PTO members introduction

         President - Amy Roskowski     president@jacobwismerpto.org

         VP Fundraising - Sarah Sperbeck-Koenders      vpfundraising@jacobwismerpto.org

         VP Community Events - Lauren Mauery      vpcommunityevents@jacobwismerpto.org

         Volunteer Coordinator - Mamta Sahita     volcoord@jacobwismerpto.org

         Volunteer Coordinator - Jennifer Politsch     volcoord@jacobwismerpto.org

         Secretary - Jyothy Vemuri     secretary@jacobwismerpto.org

         Treasurer - Angela Babst     treasurer@jacobwismerpto.org

         Member At Large - Jasmine Kwatra     member-at-large@jacobwismerpto.org

2.       Fundraiser (Sarah Sperbeck-Keonders): Fundraising items covered:

         Scripp-Sonia

         Restaurant nights

         Shopping nights

         Taekwondo center at Bethany

         Box tops

         Amazon smile

3.       PTO President’s Report

         Reminder for back to school nights

         Jogathon coming up, information will go out in newsletters periodically

4.       Treasurer’s Report (Angela)

o    We ended last year with our budget accounting for 27 classrooms.  Due to increased enrollment there are 29 classrooms this year.  To accommodate for this change, we adjusted the budget as follows:

  Classrooms - Increased to 29 from 27 - $600

  ESL - Increased from 2 to 2.5 - $150

  Classroom Parties - Increased by 2 classrooms - $270

  Field Trip Transportation - Increased by 2 classrooms - $200

  Total increase in expected spending due to more staff -  $1,220

o    We need to check with the chair persons for Art Literacy and Passport to see if additional funds will be required to provide supplies for the additional students- Mamta

o    Classroom reimbursement forms will be delivered to teacher's boxes the week of 9/18.  These funds need to be spent by Spring Break or March 23.

o    Grade level fund reimbursement forms will be put into the teacher marked as the GLF for each grade level the week of 9/18.  These funds need to be spent by October 31.

5.       Joan’s Principal’s Report:

         New Staff

o Erika Heslin - Tracy Bariao-Arce switch to/from Kinnaman

o 1st Grade - Kristie Al-Rashidi, Sandy Reminer (job share: Alexander/Willis)

o 3rd Grade - Mary Dargen

o ESL - Pamela Jacobsen

o Alexandra Roth - School Psychologist

         Reader Board

o   We will be meeting with our project manager on Oct. 2nd

         Please Come to Back to School Nights

o   Wednesday - K-2

o   Thursday - 3-5

o   Both nights ESL Q & A 5:30-6:00pm

o   Reader Board a.

6.       Vice Principal Erica’s Report:

         Transferred from Kinnaman and excited to be a part of JW!

7.       VP Fundraising (Sarah S-K)/Co-Chair for Jog-a-thon (Amy Charon)

         Envelopes will be sent out this week

         Look out for companies that will match funds

8.        Community Events (Lauren)

         Bollywood night (Jasmine/Sonia)

                                                               i.      **Question:** Can a video of the dance routine be posted prior to the event so those unfamiliar with Bollywood can prepare ahead of time? **Answer:** Suggestion received and a video will be shared ahead of time!

9.       Volunteer Coordinator (Mamta)

         Most of the volunteering positions have been communicated via email. Look for periodic emails to see how you can help volunteer.

10.   Dan Silver (PTO Liaison): Grade Level Updates for September 2017

We all are excited for the new school year, loving the JW students, and thankful for all the parent support.  Please come to the parent information night, Back To School Night, Wednesday and Thursday to receive news for the upcoming year. Stats on this year's summer reading program:

o    59 students from incoming Kinders to outgoing students (now 6th graders) participated

o    Menchie's graciously donated 3 frozen yogurt cakes that we raffled off during our summer Meet-Up

o    Students who completed the challenge got a new GREEN! Jacob Wismer Reader backpack tag, a free kid's meal at Chipotle, a raffle ticket (winners of the prizes TBA), and their name in the Jacob Wismer Journal.

Thank you for your support of our Summer Reading Program!!  Our goal is to get kids excited about, and invested in reading. Some of the books our readers reported really enjoying this summer were:

o    Let's Go for a Drive by Mo Willems

o    The Land of Stories: Wishing Spell

o    Bad Guys - Book 1

o    Thea Stilton

o    Red Pyramid - Throne of Fire

o    Smile

o    Poor Puppy, Bad Kitty

11.   Opens:

         **Question:** Have the plastic spoons/forks been replaced by real silverware in the cafeteria? Answer: Yes, program in effect since the beginning of this school year.

         **Question**: Can JW PTO have a Facebook page to gain greater visibility? **Answer**: PTO (Amy R) will check with BSD on their guidelines for social media usage

         **Open**: This year’s variety show is dependent on volunteer participation. Still looking for volunteers to help organize. **Feedback:** Information and request for volunteers will go out via PTO newsletters and my volunteer page.

         **Open**: Can every event/activity chair generate written documents/best practices of work they own to make transitions easier over the next term? **Feedback:** Such documents might already be in use, PTO (Mamta) to follow up.