

## **JJP PTA MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, September 22nd 2021

Time: 9:30AM

Location: Zoom

Presidents: Morgan Bondroff and Felissa Allard

Secretary: Hollie Mechak

Number in Attendance:

On Zoom:

### **Agenda:**

- I. Call to order and welcome
  - Congrats to Mrs. Clampitt and Mrs. Yohe
  - Planning for another great and successful year
- II. Google sign-in
  - Make sure you check on the attendance link so we know you were at the meeting
- III. Vote upon June 2021 Minutes
  - Motion to approve minutes, second
  - Minutes have been approved
- IV. Vote upon budget for 2021-2022 school year
  - Motion to approve budget, second
  - Budget has been approved
- V. Vote of Confidence/Expenditures
  - Gives the President ability to speak on behalf of our unit without taking a vote
  - Motion: Courtney Parver; Second: Kara Kaplan
  - Vote Approved
  
  - Vote to approve expenditures up to \$100 without a vote
  - Motion: Courtney Parver; Second: Sol Soto
  - Vote approved
- VI. New JJP Guidance Counselor - Ms. Lodato
  - Even days at JJP, Odd days at Stratford
  - Resource for students, teachers, staff and parents
  - SEL (social emotional learning) Program :Harmony, program support

- Parent chats throughout the year based on needs
- Next week beginning “Start with Hello”, and “No Place for Hate” activities

VII. Birthday Box

- PTA fundraiser and allergy safe option for kids to celebrate birthdays with friends at school
- All information is on Member Hub
- \$25
- Only food allowed into JJP, can send a craft as another option
- September and October now available to order
- Give two weeks notice

VIII. JJP Welcome Back Event - Scavenger Hunt September 24th

- 4:15-6:15pm: Drive to the back of the carpool loop for rules and clues. Do not need to get out of the car.
- Fill out google form by tomorrow if you want to participate
- First 3 families to get 20 approved clues win prizes. Gift cards donated by local businesses.
- Winners will be posted on PTA page throughout the afternoon

IX. Picture Day - October 27th

- Will be outdoors as long as weather permits
- Class photos will be composites like last year

X. Box Tops - Courtney Parver

- Brings free money to school, supplements PTA funds
- Box Tops App: school comes up, enter school code
- Scan your receipt after grocery shopping, submit
- Online shopping can give credit as well

XI. Audit Report - Maria Davetas

- Committee met over the summer to look over the books
- All totals matched, books are accurate down to the penny

XII. Spiritwear - Elyse Habib

- New items and designs for this school year
- Working with Presshouse again
- Everything will be for sale on Member Hub within the next couple of days
- A flyer will also go out and information posted on the PTA Facebook page

- Spirit Fridays

### XIII. Reports from Officers

#### A. Co- Presidents Felissa Allard and Morgan Bondroff

- District wide fundraiser October 11th - Pizza Night (Bella Vista for JJP). \$10 for regular \$12 for pepperoni
- District has come up with a disclaimer for people visiting buildings for covid: must show proof of vaccination or negative Covid test
- Volunteers will be limited
- Carpool: if you haven't received a number or has questions reach out to Shari Smilowitz

#### B. Treasurer - Joanna DiGianni

##### \*Reviewer of Books and Records - Kara Kaplan

- Looks over books each month, someone not on the bank account
- Reviewed and all accurate

#### C. VP of Membership- Courtney Parver

- currently 134 PTA members, we would like to get more
- Every membership is \$10
- Can join on Member Hub

#### D. VP of Fundraising - Nicole Sacks

#### E. VP of Arts in Education - Jennifer Saslowsky

- Many exciting things coming for all grades
- Kindergarten: : Virtual Apple Cider Press Program on Thursday 9/23 - They will be seeing how apple cider is made and have materials in the classroom to support the program
- Pictures of arts and ed programs will be posted on PTA facebook page after they happen so you can discuss with your children
- Everything right now is virtual, hoping to re-evaluate in the Spring and have some in person assemblies

#### F. VP of Community Service - Kara Kaplan

- Socktober in October
- Canned goods drive
- If you have any ideas please reach out

#### XIV. Reports from Committees

##### A. Curriculum - Sol Soto and Maria Fonzo

- Has not met

##### B. Health - Sol Soto

- Has not met

##### C. Nutrition - Sol Soto

- Has not met

##### D. Title IX - Jana Kron

- Has not met

##### E. Transportation - Hollie Mechak

###### Transportation:

-Biggest change is getting everyone back, restoring the one arrival and one dismissal times. 44 kids max on each bus. No more than 2 kids per seat. Typically 55 plus students on a bus.

