

JJP PTA MEETING

Date: Thursday, October 14th 2021

Time: 7:30PM

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 September 2021 Minutes
 - September minutes approved

- IV. Birthday Box
 - Boxes for October are currently available
 - Boxes for November and December will be added shortly
 - The committee will let everyone know on Facebook which months are available
 - Please give two weeks notice when ordering your box

- V. Boo-Thru Event- October 22nd from 5-7pm
 - Drive through event at the school, can stay in your car the whole time except to take a picture in front of the step and repeat
 - We are partnering with the National Honor Society from the high school and they are really excited to be hosting this event with us
 - There will be 20 tables and trunks decorated, high school students in costumes, music, candy, and educational items for children
 - We are also collecting canned goods to donate to food pantry; Please bring canned goods to the event
 - A flyer went out with the QR code and sign-up information
 - Please sign up for a timeslot to prevent overcrowding; one slot per family, 15 minutes each

- VI. Picture Day- October 27th
 - Will be outdoors weather permitting
 - Class composites like last year

VII. Spirit Wear

- Shoutout to Elyse Habib for all of her hard work updating designs and getting the spiritwear organized
- Thank you also to Sol Soto for her technological expertise and displaying all of the spiritwear on memberhub for everyone to view and order
- We have over 100 orders in just a few weeks
- Should be about 2-3 weeks to receive items
- All items will be sent home with the children once they are in
- Be on the lookout for Spirit Fridays starting; a chance to show off your new spirit wear

VIII. Pretzel Sale (deadline to order is today 10/14)

- \$15 per child, covers the whole year
- Once a month, October through June
- This year pretzels will be handed out in the classrooms in the morning; they can eat at snack or during lunch. Pretzels will be individually wrapped.

IX. Reports from officers

- Co-Presidents: Morgan Bondroff and Felissa Allard
 - If you haven't gotten a field trip shirt for your child please reach out. Should last 5 years at JJP. First t-shirt is free and any additional is \$5. Each grade has a different color.
 - Visitors: The district is being extra careful with volunteers and visitors entering the buildings. If you are entering the school for any reason you must upload your vaccination card or negative covid test (within one week) on Family ID
 - Link for Family ID:
www.familyid.com/organizations/plainview-old-bethpage-csd
 - District Committees: if you ever have any questions or concerns please reach out to the committee representatives for JJP. They will be happy to voice concerns at their meetings.
 - Homecoming: Saturday, October 23rd; Parade starting 2:00pm starting at the Plainview pool. You can watch them march to Mattlin and then to the high school. The game is at 3pm.

- Treasurer: JoannaDiGianni
 - Balance is \$20,598.14 with no outstanding checks

- i. Reviewer of Books and Records – Kara Kaplan
 - Reviewed and everything looks great

- VP of Membership: Courtney Parver
 - 221 members of PTA; some are two people in one household
 - Many teachers and staff joined
 - Please don't forget to scan receipts for box tops

- i. PTA Membership Contest
 - First class in each grade to have 100% PTA membership wins a party in the class
 - PTA representatives please encourage your parents to join

- VP of Fundraising: Nikki Sacks
 - Next week we will start our Thanksgiving pie fundraiser. There will be a cutoff in November to make sure we get them in time for the holiday..
 - i. Halloween Boo Crew shirts
 - This event is closed to make sure we get the shirts in time for Halloween
 - A few extras were ordered in case. Reach out to Nikki if you would like to order.
 - There will be time slots next week to pick up the shirts and class parents will be notified.

 - ii. Decorate your own Canvas
 - Still available
 - Canvases will be displayed around the school

- VP of Arts in Education: Jennifer Saslowsky
 - Most grades have had great virtual assemblies
 - Information and photos from the assemblies are posted on the PTA Facebook page
 - Next week is digital citizenship week: each grade will have an assembly each morning about how to use technology appropriately. This is a district/school wide program.
 - All assemblies for now will be virtual and this will be reviewed again in January

- VP of Community Service: Kara Kaplan
 - We are working on adopting two families for the holidays, there will be a Target wish list of their wants and needs

i. Socktober

- We are looking for socks and toiletry donations for the Mary Brennan Inn
- Please send in with your child and they can place items into box in the lobby
- You can also drop at the front door and a staff member will place the items in the box for you

X. Reports from Committees

- Curriculum- Sol Soto and Marie Fonzo
 - Soaring to New Heights program was discussed
 - POB Explorer Program: summer program that offered enrichment opportunities for students
 - Harmony Program for SEL (social emotional learning):
 - push in program to discuss diversity, inclusion, peer relations, and communication.
 - Each unit outline will be provided by the school principals, and activities parents can participate in will also be shared.

