

## **JJP PTA MEETING**

Date: Monday, March 7th

Time: 9:30am

Location: Zoom

Presidents: Morgan Bondroff and Felissa Allard

Secretary: Hollie Mechak

### **Agenda:**

- I. Call to order and welcome
- II. Google Sign-in
- III. Vote upon January 2022 Minutes

-January minutes approved

- IV. Relay for Life - Chelsea Whitney [chelsea.whitney@cancer.org](mailto:chelsea.whitney@cancer.org)
  - Fundraiser is back after two years for American Cancer Society
  - [www.relayforlife.org/pobny](http://www.relayforlife.org/pobny) : URL to find information and setup a a personal fundraising page
  - There are also Facebook and Instagram pages with information
  - Fundraisers:
    - Sunday at Family Bagels - there will be a raffle basket; come have a purple bagel and give back
    - Bustos - fundraisers happening as well
  - Event is June 4th at 4pm with a survivor reception
  - Happy to invite any and all to participate and help; just reach out to Chelsea or anyone involved with the organization

- V. Birthday Box
  - March and April are available on Memberhub
  - Please give two weeks notice

- VI. Book Fair - March 17th and 18th
  - Once we have a schedule of when classes are visiting the book fair we will share
  - Send in money on your child's scheduled day if you choose

- Every child will be receiving a scholastic tote bag; Everyone will go home at least with something

VII. STEAM Night - April 7th (Virtual)

- There will be breakout rooms where kids can explore the different activities
- 4 total activities; you will pick from those which you want to do
- Will share more information when we get it

VIII. Staff Appreciation

- On March 23rd we will be providing lunch for all of our amazing JJP staff members
- There is a link on Memberhub to contribute whatever amount you want; No amount is too small
- Thank you to those that already have contributed

IX. Reports from Officers

a. Co-Presidents: Morgan Bondroff and Felissa Allard

- Half day of school is March 23rd
  - An email was sent home from the district and also from childcare
  - There will be more correspondence about dismissal but busses will leave at 11:45am and the school will start dismissing walker door and carpool 10 minutes before
- Lookout out for the Pickle me Pete district wide fundraiser which is available for purchase now

b. Treasurer: Joanna DiGianni

- We currently have a balance of \$32,403.50 with 6 outstanding checks totaling \$4762.87

i. Reviewer of Books and Records – Kara Kaplan

- Not present

c. VP of Membership: Courtney Parver

- Thank you to those have become a member of PTA
- Winners of the class membership contest are:
  - K: Lippolt
  - 1st: Castle
  - 2nd: Novick
  - 3rd: Korwan
  - 4th: Rehill
  - We will be in touch with class parents of the winning classes to figure out a day when they get a celebratory box in their classroom (birthday box)
- Box tops! Keep scanning. Since the last meeting we've made quite a bit of money.

d. VP of Fundraising: Nikki Sacks

- The canvases were hung in the cafeteria and pictures were posted on Facebook. If people would still like to buy them and have them hung they can contact Nikki.
- Working on a new fundraiser for the spring

e. VP of Arts in Education: Jennifer Saslowsky

- 3 school wide assemblies are coming up:
  - Dare to Draw 3/21
  - Bash the Trash 4/5
  - So FUN City 5/2
- Book Fair next week: we are going to round up once again to the nearest dollar and the money goes towards the school. Last time we raised enough to purchase a book crate for the school library. Every child in the school benefits.

f. VP of Community Service: Kara Kaplan

- Thank you for donating books for book fairies, they are being picked up this week. They appreciate your generosity.

- There will be one more community service project in the spring so stay tuned for that.
- PARP:
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  - Was an amazing fun-filled week!
  - It kicked off with different classes reading and mingling together
  - Dress up as your favorite book character day was extremely fun and creative
  - The vocabulary parade boosted morale for entire school; Kids cheered on each other and students had the chance to show off their costumes/words on the stage
  - The surprise guest reader was Mr. Scensey; The kids were so excited and surprised to see him
  - The week ended with an awesome visit from author Doreen Cronin; She visited virtually and each student went home with a signed book

## X. Reports from Committees

### a. Curriculum- Sol Soto and Marie Fonzo

- Scheduled Steam Night for April 7th
  - Links and flyers went out with information
  - Purchase steam kits by March 25th
  - There are four different activities; Purchasing the kits gets you materials for all four.
  - High schoolers are working hard and excited about the event and everything will be recorded.
- Play Stations for kids: discussed kitchen play and other social opportunities during recess for Kindergarten since they have missed out on these skills during the past two years
- Equity Diversity Committee: looking at how we can incorporate racial discrimination lessons into the curriculum as the district continues to diversify.
- Discussed reorganizing how the curriculum committee is set up; They want to integrate 4th and 5th grade as well as 5th and 6th grade to ease the transition
- Discovery Lab: kids are visiting and having fun
- Harmony Unit 4: problem solving

b. Health - Sol Soto

- Meeting March 25th

c. Nutrition – Sol Soto

- Dept of Health Inspections
  - issues that were code violations were not major (for example, not working water fountains)
  - Everything was updated
- Next meeting will be about what will lunch look like now that masks are optional; Will kids line up again?

