

JRES PTO General Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2023

Meeting Location: Outside JRES

Time: 8:30 AM

Attendees:

Anna Wildman, Brittany Bailey, Christina Kim, Britta Trepp, Blaire Isleib, Christina DeRop, Mary Cashen, Mai Cambou, Wayne Domke, Joy Conneally, Dena Stewart, Megan Thomas, Jamie Schwarzenbach, Becky Kellerstrass, Julie Goff, Anjalyn Rosevear, Maryella Adiema, Audrey Davis, Emily Wojtzak, Amanda Gephart, Megan Fleming Hytjan, Velvet Staub-Dingman, Jessica Brant, Matt Hirsch, Kelly Bijur, Carly Driscoll, Amanda Withington, Diane Livingston, Kenzie Groot, Michele Kaufman, Janna Page, Helene Dechappe, Lin Alder, Brianna Collinane, Hannah Stoughton



Agenda:

- Welcome & approval of previous minutes
- Principal's Report & Q&A - Shawn Kuennen
 - School's off to a smooth start
 - Please note the new drop off procedure. Thank you to parents for helping!
 - Illness-please follow guidelines: Please keep children home for fever and vomiting. Keep home 24 hours after vomiting and 24 hours after fever break (without medication)
 - Enrollment:
 - Largest class in building is 23 students, which is the average we're seeking campus-wide
 - 397 students at JRES
 - DLI staffed 25:1 historically to accommodate student atrophy
 - Cap dropped to 23 because we really haven't seen atrophy
 - First grade DLI has two classes of 22 students
 - Funding request: PTO stipend for afterschool staff to cover Corner Cafe at lunch
 - Katie Hedman new Student Services Dean, so she is unable to staff Corner Cafe daily
 - Corner Cafe is hard to staff right now
 - Part of the Positive behavior incentive program, required by state, (Dojo) system
 - Students love this!
 - Intervention Team: Fully staffed
 - Caroline Alberts added to the team!
 - Curriculum for reading has changed; Tier system called 95%
 - Amazing program, but needs to be put together and it is time intensive to put into nice binders
 - Asking for volunteers to assemble binders. Need to be completed by Sept. 19th
 - Asking for PTO sponsorship for lunch during testing week.
 - Rayeann Fulton Update
 - Teacher Gifts
 - Limit: Staff cannot accept gifts greater than \$50.
 - Whole class gift has to be less than \$50, too, but will confirm this.
 - Volunteers
 - Application approvals have been sent. Look for this in your email!
 - Previous volunteers: complete your application prior to Sept. 15th if you want to forego getting fingerprinted again
- Teacher Liaison Report - Jennica Paterniti, instructional coach at JRES helping teachers!

- Help with brand new teachers, or those new to JRES/School district, receiving 1:1 assistance
- Helps bring district initiatives to JRES
- Two new programs:
 - 95% for phonics and reading
 - Wit and Wisdom for language arts
 - iExcel
 - Online program used for math and English Language Arts (ELA)
 - Grant from PTO and PCEF expanded the program to ELA this year!
 - Social Committee Fund; faculty and staff contribute in PTO venmo account
 - Working with PTO to identify room parents
- Board Introductions: Brief!
- Board Reports
 - President & VP - Anna Wildman & Amanda Gephart
 - The year ahead!
 - **Becoming a PTO Member & Membership Toolkit**
 - Please sign up. Because we are a non-profit, we need to have membership. \$5; feel free to donate more
 - Access to directory
 - Sync your calendar
 - Membership toolkit app
 - Please follow us on social media and share!
 - **Meetings the last Tuesday of every month at 8:30A**
 - PTO is a nonprofit:
 - Support \$150 teacher grants to every teacher every year
 - Teacher appreciation every month!
 - Field trips
 - Community events, i.e. community picnic, spelling bee, science night, spirit wear, musical,
 - How to support the PTO (Sponsors, Smith's)
 - **Community sponsorships are super helpful!** Do you own a business, or know someone who does?
 - Sponsors gain access to our entire community
 - Connect your Smith's account to JRES PTO. This has been helpful!!
 - Fun Run.
 - Last year raised \$46,000 for our school!
 - Fundraising information will be sent home this week, so look for that!
 - We really need you help with this event because it is our biggest event of the year!
 - **How to volunteer**
 - Sign up sheet passed around at meeting
 - Email JRESpto@gmail.com or find volunteer sign up on website
 - Social media asks/sign ups
 - Newsletter sign ups
 - **We need help managing our website!** DO you have this skillset? Please volunteer to help us!

Upcoming Events: We need Volunteers!!

- Community Picnic next event Sept 5th 5-7P
 - Bring your family and a picnic
 - Jersey Mikes will hopefully be available for sandwich purchasing
 - Penguin brothers ice cream sandwiches will be provided, PTO sponsorship
 - CLothing swap
 - MiA project
- Fun Run Update - Britta Trepp
 - Fun run is Thursday, September 12th throughout the day during specialist hours
 - The Fun Run is our PTO's biggest fundraiser of the year and makes funding student opportunities like field trips, the musical, and others possible.
 - Parent letter will be sent home the end of this week with student participation times
 - Volunteers needed to help with set up, tear down and lap counting/cheering
- Communications - Brittany & Emily
 - We cannot text.
 - Everyone should be receiving the newsletter
 - Schedules/updated events on social media
 - Follow us!!
- Treasurer Report / Financials - Jamie Schwarzenbach
 - Budgeted to bring in \$54,000 in revenue this year, with will pay for everything we've committed to fund this year
 - Teacher grants, field trips, musical, science fair, community picnic, etc...
 - Registered 501c3
 - Published information every month

Committee Reports:

- MIA - Blaire Isleib / Christina DeRop
 - Monthly, in-class art projects
 - Collaborative pieces created every early spring and auctioned off at ArtFest to sponsor the program!
 - Sign up passed around in meeting
 - Only school in district that has this program
 - Every class needs a lead and a group of support parents
 - Curriculum is pre-assembled making it super easy to get involved
 - Silver Graphics will be replaced as our vendor this year
 - Kiln on site! We need a parent to shadow Rachel this year and help with firing art next year!
- PCEF Update: Julie JRES Ambassador
 - Beat the Call → Building the Foundation
 - Tax dollars go to basics like infrastructure, teacher salaries
 - PCEF funds after school programs, preschool programs, and other "long-term" programming
 - Recommended \$2/day/school year per child recommended donation
 - Because we have a liaison, PCEF donate \$1500 to PTO
- Staff Appreciation Team
 - Busiest during May
 - Fun group to be involved in

- Always looking for additional volunteers
- Green Team
 - Robust composting program
 - Battery, markers, crayon, wrappers,
 - Two clothing swaps each year
- Book Fair
 - Retaining scholastic for spring fair,
 - Adding local vendor for fall book fair to improve quality of books being purchased
 - Exciting to support local company
 - Scholastic book orders will continue to be sent home by teachers throughout the year
- Questions, Other Business
 - PC Reads: Hosting event on Sept. 24th
 - Bring in two renowned researchers to speak on the science of reading
 - Will inform on 95% program and why the district changed its programming
 - Diane Livingston here and running for State School Board
 - She supports our PTO/school
 - Read up on her and consider voting for her in November!
 - Halloween Party, multicultural night, yearbook, other initiatives
 - We would like a wide-variety of parent support!
 - We need to have more parents who take over once other volunteer parent need to move on