

## **JJP PTA MEETING**

Date: Tuesday April 25th 2023

Time: 9:45am

Location: Virtual

Presidents: Felissa Allard and Jennifer Saslowsky

Secretary: Hollie Mechak

### **Agenda**

- I. Call to Order and Welcome
- II. Google sign-in
- III. Vote upon March 2023 Minutes
  - March 2023 minutes are approved
- IV. Birthday Box
  - May/June/Summer are available
  - Check in with class parents or teachers to make sure there is no conflict with end of the year activities/celebrations.
- V. Plant Sale: New Dates Thursday May 11th and Friday May 12th
  - Plants range from \$5-\$35. We will have a variety of flats, potted and hanging plants. We will also be selling seeds for \$1.
  - Please send your child with cash in an envelope on their designated day. They should also bring in a large plastic bag or adult sized shoe box.
  - No large items can go home on the bus. Please make changes on pickup patrol.
  - There will be a sign up for class volunteers.
  - We will also be selling at the PTA meeting on May 11th.
- VI. Staff Appreciation Day
  - Elyse sent out information about teacher appreciation. Nothing should be monetary.
  - The Staff Appreciation link on Member Hub is always open. This is how we can provide lunches, dinners, back to school gifts, etc. for our wonderful staff.

VII. Graduation/4th Grade Update

- 4th grade class parents, teachers and grade captains went over dates and timelines for the remainder of the year.
- You should be hearing from your class parents. We are looking for volunteers for various events.
- JJP 4th Grade Carnival June 9th

VIII. Proposed Slate - Nominating Committee: Morgan Bondroff, Elyse Habib, Joanna DiGianni, Morgan Seiden, Sara Mayo

- Slate for 2023-2024
  - President: Jennifer Saslowsky
  - Treasurer: Jennifer Le Piane
  - Secretary: Cara Prager
  - VP Fundraising: Sol Soto
  - VP Arts in Ed: Felissa Allard
  - VP Communications: Elyse Habib
  - VP Membership: Kara Kaplan
  - VP Community Service: Nikki Sacks
  - Council Delegates: Erika Rinaldi, Jaime Goldman, Lauren Epstein, Hollie Mechak, Rachel Kirschner

IX. Reports from Officers

a. Co Presidents: Felissa Allard and Jennifer Saslowsky

- Rezoning: BOE approved some streets that are currently SR are invited to JJP
- Existing children can stay in current school or switch to JJP
- Anyone new that moves will automatically be enrolled in JJP come September
- Tours are being given to new families
- The district has set in place class sizes. Rezoning won't change the amount of kids in our classes or affect the curriculum.
- Any questions about rezoning reach out to the presidents. They may reach out to try to include new families and students.
- GOAT fundraiser was a huge success. We already purchased a portable speaker that can be used for school events. Thank you Elyse for all of your hard work!
- With scholastic dollars we purchased new blocks for outside at recess.

- Fitness Day May 26th, rain date June 2nd.- discussing how to make the best possible. PTA will contribute to enhance the activities.
- Staff volleyball game tonight JJP vs. Mattlin. For relay for life. You can pay cash at the door. Wear JJP spiritwear.

b. Treasurer: Jennifer LePiane

- Checking Account Balance is \$50,938.49. We haven't paid for the GOAT shirts yet.
- Outstanding Checks total to \$2353.75 that include pretzel sale for April, speaker, author's day, and other small items.

-Reviewer of Books and Records: Kara Kaplan

- Everything looks good

c. VP of Membership: Morgan Bondroff

- 316 paid current PTA members.

d. VP of Fundraising: Sol Soto

- Art canvases going home on Friday. Send back within the next two weeks.
- Working on 2-3 upcoming fundraisers. May- Mexican restaurants fundraisers.
- Discussing having a penny wars style fundraiser. Trying it out at Mattlin first.

e. VP of Arts in Education: Kara Kaplan

- Whole school enjoyed Bash the Trash in person. The kids had a great time learning about how they make instruments.
- Kindergarten had a bubble assembly
- 3rd grade had Night Sky assembly
- Working on something for whole school
- School supplies for next year are in the works. Lookout for a letter mid May.

f. VP of Community Service: Nikki Sacks

- We are helping to support the World Wildlife Foundation by having "Adopt an Animal". If you adopt a wild animal you will get a poster, fact sheet, post card and other information about your animal. Surprises from PTA to go along with it. This will be a short campaign. Member hub link is live.