d. Title IX – Jana Kron

- Did not meet

e. Transportation & Security- Hollie Mechak

\*This meeting was 1/27 - next meeting 3/17

- **SAFETY**
  - COVID:**
    - Surge before Xmas break
    - Currently a decline in cases
  - **Revised mask guidance**
    - Mask order is back in place
    - We will follow mask guidance moving forward
    - If the mask mandate goes away, how does that affect close contacts and quarantine?
  - **Say Something**
    - Increase awareness of this to parents
    - We have to get a message out that this is an option to report
    - Annual assemblies about it for students
  - **ID Cards for Middle School**
    - Could be used to purchase lunch and in the library

- Training kids for high school
- March meeting bring in MS principals
- Camera Systems
  - Starting to do a replacement cycle to keep technology current
  - Replacing cameras
  - New person at homeland security we are dealing with; current person was promoted
- Fire Department
  - Feedback on our fire procedures
  - Working on building a relationship with local fire department

f. Technology – Jennifer Saslowsky

- No updated report

XI. Report from Mrs. Clampitt

**Grade Updates:**

- Hope everyone had a nice February break
- We will continue to go outside for recess; Please send jackets and weather appropriate attire
- New instagram handle: @jjpelementary
  - There will be pictures of happenings going on at school, as well as on the PTA Facebook page
- JJP RISE Lounge
  - Putting an incentive for the RISE program where children earn tickets at lunch for embodying what it means to be a JJP student and following the elements of RISE
  - Each friday there will be a winner who can to eat in the RISE lounge with a friend during lunch (JJP stage)
  - The 4th grade student council had everyone vote on the theme for the lounge, which will be tropical paradise
  - We have ordered the materials and there will be a red ribbon cutting and pictures to come
- Harmony Unit 4 - Problem Solving
  - Focused on cooperating, being considerate, forming solutions to problems, responding individually in a disagreement, thinking about a solution while regulating emotions

- Parent/Teacher Conferences
  - Teachers sent out sign up sheets; If you did not sign up for a timeslot please reach out to your child's teacher
  - They will once again be virtual through google meet
  - For specialty area teachers or support staff please email them directly
- PARP Week
  - Was such a success!
  - Thank you to PTA parents involved for decorating and making the week a success. The kids and teachers loved seeing Mr. Scesney and were so surprised.
- Playground
  - Coming in the spring
  - Blue and gray colors and two pieces of equipment were finalized; Students voted on it
- Music update: recorder program will begin in 3rd and 4th grades; No concert this year
- Covid guidance -
  - We are now mask optional
  - If there is a positive student or staff member in any class a family letter will go home explaining new guidance, which is a recommendation that if a close contact student should wear a mask for 10 days (only quarantine and isolate positive students), date when they recommend testing. School can provide home test if needed.
- Emergency Response Team
  - We have been working on practicing fire drills during lunch and recess to get us sharper and more well versed in what a drill looks like if students aren't in the classroom during an emergency
  - A representative from police or fire departments may be present during some drills
- Meeting with Dr. O'Meara soon about 4th grade moving up and carnival - figuring out what it will look like and having a rain date

### Kindergarten:

Reading: Bigger books, Bigger reading muscles

Writing: How to books, writing to teach others

Math: Compose and decompose numbers 11-19

Social Studies: Maps and globes

Science: 5 senses

Favorite Moments:

- PARP mystery reader and pajama day

### First Grade:

Reading: Readers have big jobs to do: fluency, phonics and comprehension

Writing: Writing reviews

Math: Comparing numbers

Social Studies: Maps and geography

Science: Human bodies

Favorite Moments:

- PARP dress up like your favorite storybook character and learning greater and less than in math

### Second Grade:

Reading: Bigger books means amping up reading power

Writing: From scenes to series

Math: 3 digit addition

Social Studies: Geography and the environment

Science: The diversity of the earth

Favorite Moments:

- PARP vocabulary parade and favorite character dress up day

### Third Grade:



Reading: Genre study

Writing: Writing about reading

Math: Time length, liquid volume, mass

Social Studies: Unit 3: Case Studies: United States, Brazil, China and/or Kenya

Science: Forces in physics

Favorite Moments:

- PARP vocabulary parade, dress up like your favorite storybook character day and measurement and length in math

Fourth Grade:

Reading: Historical fiction club

Writing: Historical fiction writing

Math: Area

Social Studies: Immigration and industrialization

Science: Structures of life

Favorite Moments:

- Meeting Doreen Cronin and using a protractor in math

-Dinner Time Chats:

- How did you problem solve today?

\*Next meeting April 13th 10am on Zoom