- Parents are encouraged to follow up with the activities, they can serve as great conversation starters with kids in the car or at the dinner table
 - If anyone has any questions about the program or units, they should reach out to their school principal
 - A letter was sent out last month about it
 - TC (Teacher's College) Parent day: October 26th; Learn about the teacher's college program used in our school
- Health-Sol Soto
 - No meeting
- Nutrition – Sol Soto
 - Launch of Breakfast/Lunch Programs
 - Only one elementary school has students successfully lining up for lunch right now (except K students)
 - Parents need to stick to ordering only ONE entree per lunch order. Multiple entrees being chosen are slowing down the lunch staff at the schools.
 - Karen Ball will talk to the FD Mealplanner IT guy to see if it is possible to limit it to only one option. In the meantime, PTA representatives should make sure to communicate to parents only one entree choice should be made.
 - Beef alternatives will be offered- re: turkey and cheese sandwich
 - There are no gluten free pizza options available at this time. They will continue to look for a supplier.
 - 90% more meals per day are being used versus 3 years ago. This means the program being self-sustaining will need to be reviewed due to the increase in students using the program- especially the past two while it has been at no expense to parents.
 - Concerns were raised with the aftercare program and the kids being given their breakfast at the end of the day. Some of the food options require refrigeration. Can aftercare use the fridges to store the kids' food? Parents should follow up

with their aftercare providers. We will follow up with Cheryl Dender.

- Title IX–Jana Kron
 - No meeting

- Transportation- Hollie Mechak
 - No meeting

- Technology – Jennifer Saslowsky
 - No meeting

XI. Report from Mrs. Clampitt

- Starts with Hello

- The school participated in “Starts with Hello Week”; was really successful, thank you to Miss Lodato
- The mission of the program is to create a school where no one feels isolated
- We are coming back all together after a difficult year; some students were remote, and there a lot of new students at the school; The children are learning how to be inclusive and communicate with one another
- The students now have a plan and skills to start a conversation, especially during this challenging time
- While this week was isolated, we will bring back the skills they learned throughout the year. We also want the skills to be circled back into their daily routine.
- The children will be going outside as much as possible, unless it is snowing or raining. Please make sure to send in jackets when the weather starts to get cold
- A reminder that if you want to order lunch please put your order in in advance
- We will be having a Spirit Day- Unity Day October 20th: everyone should wear orange. There will be an explanation of what Unity Day is, and we will honor and celebrate what unity means.
- Harmony Program lessons kicked off in September; The first unit is: Power of One. This is about how students can find at least one adult to trust and help

them. Diversity and inclusion will make up the rest of the unit. A letter came home with how you can help reinforce what the children learned at home.

Grade Updates:

-Many of the grades are continuing the same units from September. Any changes are listed below:

Kindergarten:

Math: Counting and writing numbers 0-5

ELA: Becoming emergent readers, learning print literacy, learning print phonics

Social Studies: Unit on Identity; They went from learning about rules and structure to now showing identity. For example, learning to show respect, negotiating and compromising with conflict and how to work through opinions with conflict.

Students' Favorite Moments:

1. Going to the gym.
2. Playing on the playground.

First Grade:

Math: Subtraction concepts within 10

Students' Favorite Moments:

1. The RISE reward on the playground.
2. Cahoot on the chromebooks.

Second Grade:

ELA: Writing: Lessons from the masters. Using mentor text to become master writers.

This is the first group of students that has only had the TC experience. It is nice to see their writing evolving and how much they have learned.

Students' Favorite Moments:

1. Making games in arts in education assembly: Game On.
2. Dressing up for spirit day during Starts with Hello week.

Third Grade:

Math: Representation and interpreting data, how to read graphs and analyze information

ELA: Crafting true stories

Science: Frog life cycle; Will have live tadpoles and eventually full grown frogs

Students' Favorite Moments:

1. Working on a mural with chalk during recess.
2. Using oil pastel crayons to color pumpkins at art.

Fourth Grade:

Math: Multiplication by 1 digit numbers

ELA: Realistic fiction; The next unit will be Publishing

Students' Favorite Moments:

1. Learning about New York in Social Studies.
2. Talking about RISE and getting a pajama day reward.
3. Learning new skills in math class.
4. Seeing friends in other classes.
5. Learning weathering and erosion in science experiments.

-Dinner Time Chats: Question of the month from Mrs. Clampitt

Suggestion of what to ask your children at the dinner table this month:

"How were you brave today?"

-The next PTA meeting will be Wednesday November 10th at 9:30am