



AGENDA

Jessie Ripoll Primary School PTA – Monday, October 9, 2017

1. Call to Order
2. Songs and Praise/Prayer
3. Welcome and Apologies
4. Presentation of:
 - 2017-2019 PTA Executive Members
5. Matters Arising/Updates - Mr. O'Neil Thomas, PTA President
6. Presentation:
 - Mr. Headley Coleman – Home Tech Solution (Child safety devices)
7. Report
 - Mrs. Marcia Detry Fogah, Principal
8. Adjournment and National Anthem
 - ✓ Next meeting – Monday, 13th November, 2017

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- ✚ *The Jessie Ripoll Primary Parent Teacher Association outgoing Executive Board thanks you for your support throughout years and welcomes the 2017-2019 Executive Board. We look forward to your continued support for the new Board and wish them all success.*
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**JESSIE RIPOLL PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION**

2017/2018 CALENDER OF EVENTS (TERM 1)

Month	Date	Activity
September	11 19 20 21	P.T.A General Meeting (5:00 pm) Lower School Awards Lap-a-thon 2017 Launch & Prefect Pinning Upper School Awards
October	09 11 18 27	P.T.A General Meeting (5:00 pm) Culture Day/Early Morning Breakfast PTA Movie Wednesday/Mr. & Ms. Jessie Concert Launch <i>Family Games Night</i>
November	08 13 15 24	<u>PARENT'S MONTH</u> PTA Movie Wednesday P.T.A General Meeting (5:00 pm) Father Ho Lung Show JESSIE FAMILY FUN FAIR 2017
December	01 08 11 13 14	Jeans Day Closing date for lap-a-thon and funds collection P.T.A General Meeting (5:00 pm) Christmas Lunch Carol Service

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MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING - Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Jessie Ripoll Primary
Monday, September 11, 2017

Present were: 320 parents (Please see attendance register) Total number of children 936

Grade One	57
Grade Two	56
Grade Three	47
Grade Four	56
Grade Five	49
Grade Six	55
Teachers	17

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:16pm by The President, Mr. Constantine Martin.

Devotion:

Devotion was conducted by Miss Tanya Lowden of Grade 1^{Lilly} and Miss Donna Rose of Grade 1^{Tulip}.
Prayer was done by Miss Donna Rose.

Mr. Martin commended both parents for leading the devotion and expressed the sentiments that with such parents the future of Jessie Ripoll is in good hands.

Welcome & Apology:

The President extended welcome to all parents especially to the new parents. He again thanked the returning parents for their continued support and presence throughout the years.

He expressed apology for the minutes not yet being on the P.T.A.'s website. He said that this due to challenges being experienced by the web host.

He urged the new parents, and returning ones, who have not yet subscribed to the P.T.A.'s website to do so as that is one of the medium used to communicate with the parents. The President also mentioned the SMS (text messaging) service that parents should also sign up for. Mr. Martin stated that all parents should sign up, including returning parents as any previous subscription expired at the end of August 2017. He said the cost still remains at three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the first number and one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) for any additional number.

To the parents who were enquiring if there would be an increase he said even though there was an increase by the service provider this increase would be absorbed by the P.T.A. for this school year.

Mr. Martin went on to mention the election of officers for the 2017-2019 Executive Board. He reminded the meeting that at June's meeting a motion was moved extending the tenure of the present Executive Board until September 30; therefore he was doing overtime. He said that by the end of September there will be elections which means that come the next PTA meeting the new Executive Board will be in place.

The profiles of the candidates going for the various offices will be placed on the notice board this week and also on the P.T.A's website. He urged the parents to get to know the candidates and participate in the election process.

- **INTRODUCTION OF P.T.A. EXECUTIVE**

The President stated that due to the explanation he just gave he will not be introducing the Executive Board as the persons in place now are only here until the end of the month.

- **INTRODUCTION OF TEACHING STAFF**

Mrs. Marcia Detry Fogah, Principal, led the introduction of the Teaching Staff. Some teachers were not introduced as they were absent due to other obligations. Approximately seventeen teachers (17) were introduced to the parents. Two of which were new to the school.

- **PRESIDENT REPORT**

Mr. Martin stated that he will not be presenting a report this evening as time would not allow and so he will upload the report to the website so parents can have access to it.

He said the financial report will be presented as soon as it is finalized. He said the financial year just ended in August and so the report is not ready. This will not be on the website but will be presented at the meeting.

- **UPDATES – Principal, Mrs. Marcia Detry Fogah**

The Principal started by urging parents to sign up for the SMS service and the two school websites as those are the media used most times to send out information to parents.

She reported that the term started on September 1, 2017 with all new and grade six students. The school started with three teachers short; however by Tuesday, September 5 they got the go ahead to fill those three positions. She said the teachers are now administering the Grade One Individual Profile to the grade one students.

The Principal mentioned the NSRS card which will be given to the students. The children who are now in grade five would have received their cards the previous week. The principal stated that if any child did not receive a card then it may be because of some discrepancies that the Ministry was investigating. She gave highlights of the type of discrepancies the Ministry is likely to be investigating. She said the card must be collected by the parents as they must be signed for; therefore parents who have not yet received theirs are being asked to come in.

Mrs. Detry Fogah continued her report by stating that on September 7 was Miss Lou Day. She made mention of a student in Grade one, who wrote to the Prime Minister and the Minister of National Security about the violence in Jamaica. She said she has received numerous calls from Corporate Jamaica commending the student. She said because of that, the student performed at the Norman Manley International Airport on Miss Lou's Day for the visitors. She also performed later in the evening at a Tribute to Miss Lou at the Ranny Williams Entertainment Centre.

The student, Courtney Greaves, introduced herself to the parents and also performed a piece from Miss Lou.

The Principal informed the parents that on September 18, 2017 pictures for identification cards will be taken.

- September 19, is Lower school awards
- September 20, the pinning of the prefects also the P.T.A will be launching its Lap-a-thon. She stated that it's the P.T.A's annual fundraiser. The funds are being sought to do major repairs to the playing field. She gave the figure needed and stated that we are nowhere near to that figure as yet. So she urged the parents to support the P.T.A's lap-a-thon.
- September 21 will be Upper school awards
- October 11, 2017 - Culture Day and early morning breakfast. She told the meeting that funds garnered from the early morning breakfast is used to finance the breakfast programme at the school OR STAFF DEVELOPMENT
- October 16, 2017 - National Heroes Day Mid- term break will from Thursday October 12 to 16.
- October 18-20, Mid-term exams
- Sunday, September 24 will be the school's birthday; however on Friday, September 22 there will be a mass at the Holy Trinity Cathedral. Mrs. Detry Fogah told the parents the history of how Jessie Ripoll Primary started.
- October 27, 2017 - P.T.A's Family Night.

The Principal told the meeting by Saturday, September 16, one projector will be installed in each grade.

Mrs. Marcia Detry Fogah also mentioned and gave instructions as to how parents can access the school management system to view the progress report of their child/children. She told them they can send a request to jessieprim25@yahoo.com.

She also made mention of the STEM aftercare programme.

The Principal also stated that parents should remind their children that it not right to just go home with their neighbours, or anyone else, without informing their parents. She said too often parents turn up to pick up their children and cannot find them only to realize they went home with their neighbour. If this is being done then students must ensure their parents INSTRUCTED THEM TO DO SO.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was moved by Miss Tanya Lowden and seconded by Miss Krystal Brown at approximately 6:21pm followed by the National Anthem.

Next meeting will be October 9, 2017