



AGENDA

Jessie Ripoll Primary School PTA – Monday, February 13, 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. Presentation on Safety Measures
 - District Constable Patrick Henry
7. REPORT
 - Mrs. Marcia Detry Fogah, Principal
8. Question & Answer
9. Adjournment and National Anthem
 - ✓ Next meeting – Monday, March 13, 2017

“There is nothing more precious to a parent than a child and nothing more important to our future than the safety of all our children”. - **William J. Clinton**

Remember that February is celebrated as Black History & Reggae Month; let's do our part.

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, January 16, 2017

There were 268 parents in attendance: Please see attendance register:-

Grade 1	43
Grade 2	52
Grade 3	52
Grade 4	39
Grade 5	39
Grade 6	43

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Mr. Constantine Martin, President.

Devotion:

Mrs. Luke, a parent representative, led the praise and worship followed by prayer.

Welcome & Apology:

Mr. Martin welcomed everyone to the first meeting for the 2017 calendar year. He thanked parents for making the sacrifice to attend and implored that we continue to give thanks to God for sparing our lives through 2016. Although we might have had our challenges, with God in the midst we have survived.

Confirmation

Mr. Martin apologized for the absence of the minutes due to circumstances beyond our control; the minutes were unable to be completed but when complete, should be uploaded to the website.

The President also apologized for the lateness of text messages sent to parents; he explained that this was due to a network problem. He told parents that the problem was eventually sorted out and the messages were then sent.

UPDATE- *Mr. Constantine Martin, President*

- The President reminded parents that the Family Games Night would be on Friday, January 27, the same day as the Early Morning Breakfast. He encouraged parents to support both events.
- Sports Day will be on February 27 and 28. Parents were encouraged to sponsor an individual event or a relay. A parent enquired about the cost to sponsor; Mr. Martin informed them that the cost will be furnished as soon as everything is finalized.

- The President informed the meeting that the present PTA Executive Board is at the end of its tenure, according to the constitution, and therefore election of a new Executive Board is due this June. Mr. Martin encouraged parents to consider offering themselves to serve and should do so as soon as the nomination is launched. He told parents that as many of them as possible should be a part of the PTA. He told parents that the PTA Executive Board assists with some decisions that affect what goes on at school and also gets a chance to work directly with parents and teachers. He mentioned that all position will become vacant.

UPDATE – Mrs. Marcia Detry Fogah, Principal

The Principal welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the New Year and said that she was happy to see them. She told parents that it was a short agenda and therefore a short meeting. Some updates were already implemented and therefore can be passed to parents who were present.

- Mrs. Detry Fogah reminded parents that at December's PTA meeting she mentioned that the school was instructed by the Ministry of Education to make up for the days lost due to Hurricane Matthew. Schools were advised to extend the number school days in the Christmas Term. With the permission of the Ministry, she, along with the teachers, decided to end school at 3:00 p.m. for one week in December and one week in January. This equates to the number of days that were lost. She also mentioned that the school gave a little lead way in December and allowed some parents to leave with their children before 3:00 p.m., yet in January, parents behaved badly when the children were not allowed to leave before 3:00 p.m.
- The early morning breakfast would be on January 27 and breakfast would be served as early as 6:00 a.m. The proceeds from this breakfast fundraising would go in a pool of funds that goes towards offsetting the breakfast for the kids which is at a minimal cost of \$50.00. She implored parents to support this event. She also asked that parents who used to assist would again lend their support and hoped that other parents would also assist.
- The Grade 4 Mock Exams will be on January 17, 2017. Children in Grades 5 and 6 who did not gain mastery at the Grade 4 Literacy and Numeracy Exams will also sit the exams. As soon as they are completed, the results are to be sent to the SAU.
- Online application for entry to the school will open on March 6 and close on March 10, 2017. A book will be placed in the office as of January 23 for children with siblings whose parents wish to apply. Book will be closed on January 27. Parents for siblings outside of Alpha MUST apply online. The Principal stated that this was not a guarantee for acceptance online neither did it mean that the child must come to Jessie if they are at Alpha.
- GSAT examination will be on March 16 and 17, 2017.
- Consultation Day will be on January 25 and consultation will start as early as 7:30 a.m. She told parents that the children should accompany them and should be in school

uniform. Parents will visit class teachers and also every teacher that teaches the children. If a copy of the report is needed then it will attract a cost of \$50.00 or it can be printed if they have App that was provided to the school. Parents are encouraged to apply for the App using the email address jessieprim25@yahoo.com

- Colours Jamaica will be providing photo packages on March 10 and forms may be collected from class teachers.
- March 31 is Fish Fry; price to be decided. Parents should contact Mrs. Young (Bursar) if they don't eat fish and would want jerked chicken instead.
- The RJR Cross Country event will be held on Saturday, February 4 on the school's playing field and parents are encouraged to attend.
- Health Day will be hosted on February 3, 2017.

At the end of the principal's presentation, Mr. Martin expressed thanks to the parents and hoped that all had documented those dates.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was moved by Mr. Atkins and seconded by Ms. Henry at approximately 6:10 p.m. followed by the National Anthem.

Next meeting will be February 13, 2017.