

JJP PTA MEETING

Date: Wednesday, September 28th 2022

Time: 9:45am

Location: Zoom

Presidents: Felissa Allard and Jennifer Saslowsky

Secretary: Hollie Mechak

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Welcome
- II. Google sign-in
- III. Vote upon June 2022 Minutes
 - June 2022 minutes are approved
- IV. Vote upon Budget for 2022-2023 School Year
 - Budget is approved
- V. Vote of Confidence/Expenditures
 - Vote of confidence approved
 - Vote of expenditures approved
- VI. New Assistant Superintendent for Business - Dr. Dillon
 - Looking forward to working with us in all areas
- VII. Birthday Box
 - The only approved way to celebrate a child's birthday with food
 - Felissa and Maria are chairs- feel free to reach out
 - Order on Memberhub - Choose from 6 approved snacks
 - Delivered morning of birthday or a few days before along with water, a certificate and pencil
 - Please order two weeks in advance
- VIII. JJP Welcome Back Event - Color Run
 - Friday 9/30 - 5/5:15pm check in
 - There is a link for people who want to sign up but not buy a shirt
 - Playground Athletes will be running activities and then the color run
 - This is not a race - Kids walk, stroll, and hang out with friends

- All children registered will receive a shirt and protective eyewear (even if you did not get a shirt you will get the protective eyewear)
- The colored powder is used by all local day camps - safe option so no concern
- Wear clothes and sneakers you don't care about
- Snacks and water will be sold by PTA
- If you want to help please reach out

IX. Picture Day - October 28th

- Looking for volunteers to help
- Information will be sent out shortly from EAP, the company we used last year
- Hoping to do class pictures this year

X. Box Tops - TK

- Still looking for someone to handle box tops
- If you want to volunteer please reach out
- Everything is digital on an app and just needs to be monitored periodically

XI. Audit Report - Alexandra Feigman

- Audit was completed and everything was complete and off to accountant

XII. Spiritwear - Elyse Habib

- First order went in and should arrive any day now
- September 7th order will be placed this week, should receive 2-3 weeks
- Trip shirts have been ordered and will come in any day now
- Looking into doing a pop-up shop for spiritwear

XIII. Reports from Officers

a. Co Presidents: Felissa Allard and Jennifer Saslowsky

- Welcome to the school year: "We have a kid in every grade in the building so we hope we can be in touch with everything across JJP"
- New theme across district: Every student matters, every moment counts
- Hopefully a "normal" school year approached in a partnership
- Please reach out and share how we can do things and bring new ideas; We are willing to keep traditions and add new ones

- We will need a lot of support from parents with the building reopening; There are many ways to participate that aren't during the school day
- K play center is up and running; Pictures are posted on instagram. Lower grades will also visit when teachers sign up.
- Pretzel Sale is up and running. We are offering gluten free pretzels. Order on Memberhub. First day is October 21st. Closing registration October 14th.
- Field trips are back in action
- District created a welcome back committee; If you want to be a part reach out
- Two virtual snow days this year because of calendar requirements
- Dr. O'Meara is a really strong partner to PTA; Open to all ideas and wants to be involved however she can be

b. Treasurer: Jennifer LePiane

- We currently have a balance of \$33385.60. Outstanding checks totaling \$900 playground athletes.

-Reviewer of Books and Records: Kara Kaplan

- Everything looks good

c. VP of Membership: Morgan Bondroff

- 252 paid PTA members (216 parents, 35 staff, 1 student)
- Encourage everyone to join; \$10 on Memberhub
- The money goes directly to the children and the arts in ed program
- We will be running a contest where the first class in each grade to reaches 100% attendance they will get some type of reward

d. VP of Fundraising: Sol Soto

- Boo Bags for Halloween that can preorder
- New fundraising which coordinates with us and local restaurant community; Since they were hit hard during Covid - October will be with sandwich express
- Lookout for white post farms pies and breads fundraiser (gluten free and nut free options)

e. VP of Arts in Education: Kara Kaplan

- K in person assembly today: Apple Cider
- Planning assemblies across the grades. Everyone has one booked.

- School wide assemblies also are being planned.
 - Lookout on Facebook for notes and pictures about assemblies.
- f. VP of Community Service: Nikki Sacks
- Working on something for October, will be in touch shortly.

