



Minutes of the Jessie Ripoll Primary School PTA meeting held on April 16, 2018

Present were: parents 211 (Please see attendance register) Total number of children 915

Grade One	40
Grade Two	32
Grade Three	23
Grade Four	46
Grade Five	33
Grade Six	37

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:13pm by President Mr. O'Neil Thomas.

It was pointed out by Mr. Thomas that the PA system was unavailable for the meeting.

Devotion:

Our usual praise and worship segment was done.

Welcome & Apology:

Apologies for lateness were offered for members of our PTA Executive. No apologies for lateness or absences were noted for the General PTA body.

Reading, correction and confirmation of the Minutes

The minutes were read by President Oneil Thomas.

Several spelling errors were noted. These are listed below:

- Spelling of the Principal's name on the second page Mr. Stevens should be Mr. Stephens
- On the second page Chairman was spelt incorrectly
- 'Received' spelt received
- 'Hoe' should be how
- 'Jesse' should be Jessie

Miss Yoanai Walcott moved to the adoption of the minutes and it was seconded by Tamesha West.

Matters arising at the meeting

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Mr. Oneil Thomas-President, noted that the funeral arrangements for Ms. Solomon's mother will take place at 1pm on Sunday, April 29th at the Andland Street SDA church, Denbigh, May Pen.

He also stated that the bun and cheese sale tally was not completed and as such was not at liberty to state the final amount.

It was noted by Mr. Thomas that security vests and cones should be acquired.

Mark, a Parent, suggested that we could look into getting clamps so as to alleviate persons parking at the back for an extended period. Monies acquired from the clamping of vehicles could go towards the school.

Parent, Andrea, reiterated that there should be no right turn coming off South Camp Road. Persons should proceed to the roundabout to gain access to the school premises.

New Business

PTA movie day fund raiser is May 18th and 20th respectively. The parent body suggested that we postpone same until the following week being that it is exam week.

Fundraiser for Mrs. Thompson (Grade 5P teacher), she is unwell and parents from her class came up with a tag drive (booklet) \$100 per ticket stub. A total of 45 booklets were made. For transparency, it was suggested that the bursar will handle these transactions.

Principal's Input

- Currently remedying of the PTA website which will result it being more informative.
- Spoke of a recently created bullying initiative that was born out of a Grade 5 student that was bullied and thought of the 'unknown', in his words, 'do not wish to say the word.' The initiative includes the students participating in general devotional activities. Mr. Stephens mentioned that the students recently participated in general devotion and pointed out that the other students were more receptive.
- Mr. Stephens was reassured by Mr. Davis (the Grade 6 Coordinator) that the students were GSAT ready.
- PEP- Mr. Stephens believes that the media isn't explaining enough regarding PEP and as such he has asked for a Representative from the Ministry to visit the school.
- On April 17th, members from the National Education Inspectorate (NEI) will visit Jessie. The Representative's from the NEI will meet with about 20 parents for a question and answer session. The mandate of the NEI is to do the necessary checks and balances and that the school is being managed as it ought to.
- End of term exams commences on April 18, 2018.

Recent achievements from competitions

Speech and Drama- 3 Gold, 2 Silver and 3 Bronze

Karate- It was said that Jessie copped most of the medals

Spanish- Mrs. Thomas received an award for outstanding work

Music-

Question and Answer segment

1. Parent Nicole wanted to know of Grade 3 students will sit the Diagnostic exams?

Answer:

2. Parent Audrey asked about the 1:25 ratio for primary schools that was heard on All Angles weeks ago?

Answer: The Principal stated that our school isn't resourced at this time to accommodate same. He did mention that further clarity is needed from the Ministry for that.

3. Keisha Facey (Grade 5 Parent) asked what will the current Grade 5 will do in terms of PEP?

Answer: Mr. Oneil Stephens mentioned that teachers and parents alike will help to bolster students in research mode as PEP basically is a research mode curriculum.

4. It was asked why would Grade 5 students would do GSAT? (As some parents mentioned that the current Grade 5 teaching is actually GSAT mode).

Answer. One parent pointed out that the current Grade 5 cohort is being taught in relation to PEP and not that of GSAT because the National Skill Curriculum (NSC) was rolled out since September.

5. Keisha Facey wanted to know the school's comfort level for the current Grade 5 cohort and if the teachers are prepared as it relates to PEP.

Answer: The principal responded saying yes.

6. Parent Beverley, is not liking PEP as the projects handed to the students are more for the parents and not the children.

Answer: Mr. Stephens responded to say that PEP is more like SBA's and are broken up into parts.

Termination

With there being no other business, a motion for adjournment was moved by Ms. Jennifer Clarke and seconded by Ms. Kadian Pryce.

The next General PTA meeting will be held on May 14, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.

