expressed a desire to increase, if possible. Christine will speak with Colby.

**Slate of Officers:** Christine Gerardi is currently serving as Acting President. She has agreed to stay on for next year, but notes her youngest graduates from Lyman in the Spring 2021. She encourages anyone interested in shadowing her this coming year to contact her. The Vice President position will be vacant next year; thanks to Chris McInvale for his years of service to the JLPA. The other officer positions include: Treasurer, Secretary and Ways and Means. The individuals have served their two-year terms and therefore are looking for replacements next year. Anyone interested in serving on the JLPA Board can contact Christine.

**Cultural Arts:** Grades 1/2 have a resident artist currently working with them. Kindergarten can expect a return of Amy Forbes; feedback has been very positive. On Thursday morning, there is a Cultural Arts performance by Bach to Rock. A field trip to the New Britain Museums of Art is being planned for Grades 1-4. Of note, JLPA has funded \$11,535 towards resident artists this year.

**Other Business:** Chris McInvale agreed to coordinate the Fourth Grade T-shirts. He will try to have them distributed before the May 15<sup>th</sup> Field Trip to the Boston Science Museum. Christina noted that Square One Art will be coordinated through Mrs. Howes once again in the Spring. Christina is also contemplating a catalogue order and is interested in soliciting input as to which one. There will not be a fundraising event as this is already a busy time of year.

**Next Meeting:** There will be no April meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.