



AGENDA

Jessie Ripoll Primary School PTA – Monday, January 11, 2016

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
 - Mr. Williams – Child Development Agency (CDA)
 - Representative – Community Police
7. REPORT
 - Mrs. Marcia Detry Fogah, Principal
8. Adjournment and National Anthem
 - ✓ Next meeting – Monday, February 08, 2016

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MINUTES
GENERAL MEETING - Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Jessie Ripoll Primary
Monday, December 14, 2015

Present were: Parents from the following grades; Please see attendance register

Grade One
Grade Two
Grade Three
Grade Four
Grade Five
Grade Six
Teachers

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm by Mrs. Marcia Detry Fogah, Principal

Devotion: Devotion was conducted by Mr. Wilfred Wright, Teacher and other Floor Member of the PTA Executive

Welcome & Apology:

Mr. David Shady P.R.O., who chaired the meeting, welcomed everyone to the last meeting for the year. He thanked the parents for their usual support. He extended apology for the President, Mr. Martin who will be late. Apology for absence was tendered for Vice Presidents, Mrs. Lennon and Mrs. Whittaker.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Mr. Shady apologized to the parents for the absence of the minutes of the last meeting and stated that come the next meeting in January the two minutes will be available for their perusal.

Updates

- **Fair**

Mr. Shady reported that the fair was more successful this year than the previous year. He said this was due the favourable weather we had in comparison to last year. He stated that there were about ten rides available for patrons to choose from. He gave highlights of what took place at the fair. He said the parents who did not come to the fair missed a wonderful fair. He thanked the parents and students who came out to show their support.

- **Lap-a-thon**

Mr. Shady spoke to the parents about the Lap-a-thon sheets. He urged parents to return the sheets by the end of the school term which is at the end of the week. He reminded the parents that the Lap-a-thon is a fundraiser and we need to collect all the returns. He also reminded the parents of what the money will be used for.

- **Work Day**

Mr. Shady told the meeting that three years ago when the parking lot was paved there were no markings and a group of parents took approximately three weeks to put in the markings. He spoke of the challenges they had; however they had fun. He said the lines have faded and so they need brightening. He said the PTA has the paints but is short of personnel to carry out the painting. He is therefore seeking the assistance of the parents to come out this Saturday December 19, 2015 at 6:30am to 10:00am to repaint the lines in the parking lot. He stated that they do not have to be there for the duration but at least two hours are sufficient. He urged parents to take along with them paint brushes and brooms. He told the parents that if they wish to volunteer they should visit the registration desk and give their names to Miss Tamara Holness.

Report-Mrs. Marcia Detry Fogah

Mrs. Detry Fogah started out by telling the parents that come the second week in January a book will be placed in the office for existing parents who have children to be registered for the 2016-2017 school year. She reminded parents that this is not for children of friends and relatives but for siblings. She said it is being done earlier this year as the possibility exist where there may not be an online registration this year as the Ministry has said the school is overcrowded. And so she is trying to help her very supportive parents.

- **Christmas Lunch**

She said tomorrow, Tuesday, December 15, 2015 is Christmas lunch and the cost is \$500.00. Parents were enquiring what if they want to purchase. She told the meeting that she has not worked out the cost to the parents as yet. She said she will have the information in the morning for those who are asking.

- **Mini Fun Day**

Mini fun day is Thursday, December 17, 2015. The children will not come in on Friday, December 18, 2015. She urged parents to check the PTA and school websites and also that the students brought home written information as it relates to these activities. She said the grade six students have winter classes and the specific dates are listed. She gave other dates for activities coming up in January and February. They were as follows:

January 19, 2016- Fundraising play at Center Stage – “Duppy Whisperer”, the cost is \$1500.00. Tickets are available from teachers Mrs. Kinghorne, Mr. Henry and Mr. Wright.

School Reopens on January 4, 2016.

January 15, 2016 is Health Day, more information will be forthcoming.

January 20, 2016 is consultation day. She informed the new parents on what happens on consultation day. She said this will be the only consultation day as very soon the online system

will come on stream where parents will be able to go online to view the progress of their child or children.

January 29, 2016 will be early morning breakfast. She again explained to the new parents the purpose of the early morning breakfast. She urged parents to support the early morning breakfast as it is a means of raising funds for the regular breakfast that is sold to the students in the morning for only \$50.00.

January 11, 2016 is PTA meeting

During the week of January 4-8, 2016 there will be grade meetings. She said there are some grave issues which need to be discussed in details. She stated however that a decision has not yet been made as to whether there will be morning meetings or afternoon meetings. She said majority of parents wants morning meetings.

Sports Day is February 8 & 9, 2016. She said Sports starts at 12:00 on the 8th where some minor events are held; on the 9th its starts at 8:30am through to 2:30pm. She urged parents to prepare themselves to come out and participate.

February 6, 2016 the RJR Communication Group will be hosting their Sports Day at the school.

February 26, 2016 will be Jamaica Day.

March 17 & 18, 2016 will be GSAT.

Easter holidays begins March 21, 2016 and will end on April 4, 2016 when the summer term begins.

Mrs. Detry Fogah urged parents who have outstanding Lapathon Sheets to bring them in. she said is one thing to have the PTA repairing the bathrooms but the parent must remember that they have to be maintained. She stated that there is one set of bathroom that needs to be repainted as there are graffiti all over the walls. She told the meeting that this is the Grade five and six bathrooms.

The Principal addressed the parents on the issues of parents picking up their children late from school. She stated that school dismisses by 2:15pm and the school rule is that children should be off the compound by 4:00pm. She said there are some exceptions to the rule where the child is involved in a few extra-curricular activities like swimming, karate, chess and dancing. She said when the parents come to the grade meetings they will receive a letter. She stated that when the children are not picked up on time after school and something happens it puts a strain on the school personnel and resources. She told the meeting that there are 925 students on roll but she has not received contribution for the 925 students.

She stated that when a child is there after 5:00pm and gets hurt, she will have call on a teacher who drives to take the child to seek medical attention. She asked what if the teachers decide to

leave the compound at 4:00pm and something happens to the child. What will happen? She drew reference to Clan Carty Primary School. She said parents are negligent. She said members of the PTA executive have been verbally abused by parents whose telephone numbers were given to them by their child to call them to come and pick them up. She said she know parents will have challenges and those parents do call to inform the school.

She said therefore a document will be in place for parents to sign as it relates to this matter. She said she is seeking advice from the CDA, the Community Police etc. She said that once the parents sign off on the document, they will be responsible to pick up their children by 3:45pm, if not, the school is not responsible.

Mrs. Detry Fogah said often times the ancillary workers complain that they can't work effectively due to the presence of the children after hours and when parents come in to find the compound and bathrooms messy, they complain that the school is not being cleaned; not taking into consideration that children used the facilities after the workers had cleaned them. She reminded the parents that education is collaboration.

Mrs. Detry Fogah wished the parents a very merry Christmas and that they should keep safe. She wished not to lose any child or parent over the holidays.

A parent raised concern about challenges with the Football programme as it relates to scheduling. Mrs Detry Fogah thanked the parent for raising the issue and told the meeting that they are aware and are trying to address that issue.

The Principal closed by informing the parents that Carol Service is Wednesday December 16, 2015 starting at 4:00pm at the school. She told the parents that school dismisses early on that day.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm on a motion moved by Miss Crystal Brown and seconded by Mrs. Cheryl Thomas. The meeting ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

Next meeting Monday, January 11, 2016