

## **JJP PTA MEETING**

Date: Tuesday November 22, 2022

Time: 7:30pm

Location: In Person

Presidents: Felissa Allard and Jennifer Saslowsky

Secretary: Hollie Mechak

### **Agenda**

- I. Call to Order and Welcome
- II. Google sign-in
- III. Vote upon October 2022 Minutes
  - October 2022 minutes are approved
- IV. Welcome Committee
  - Meeting went over change and diversity of the district as time as gone by
  - How we can be more inclusive and welcoming when there are new families to the district or families entering Kindergarten
  - Please use QR code to give feedback how you felt if you were new to the school or district
  - We want to be an inclusive district so no family feels left out and everyone understands what is happening (for staff and community)
- V. Birthday Box: January/February dates open
  - Closing December 12th for December
  - Give two weeks notice
- VI. Picture Retake Day - December 2nd
- VII. Holiday Boutique - December 7th-9th
  - You will be able to pre-pay for items and will not need a receipt
- VIII. Book Fair Recap
  - Was a huge success!
  - Everyone went home with a book
  - All children were polite and happy
  - We purchased books for each classroom, library and play spac
  - Next book fair will be in March

- IX. Spiritwear update
  - Pop-up with Mother Hustler extended to Monday
  - Orders guaranteed by holidays
  - Any suggestions are welcome: maybe tie dye or plaid pajama pants
  - Pop-up in the spring geared toward Mattlin/Plainview/Hawks instead of just JJP
  
- X. Last Chance for Lost and Found
  - By Winter Break whatever is still in there will be donated
  
- XI. Box Tops
  - Remember to scan your tops
  - Use the app
  
- XII. Nominating Committee Selection: 3 Exec Board 2 Non-Exec Board
  - Meet in March and form the board for next year
  - Exec Board Members: Joanna DiGianni, Elyse Habib, Morgan Bondroff
  - Non-Exec Board Members: Morgan Seiden
  - Alternate: Camilia Carp
  
- XIII. Reports from Officers
  - a. Co Presidents: Felissa Allard and Jennifer Saslowsky
    - Graffiti across from school: was taken care of and removed
    - There are no snow days this calendar year but will return in years to come. Snow days this year are virtual.
    - 3rd graders are getting new chrome books, 5th grade and 9th graders
    - March 28th Founder's Day, nomination forms went out. This honors community members and staff within our school.
    - Class size: we have the second largest K in the district but our class size in K is the smallest. We have the highest class size in 1st and 2nd, but our class sizes for each grade is the smallest.
    - Reminder if you have questions and/or ideas to reach out and share.
    - Thanks for everyone's help volunteering for PTA events.
  
  - b. Treasurer: Jennifer LePiane

- We currently have a balance of \$34,286.53. Outstanding checks totaling \$1,745.89. Pretzel sale, Thanksgiving pies we paid for in advance, reimbursements. This week will be sorting out scholastic money.
- Reviewer of Books and Records: Kara Kaplan
- Everything looks good
- c. VP of Membership: Morgan Bondroff
- 275 members currently, including 44 staff members
  - Our goal is 100%
  - Please join PTA if you haven't done so yet
  - Running a contest for the first class in each grade to get to 100% or the highest by the deadline will get a "special day". Deadline is December 31st. Winners will be announced at the January PTA meeting.
  - The PTA gifted every teacher that joined the PTA a JJP pin
- d. VP of Fundraising: Sol Soto
- Thanksgiving pies and breads pickups tomorrow 4-6pm back of the school tomorrow. If you cannot make it, reach out to Sol.
  - Holiday cookie fundraising kits will go out Monday. The company of one of the PTA parents at JJP.
- e. VP of Arts in Education: Kara Kaplan
- 1st grade had Oceans Rocks, 2nd grade had Game On, and 4th grade had Journeys. All grades loved their assemblies
  - Dare to Draw coming up next virtually in January
- f. VP of Community Service: Nikki Sacks
- New projects coming up: drive to support a few families during the holiday time, holiday toy drive