XIV. Reports from Committees

- a. Curriculum: Cara Prager
- Not on
- b. Health: Emily Cooper
- Not on
- c. Nutrition: Abby Israel
- No meeting yet. First meeting October 12th
- d. Title IX: Jessica Grant
- No meeting yet.
- e. Student Services: Hollie Mechak (reported by Jennifer Saslowsky)
- Stop arm project for buses starts soon. When you see a bus with a stop sign you must stop in either way of traffic. You will get a ticket in the mail if you do not. Spread the word.
 - Representatives from bus companies came and said they place POB at the highest priority because we have been working together for years. There is a driver and matron shortage but they are doing the best they can. They are also offering bussing for field trips.
 - Drills happening in building and plans to keep our buildings as safe as possible.
- f. Technology: Ross Gillman
- Surveyed teachers on apps teachers are using in classes
 - Projector and smart boards have almost all been replaced
 - K students are receiving chrome books
 - Work being done to secure districts wifi network
 - Fishing expeditions that are testing fraudulent emails
 - Student photos - following up that we have something in place for how photos are used

XV. Report from Mrs. Clampitt

- Thank you Felissa and Jen for partnership and working with us over the summer.
- This will be a more normal and “re-imagined” year
- Mrs. Yohe is our assistant principal
- When you need something or want to bring something to our attention we are here and want to work with you
- There are a lot of new staff to welcome to JJP:
 - Nicole Heuschneider: K
 - Tracey Balinskas: K in ICT with Miss Lippolt
 - Janina Pereira: K
 - Robert Bliss: 4th in ICT with Mrs. Marcone
 - Jessica Pearlman: special education reading
 - Daniel Wendelken: band teacher for 4th grade
 - Angelica Garguilio: phys ed teacher who will also be teaching health
 - Elizabeth Sonnick: ENL
 - Keionna Simpson: math AIS
 - Shawn Ulahannan: school psychology
 - Anne Kim: K aide
 - Soraya Gafary: Patino maternity leave
 - Joanie Deignan
- Summer work: Thank you to our custodial team for the work this Summer
 - Fire Alarm
 - Library renovation (in progress)
 - K Play Space
 - New K classes
 - New painting and speakers in gym
 - Hosted E-Steam
- Safety drills: trying to make them more casual so the children know we are always practicing and it makes it less scary and without anxiety or fear
 - Bus Drills: September 12th
 - Fire Evacuation Drills: September 9th, 19th
 - Lockdown Drill: September 22nd
- Successful back to school night on September 20th
- Starts with Hello Week (5th annual) letter was sent home - October 3rd-October 7th
- Lunch and Recess:
 - Cafeteria Seating: Kids are going to rec first and then eating afterwards. We made the change based on research and so far it is going well.
 - Student seating by class, allergy tables for class

- All classes together by grade; No grades are split
- Food Service: Lunch will be pre-ordered by families for \$2.80; Students will move through the lunch line like usual

Lunch changes

Grade	Recess Time	Lunch Time
3	11:06 - 11:30	11:30 - 11:54
4	11:30 - 11:54	11:54 - 12:18
2	11:54 - 12:18	12:18 - 12:42
K	12:18 - 12:42	12:42 - 1:06
1	12:42 - 1:06	1:06 - 1:30

- Attendance: must call first alert if child will be out of school [434-3375](tel:434-3375)
- Pickup patrol: for dismissal; Must be put in through the app. All changes must be made by 1pm. Changes can be made in advance.
- @jjpelementary on instagram
- Grade Reports: We will have a spotlight on curriculum every month for each grade

Favorite parts of the week:

K: Playing in the playroom and going outside to play on the playground
 1st: Pizza at lunch and using “turn around tiger” to learn math facts
 2nd: Getting my picture taken with the “caught being kind” frame and reading with my teacher in reader’s workshop
 3rd: Knockout in basketball at rec and learning to round in math
 4th: Learning about New York in Social Studies and going to orchestra lessons with Mrs. Bradley

Dinnertime chats question:

How were you brave today?

XVI. Class Parent Selection: Elyse Habib

K:

Grade Captain: Bari Litvack

Bluth: Katherine Kirschner Bradley and Rachel Kirschner

Heuschneider: Tracy Szedlacik and Jamie Pfeffer

Kady: Joannie Chen and Ilana Kalanthroff

Lippolt/Balinskas: Melissa Lenderman and Jamie Regino

Periera: Gayathri Kaniganti and Elizabeth Vulin

1st:

Grade Captain: Morgan Seiden

Castle: Jillian Bernstein and Lauren Epstein

Diener: Jamie Pollak and Jennifer Saslowsky

Guido: Jayme Heid and Rachel Rubin

2nd:

Grade Captain: Abby Israel

Cotto: Jennifer Marascia and Alexandra Feigman

Hamrah: Lauren Fuchs and Sol Soto

Novick: Jamie Schaefer and Dawn Molinara

3rd:

Grade Captain: Shari Smilowitz

Knopp/Adges: Cara Prager and Denise Lee

Korwan: Nikki Sachs and Rachel Haft

Plouffe: Jennifer Le Piane and Randi Sambursky

Stitt: Sharyn Wanderman and Claudia Lerudis

4th:

Grade Captains: Morgan Bondroff and Jessica Grant

Egglinger/Thayer: Violetta Karp and Cliff Friedman

Marcone/Bliss: Felissa Allard and Michelle Mandel

Patino: Alexis Simon and Lindsay Woods

Reehil: Hollie Mechak and Allison Asparro

Next Meeting: Wednesday October 19th 7:30pm in person