



## **END OF YEAR REPORT PTA PRESIDENT 13 FEBRUARY 2012 – 31 DECEMBER 2012**

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At the Bi-Annual General Meeting held Monday, 13 February 2012, a number of individuals (parents/guardians) were elected to serve on the PTA Executive for the 2012/2014 period.

The 2012/2014 executive consists of the Principal, eight (8) core members and (9) floor members including the teacher ex-officio:

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| ○ Principal (Actg.)              | - | Mrs. Marcia Detry Fogah                    |
| ○ President                      | - | Mr. Constantine Martin                     |
| ○ 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | - | Mr. Cosmawayne Baker                       |
| ○ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | - | Mrs. Allen-Lennon (Past PTA President)     |
| ○ Secretary                      | - | Mrs. Desrine Sykes-Hanson                  |
| ○ Assistant Secretary            | - | Mrs. Rose Marie Whittaker (Past Secretary) |
| ○ PRO                            | - | Mr. David Shady                            |
| ○ Assistant PRO                  | - | Mrs. Beverley Williams                     |
| ○ Treasurer                      | - | Mrs. Nadene Martin                         |
| ○ Assistant Treasurer            | - | Mrs. Thompson-Derby (Past Treasurer)       |
| ○ Teacher Ex-officio             | - | Mr. Raphael Davis                          |

Additionally, two sub-committees were formed - Events and Sports which comprise of executive members, teachers and parents. The Events Committee teamed with the general executive in relation to plans for the FAIR. A number of executive members were assigned to the various school committees. The School Improvement Plan Committee (PTA Representative, Mr. Constantine Martin) and the Security Committee (PTA Representative, Mr. Michael McPherson) held their respective meetings in September 2012 with the assigned PTA representatives in attendance.

As at 31 December 2012, the PTA convened eight (8) general meetings including a special PTA meeting, in collaboration with the Guidance Department, in Parents' Month - November, ten (10) executive meetings, five (5) planning meetings and a special meeting with the Building Officer, Ministry of Education, to seek guidance and ascertain the process for approvals within the Ministry.

Mr. Cosmawayne Baker, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, encountered challenges in his commitment to the responsibilities aligned with the position and as per Article V of the PTA Constitution was asked to relinquish the position. Mr. Baker was relieved of the position which remains vacant. He has however offered his expertise for the

mentorship programme which offers guidance and support to boys with behavioral issues.

The executive settled into positions and collaborated to execute the following:

- *Establishment of the PTA logo*
- *Establishment of the PTA e-mail address – [www.jessiepta@yahoo.com](mailto:www.jessiepta@yahoo.com)*
- *Teacher's Day* – PTA hosted a luncheon for the teachers at Jamaica Pegasus hotel. Teachers were also presented with tokens.
- *Secretaries' Day* – The office staff was recognized for their contribution. They were treated to lunch and gift baskets were presented.
- *Introduction of the PTA Volunteer Form* – Pooling of parents' data. The gathering of information to ascertain parents with expertise whose skills could be utilized for projects, etc.
- *Full executive support in Sports Day activities* – provided medals/trophies, refreshments for athletes, purchase of igloo for the Sports Department.
- *Continuation of the Tag Drive* which was in aid of the acquisition of a container for the Visual Arts class. Prizes included a day pass for two (2) at a Sandal Resort which was presented to the winning teachers, gift vouchers from Courts Jamaica Limited and Sangster's Book Store and gift baskets courtesy of Grace Kennedy and National Baking Company Limited.
- *For the new school year, the PTA launched the lapathon.* On 12 September, the PTA conducted general devotion and launched the lapathon 2012.
- *Car park project* – This project included the marking of parking bays for parents and teachers, outline of walkways and no parking area. This project received some amount of financial support from parents and major involvement of volunteer parents who came out for the work days which were on Saturdays.
- *Bathroom project* – This project awaits approval from the Ministry of Education however a number of interim works were done. Namely, the replacing of toilet

seats and power wash bathrooms. Approval was finally given in December and the bathrooms are in the process of being renovated.

- *Family Games Night* – To encourage/foster social activities among parents/families, this event was successfully held in April and May. The planned Family Games Night for last week, 26 October had to be cancelled due to the Hurricane Sandy. This fundraiser has successfully generated some well needed funds.
- *Refurbishing of notice boards* – This is still underway.
- *Movie Wednesdays* – Movies geared towards children were shown in the library. This was also well supported and generated funds.
- *Presentation to graduate* – The PTA made a presentation to four (4) students who achieved the highest grades in Social Studies at GSAT.
- *Jessie FAIR* – The PTA held its fair/fun day in November and this was supported by both parents and students of Jessie and other schools. There were a number of sponsors for the fair; these include Jamaica Education Heritage Trust, Jamaica National Building Society, WISYNCO, Catherine's Peak, Grace and LIME.
- *Lap-a-thon 2012* - The lapathon officially ended but was not as supported as in the past years.
- *Ice Cream Day* – On December 13 every child present at school was treated to free ice cream which was welcomed and appreciated by all.

In collaboration with the school's administration, to date general meetings offered parents updates, information and guidance as well as a number of speakers were invited. These include:

- Mr. Geoffrey Byfield, The Liguanea Chess Club – to draw awareness to the sport
- Mr. Mark Trought, School SMS Messaging – to improve the communication process between the school and parents via text messaging
- Corporal Patterson, School Safety Officer & Sub-Officer in charge of Eastern Kingston - Corporal Patterson offered safety information and warnings to parents. These talks were given prior to summer break and at the beginning of the new school year.

- Mrs. Vanessa Francis, Heritage Education Funds– offered savings options for children’s college education

The PTA has a number of future fundraising events and projects for January – July 2013 and beyond.

- ✓ BBQ - May 2013
- ✓ Sports Festival – January 2013 }
- ✓ Jessie Invitational Relays        } Sports Committee
- ✓ Wellness/Fitness Programme }
- ✓ PTA Take Out breakfast - geared to parents/past students, and so on.

The current PTA executive, which acts as a link between the school and parents, is focused on maintaining healthy/strong relations. While there may be challenges we have been successful thus far and look forward to successfully completing the mandate.

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Constantine Martin (Mr.)  
PTA PRESIDENT  
31 October 2012