- Domino effect of kindness like we did last year. We will be collecting cereal boxes. More information in about a week or so.

## X. Reports from Committees

- a. Curriculum: Cara Prager
  - Nothing to report.
- b. Health: Emily Cooper
  - Has not met.
- c. Nutrition: Abby Israel
  - Meeting today or tom.
- d. Title IX: Jessica Grant
  - Might be getting absorbed under another committee
- e. Student Services: Hollie Mechak/Jennifer Saslowsky
  - Nothing to report
  - Welcome committee being absorbed under this committee
- f. Technology: Ross Gillman
  - 1. The district is moving forward with the roll out of ParentSquare. <https://www.parentsquare.com/> This will eventually replace remind App and other apps used for communication. This will also help with the goal of community outreach. There will be a student, parent, and teacher view in the application. As a parent of multiple children, you will have one site for access for all your kids. There is also a translation function that would allow communication to be seen in different languages.
  - 2. The district is in the process of updating their phone system. There will now be an additional single fiber connection going into each school. This will take away the current single point of failure for our phone systems. In the future you will no longer have district wide outages of phones but will only have a single building or school. The district is also moving to Microsoft teams for their phone system. Teachers will have the ability to make calls from anywhere

on any of their devices. There are a few different phone types that will be distributed out.

3. The IT department will begin to survey all wireless internet access in all the district's buildings. This will help identify spots that do not have wireless access and will be able to remediate. The goal will be to have full coverage of wireless in all their buildings.

g. MAPOB: Allison Asparro

- Nothing to report.

## XI. Report from Mrs. Clampitt

### **Introduction:**

I hope everyone had a great Spring Break! Happy holidays to all who have celebrated recently.

- NYS ELA Exam 4/19-4/20. Everything went smoothly! Make ups happening this week.
- 4/21 Grade 2 Field Trip to John Engeman Theater Suesstastical
- 4/24 Grade 2 Heckscher Art Program visit
- Today our 3rd graders are attending the Grade 3 Exchange Concert at Stratford Road Auditorium
- Tonight is our JJP vs. Mattlin Volleyball tournament at 6:30 in POBMS gym. Doors open at 6pm. Proceeds to Relay for Life.
- Thursday 4th Grade Field Trip to the Old Bethpage Village Restoration
- Meet the Principal for new Stratford families took place yesterday
- Monday is Mattlin Articulation with staff. There are transition events that will take place throughout May. This includes the staff articulation. Students visit and tour MMS. MMS Grade 5 ambassadors come to talk with our students. MMS administration and school counselors come to talk to students.
- NYS Math Exam May 3rd - 4th
- May 8-12 is National Teacher Appreciation Week
- Spring Concert May 9th @ 7pm - 4th grade parents look for letters from teachers regarding what color to wear.
- PTA Plant Sale May 11-12
- Kindergarten Orientation May 16 @ 10am
- Kindergarten Screening May 23-25
- Fitness Day May 26 (Raindate 6/2)

- Student council has raised over \$50 so far with their recycling program. They would like to have K-4 students vote on the charity to donate to.
- Regrouping - Please know that our process is very thorough and strategic. We meet as a team with all involved staff members to make decisions that meet the students' needs. We do not take requests for students to be in class with certain teachers or certain students. We of course continue to take parent input and I will talk or meet with parents as needed to contribute to the process.

## **Student Shout Outs**

### **Kindergarten**

- **“My favorite part of the week!” student share out**
  - Writing with fourth-grade buddies in the library
  - Playing outside at recess

### **Grade 1**

- **“My favorite part of the week!” student share out**
  - Art
  - Making loom bracelets during centers

### **Grade 2**

- **“My favorite part of the week!” student share out**
  - Field trip to see the Seusical
  - Playing with new recess equipment

### **Grade 3**

- **“My favorite part of the week!” student share out**
  - Gardening club
  - Playing violin

### **Grade 4**

- **“My favorite part of the week!” student share out**
  - Chorus rehearsal
  - Math centers

### **Dinner time chats:**

Ask your children this month: How did you problem solve today? (Academic or socially)

Next Meeting: Thursday May 11th In Person