-Most efficient way for parents attempting to resolve individual needs with the Transportation office is to email [asktransportation@pobschools.org](mailto:asktransportation@pobschools.org) for questions/comments. For an immediate emergency call and ask for Mr. Donarummo.

-Looking into an app that serves as a GPS for the bus routes so parents can locate where their child's bus is

###### Safety/Security:

-Upgraded one button lockdown system: Moved current security system over to another company and upgraded service. Prior to school police and company went to each building and tested each system. There is also advanced notification if something is not working. Works the same as the old system but it is supervised.

-Over the summer expanded the number of cameras throughout the district

-Flysense installation in middle and high schools: Detects vaping and bullying. Tested it for a few months and proven to provide effective information. 3 phases: High school bathrooms, high school locker rooms, middle school bathrooms generally used by 7th and 8th grade students.

###### Main Changes for this school year:

-Kids are 3 feet apart with masks and not considered a close contact

- Universal masking for all
- As of September 2nd every staff member has to show proof of vaccination or each week has to submit proof of a negative test. This applies to all staff from teachers, to contractors to bus drivers.
- Parents entering school for PTA will have to show the same type of vaccination or testing proof.

#### XV. Report from Mrs. Clampitt

- New motto this year: Soaring to New Heights, along with RISE. Focusing on moving forward after a very tough year.
- Update to security and fire systems over the summer
- Installation of new generator currently taking place
- Arrival Time: 9:05am-9:20pm, Dismissal Time: 3:05pm-3:20pm
- Pick-Up Patrol is only way to make a dismissal change, reach out to front office if you need help
- Lunch/Recess going smoothly - 3 lunch periods, 2 kids per table, lunch delivered right to them
- All lunch must be ordered through FD meal planner at least one day in advance
- SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Program begins in classrooms next week: Harmony
- Chromebook distribution begins today for Kindergarteners

#### Grade Updates:

##### Kindergarten:

Math: establishing math thinking through geometry and counting

ELA: we are readers, foundations, letter ID, preliminary assessments, launching writer's workshop

Science: weather and climate

Social Studies: Are all rules good rules? What does it mean to follow rules? Precursor to unit on citizenship

Student's favorite moment of the week: playing on the playground

##### First Grade:

Math: addition concepts within 10

ELA: building good reading habits, focus on small moments and adding dialogue

Science: Our sun and the Night Sky

Social Studies: Global citizenship

Student's favorite moment of the week: meeting my new teacher

Second Grade:

Math: number concepts, numbers to 1000

ELA: reading growth spurts, how to use mentor texts to support writing

Science: nature of matter

Social Studies: Do we have rules?, rights and responsibilities of a citizen in classroom and community

Student's favorite moment of the week: starting small moments in writing

Third Grade:

Math: adding and subtracting within 1000

ELA: Building on characters, crafting true stories, how we read about characters and write about characters

Science: Frogs, lifecycles

Social Studies: Geography, where are we located?

Student's favorite moment of the week: Going to gym with another class

Fourth Grade

Math: place value adding and subtracting up to 1 million

ELA: interpreting characters in reading, the arc of a story and writing realistic fiction

Science: shaping our earth

Social Studies: geography and Native Americans, Does where you live matter?

Student's favorite moments of the week: getting my trumpet, getting to go to the library

XVI. Class Parent Selection - Sol Soto

See Attached List

Class Parent Responsibilities:

- Use Google form to generate a class list, email to teacher and class
- Email teacher and setup virtual meeting
- Collect funds which may only used for class activities (Discuss amount with teacher)
- Cannot collect for teachers gifts
- Attend all PTA meetings or find coverage
- Eblast to class: Blood drives, fundraisers, district wide events
- Stay in communication with teachers and parents
- Not in the classrooms physically

4th Grade Parents:

- Grade captains Maria Davetas and Jana Kron are beginning to collect pictures for the yearbook

\*Next PTA meeting October 14 , 7:30pm on Zoom

Not in the classrooms physically