



AGENDA

Jessie Ripoll Primary School PTA – Monday, April 10, 2017

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer/Songs and Praise
3. Welcome and Apologies
4. Confirmation of Minutes
5. Update - Mr. Constantine Martin, PTA President
6. REPORT
 - Mrs. Marcia Detry Fogah, Principal
7. Question & Answer
8. Adjournment and National Anthem
 - ✓ Next meeting – Monday, May 08, 2017

“The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don’t wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope.” – Barack Obama

REMEMBER => *becoming an active member of the PTA will not only establish you within a network of information, but also gives you a voice in making decisions for your child/ward, for our school, and its numerous activities. Stand up and be counted and let your voice be heard; get nominated to be a member of the new Executive Board for the 2017-2019 school year. Nominations open in February 2017 with elections in May 2017.*

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MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING - Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Jessie Ripoll Primary
Monday, March 13, 2017

Present were: 175 parents (Please see attendance register) Total number of children is 915

Grade One	33
Grade Two	30
Grade Three	24
Grade Four	26
Grade Five	27
Grade Six	35

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mr. O'Neil Thomas, Floor Member.

Devotion:

Devotion was conducted by Mr. Thomas.

Welcome & Apology:

The Principal, Mrs. Marcia Detry Fogah welcomed the parents to the meeting and apologized for the absence of the President, Mr. Martin whose daughter was absent from school due to illness. She said his daughter was preparing for GSAT which will be held on Thursday and Friday so he had to take her to the doctor.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Time was allotted for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

CORRECTION

Page 2- "Grille" was said to be incorrectly spelt - it should be noted however that "grille" is actually correct.

Under **UPDATE** – 1) Mrs. Detry Fogah name was spelt incorrectly ("Dtery") and

2) Remove the comma from between Constantine and Martin

CONFIRMATION

The motion to confirm the minutes was moved by Miss Heather Haughton and seconded by Mrs. Racquel McLean.

PRESENTATION

There were two presentations on the evening. The first was from Miss Anna Lee Gray a Nutritionist from Nestle Jamaica Ltd.

She spoke to the parents on the topic of Nutrition. She said it is important for one to have a balanced meal for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

She stated that studies have shown that children who do not have breakfast in the mornings are less focused in class.

She also informed the parents on what makes a meal balance. She said that a meal with more fiber is better. She gave examples of ways parents can prepare balanced breakfast meals for the children. She gave an example comparing bread and butter versus bread and calaloo.

She quoted from surveys conducted in the island which stated that 99% of Jamaicans are not consuming enough vegetables. She said that vegetables should be a part of breakfast. Miss Gray said many Jamaicans have issues with anemia. She said that breakfast has numerous benefits. She said that it has been proven that persons who have breakfast perform better.

Miss Gray went on to speak on the importance of physical activities. She said the more physically active a person is the more calcium gets deposited in their bones. Calcium helps to strengthen the bones and so the less physical activity one does results in weaker bones. She said later in life these persons are likely to have osteoporosis which is a disease that affects the bones.

She commented that these days, parents in primary schools are more focused on GSAT and are not ensuring that their children do physical activities. She told the parents that where opportunities arise for the children to do physical activities they should not prevent them. In fact she said physical activities will help the child to perform better. She said there is a recommendation that children should do some physical activities for at least sixty minutes per week.

Miss Gray entertained a few questions and comments from parents.

Mrs. Detry Fogah thanked Miss Gray for her informative presentation and endorsed the importance of eating of vegetables.

The second presentation was made by Mr. Orlando Maynard of Victoria Mutual Building Society (VMBS).

Mr. Maynard spoke to the parents about VMBS' products and offerings. He also shared with parents, four financial tips and four products on offering by VMBS.

Among the financial tips were, having a financial plan, having knowledge, setting saving goals and locking onto the right saving plan.

In elaborating he stated that for one to have a useful financial plan you must know your financial institution, know the products on offering by the institution and know the charges applied by the institution.

The second thing one must know is your savings goals; what is it you are saving for and how long you will need to save in order to achieve these goals.

The thing is to know your financial position. How much can you afford to save? Do a budget to see how much you earn versus how much you spend; this will determine your financial position.

And finally lock on to the right savings plan. This will depend on what your savings goals are.

Mr. Maynard continued by stating that at VMBS there are various products that one can use depending on what your saving goals are. He shared with parents four products on offering by VMBS, they are as follows:

1. Regular Savings Account where there is not much interest to gain from this type of account.
2. I-Save Account- where one can save as little as one thousand dollars monthly for at least twelve months. This can be used for short term goals.
3. I-Gain Account; for persons with a lump sum and have long term goals. The longer one fixes the amount, the more interest one stands to gain. This also offers a much higher interest rate.
4. The Million Dollar Club where savers can win one million dollars every quarter.

Mr. Maynard's presentation was very informative and was well received by parents. He too was also thanked for his presentation.

Mrs. Detry Fogah endorsed the presentations given and stated that the students are participating in saving club presently at the school. She mentioned JN and COK in which the students save weekly.

REPORT- Principal, Mrs. Detry Fogah

Mrs. Detry Fogah started out her report by expressing sincere gratitude to the parents for their support on Sports Day. She made special mention of Mrs. Leslie, NMIA, NWC and other parents who went out and solicited assistance in getting the field watered and prepared for Sports Day. She said they began wetting the field from the Friday before Sports Day.

She told the parents that the school's website was recently upgraded and urged parents to visit using the web address www.jessieripollprimary.com.

The principal stated that, as usual, the school entered the JCDC festival and of course did well. She said they entered three dance pieces and all three won gold medals. Seven speech pieces were also entered with six advancing to the second round. Of the six, four won gold and two won silver medals.

She also mentioned that they entered quadrille for the first time in a long while. The Grade one won gold medal and Grade five won silver medal.

She extended congratulations to Miss Berlin the dance teacher, Miss Graham, who was assisted by Miss Panton, for the speech and Miss Perkins who did the quadrille.

The Principal further stated that there were other children who did well in Karate, Chess and Badminton.

Mrs. Detry Fogah reported that the school has entered the Lasco Lead competition. She urged the parents to assist the school to win this competition by collecting empty PET bottles and sending them, whether daily or weekly, to Mrs. Ricketts Reid in Grade two Orchid.

She said GSAT is on Thursday, March 16 and Friday, March 17. She said she was unable to say whether or not the other children will be in school as she was awaiting word from the Ministry. However, she urged parents to still make proper arrangements for those days.

The principal stated that there will be regular dismissal on Tuesday and Wednesday and GSAT Mass is on Tuesday commencing at 8:30am at the Alpha Chapel. She urged parents to pick up the GSAT children early on Wednesday and to give them a nutritious breakfast on Thursday and Friday. She asked the parents not to give the children any fried food.

She said Captain I-Can was at the school today to assist in motivating the GSAT students.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was moved by Mrs. Yasheca Osbourne and seconded by Miss Heather Haughton at approximately 6:42pm followed by the National Anthem.

Next meeting will be April 10, 2017