#### XIV. Reports from Committees

- a. Curriculum: Cara Prager
- TC Family Day went great, thank you to those who participated.
  - Foundations and spelling in 3rd grade: Looking at student work and based on the work they are finding spelling patterns
  - Playspace outside of K, there is sign up available for other grades but it is most appropriate for grades K-2

- Elementary clubs went out
  - Talk of swim club during the week after school in the spring at POB
- b. Health: Emily Cooper
- Room to Breathe: potential to bring it down to the middle and elementary schools. Looking to make it more confidential and accessible. (Basically a safe space when a student needs it; They have it in high school).
  - Play space in the elementary schools seems to be well received. K-1 once every 6 day cycle and 2nd graders are also using it. The space is run by the social worker and psychologists. It's focus is to help kids learn how to socialize and play after losing the opportunity due to COVID
  - There is a discussion of how to get a high school club that's called Athletes Helping Athletes to help get more kids who are interested in sports activities the opportunity to play and more kids moving as a whole. So potential to set something up with them.
- c. Nutrition: Abby Israel
- JJP hosted
  - Two 4th graders per class gave feedback about lunch
  - Students want bagels and more pancakes
- d. Title IX: Jessica Grant
- Talked about working with PTAs from all of the schools and combining budgets to make them more effective
  - We will be reaching out to different schools and working on bullying prevention, support to students in 5th-8th who are struggling with things going on in their lives and what the future holds for them.
  - Parent training on appropriate/inappropriate terms, texting codes that kids use that parents may not understand.
- e. Student Services: Hollie Mechak reported by Jennifer Saslowsky
- Issue with contract with stop arm cameras
  - All buildings have been changed to two points of entry only. Everyone must enter through the front door or a second secret door only staff is aware of.
- f. Technology: Ross Gillman

- New chromebooks
- Fill out the survey about the internet
- Cyber security and protecting data; District has to approve any apps used by teachers

g. MAPOB: Allison Asparro

- Not present

## XV. Report from Mrs. Clampitt

Thankful Tree - Thanksgiving spirit; students submitted leaves with something they are thankful for about JJP. We are so thankful for all our students and their families. We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration with your loved ones.

Student Council Representatives were elected. We are so proud of all of our student candidates. All fourth grade classes voted on our reps. They are here this evening to connect with the PTA.

TC Family Day November 17 - thank you to all who participated in person or virtually. It was a great day of learning about how to support reading and writing at home. There was a focus on choosing text with your children, how to encourage and communicate with your children about reading at home to further the skills they learn here at school. For example, adding stops to the library in between practices and sporting events. Modeling and making discussions about what they read. The TC trainers went over questions you could ask your children about their reading to build upon and support at home.

In October, we had Kindergarten Literacy and Math Night. Thank you to those who came out. Ms. Annino and Ms. Lee shared about ways to support literacy and math at home and provided an overview about our programs.

Attendance: Must be called into First Alert 434-3375 if your child is going to be out

Pick up patrol : Used for dismissal - all changes MUST be entered prior to 1:00 PM; changes can be entered in advance

Soccer visit

BINGO

Third and fourth grade clubs started.

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**Student Shout Outs**

## Kindergarten

- **“My favorite part of the week!” student share out**
  - Making Thankful Turkeys
  - Thanksgiving Celebration

## Grade 1

- **“My favorite part of the week!” student share out**
  - 50th Day of School Celebration
  - Learning about Near Doubles

## Grade 2

- **“My favorite part of the week!” student share out**
  - Adding text features into our non-fiction writing pieces
  - Thanksgiving Parade

## Grade 3

- **“My favorite part of the week!” student share out**
  - Mix Matched Day
  - Book Fair

## Grade 4

- **“My favorite part of the week!” student share out**
  - Long Division
  - Discovery Lab trip on Weathering and Erosion

## Dinner time chats:

Who is someone that you helped out today?

## 4th Grade Student Council:

What do you want to change?

- The food
- Longer recess time
- RISE lounge theme
- Teach more about RISE to students
- Add birthday box snacks to snack door; More snack door options
- Add more history books to the book fair
- Add recycling bins

Next Meeting: January 18th, 2023 at 9:45am Virtual