



## **MINUTES**

### **GENERAL MEETING - Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Jessie Ripoll Primary**

Monday, January 11, 2016

Present were: 274 Parents (Please see attendance register)

Grade One	49
Grade Two	55
Grade Three	47
Grade Four	40
Grade Five`	32
Grade Six	51

#### **Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:19pm by The President, Mr. Martin

**Devotion:** Devotion was conducted by Mr. W. Wright.

#### **Welcome & Apology:**

Mr. Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone all the best for the New Year and the new school term.

Mr. Martin apologized for the minutes not being available at this time but reassured that they were on their way and would soon be made available. In the interim, he proceeded to give updates.

#### **Updates**

- **Lapathon-** Mr. Martin told the meeting that the date for persons to bring their sheet has passed yet approximately 75% of the sheets are still outstanding. He urged those who have not yet brought in their sheets to do so. He stated that the funds are to be used to start the much needed resurfacing of the playing field. He however, expressed thanks to those who have already brought in theirs.
- **Work Day-** Mr. Martin expressed gratitude to the parents who came out on December 19, 2015 for the work day to assist with the remarking of the parking lot.

#### **REVIEW OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

At this point the minutes were made available and after the distribution, time was allotted for it to be read. There were a few observations made. These were....

#### **OBSERVSTIONS**

- A parent enquired about the promised minutes for November's meeting. The President told her that due to the difficulty where printing is concerned, the minutes are available on the PTA's website.

**Page 3** - the sentence should read “Easter holidays begin March 21, 2016 and school reopens on April 4, 2016” instead of “Easter holidays begin March 21, 2016 and will end on April 4, 2016 when the summer term begins”.

As there were no further observations or corrections the minutes were confirmed by Tamara Plummer and seconded by Bichan Brown.

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

Principal, Mrs. Marcia Detry Fogah was asked to introduce the Guest Speaker, Mr. Williams of the CDA.

She told the meeting that the Speaker, who is a parent at the school and works with the Child Development Agency (CDA) was asked to come and make the presentation due to the issue of students not being picked on time after school dismisses. This situation is posing a challenge to the school.

Mr. Williams spoke to the Childcare and Protection Act. He made mention of section 8 of the Act.

He urged parents to make proper arrangements for the picking up of their children. He urged them not to leave them unprotected as this can have serious repercussions. He informed parents of the fines if a child is found to be in need of care and protection.

Mrs. Detry Fogah thanked Mr. Williams for his presentation and urged parents to take heed as the school will not be tolerating the children being left at school after 4:00pm. She mentioned that the Community Police will be called in where there are breaches. A number of questions were then asked by parents;

1. Why aren't the children going to the Pavilion after school dismisses?

Mrs Detry Fogah responded saying that when the children are sent to the pavilion there is too much playing and there is no supervision. Oftentimes students get hurt in the process and so they are being kept inside the school yard where they can be properly monitored until they get picked up.

2. What if your child has to do extra-curricular activities but the teacher isn't present?

The Principal replied saying that will be considered and the parents will be notified.

3. What is the penalty if the child is not picked up by 4:00pm

Mrs. Detry Fogah urged parents not to think about penalty but just to comply and pick up the child within the specified time

A parent complained that the students for swimming are arriving late.

Mrs. Detry Fogah said she is aware of the issue and is dealing with the matter.

Mrs. Detry Fogah continued with the announcing a fundraising benefit play scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at the Centre Stage Theatre entitled “Duppy Whisperer”. The cost of the ticket is \$1500.00 and can be had from teachers Mrs. Kinghorne, Mr. Wright and Mr. Henry.

Grade 4 Mock Exam is scheduled for January 18, 2016

Early morning breakfast will take place on Friday, January 29, 2016 and the cost for the breakfast is \$400.00

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion to adjourn was moved by Ruth Johnson and seconded by Antonio Bell. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m. followed by the National Anthem.

Next meeting will be Monday, February 8, 2016.