

## **JJP PTA MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, November 10th 2021

Time: 10:00AM

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 October 2021 Minutes

-October minutes approved

#### IV. Birthday Box

- November and December are available on member hub
- Please order two weeks in advance
- Can now be used for holiday celebrations from the class funds; For questions contact class parents, they are the only ones who can purchase for these purposes

#### V. Picture Retake Day – December 3rd

- Will receive pictures before this day to decide if you want retakes

#### VI. Holiday Boutique – November 16th – 18th

- Class parents or child's teacher will let you know what day and time
- Can send money in (cash in an envelope) or prepay
- Directions were mailed out in newsletter; Class parents sent an email
- Any money not spent will get reimbursed

#### VII. Book Fair – December 7th – 9th

- You will receive info on when your child's class will be visiting and to send in money

### VIII. Nominating Committee Selection

- Committee that forms the executive board for next year
- Need 3 executive board members and 2 PTA general members to form committee
- Elyse Habib, Jennifer Saslowsky, Hollie Mechak from executive board
- Jenn LePiane and Marie Fonzo from non-executive board

### IX. Reports from officers

#### a. Co-Presidents: Morgan Bondroff and Felissa Allard

- Staff appreciation collection on member hub; Can give any amount
- Lunch is on 12/2 for the whole staff
- Spirit Fridays; Wear your new spirit wear
- Engineer Awareness night is tonight 11/10
- No new guidelines yet for 5-11 year olds who receive covid vaccine
- Parents were upset that school was open on election day with people entering the building; brought to the superintendent for discussion, needs to be discussed with the board. They will try to have off on election day but it depends on other holidays and days off.
- NYS PTA virtual conference coming up
- JJP Lions Club Food Drive sent out by Mrs. Clampitt; Deadline is 11/15, box in the lobby

#### b. Treasurer: JoannaDiGianni

- Balance is currently \$32,507.40 with 5 outstanding checks totaling \$987.01

#### i. Reviewer of Books and Records – Kara Kaplan

- Everything looks good

#### c. VP of Membership: Courtney Parver

- 230 members including staff; uptick since last meeting
- Continue scanning box tops

i. PTA Membership Contest

- Waiting for class lists to determine the winner

d. VP of Fundraising: Nikki Sacks

- Canvases will be sent home later this week with kids with instructions
- Can still be ordered on memberhub
- White Post Farms fundraiser ends Saturday 11/13; no additional orders can be placed after

e. VP of Arts in Education: Jennifer Saslowsky

- Every grade has had own individual assembly except 3rd which will be Monday
- 3rd grade virtual assembly 11/15; The Night Sky.
- 4th Grade: Unbelievable Journeys assembly was yesterday and fantastic
- 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades will have virtual yoga to celebrate the holidays
- More ahead for the spring and hoping more in person

f. VP of Community Service: Kara Kaplan

- Thank you for sending in socks and toiletries; Delivering at the end of the week
- We will be adopting two families for the holidays; information will be sent about what we can purchase for them
- We will have wish lists on Amazon and Target

X. Reports from Committees

a. Curriculum- Sol Soto and Marie Fonzo

- Positive feedback from TC family day; Parents learned how to implement at home

- NWEA Reports were mailed out grades 3-8
- Homework and assessment committee was formed; Will discuss how they can update homework and make changes
- Parent teacher conferences are coming up in December

b. Health - Sol Soto

- Went over mental health emotional screener for older children
- Discussion about videos we use for kids in the classrooms; Outdated and considering new material
- Reviewed healthy habits, self esteem, crossover with the SEL Harmony program

c. Nutrition – Sol Soto

- Sending a survey about FD meal planner
- Considering adding more fruit options for lunch
- Supply issues right now; trying to get more of a variety of meal items
- Will be providing an alternative to beef on days its being served
- Still looking for gluten free pizzas for Fridays

d. Title IX–Jana Kron

- Did not meet

e. Transportation- Hollie Mechak (committee is now officially known as Transportation and Security)

Transportation:

- Consider changing middle and high school late busses to letters instead of numbers. May wait until September to avoid confusion.
- Field Trips:
  - Every building has a budget for field trips

- Limiting capacity on busses over 15 minutes. 18 students. Will not cause any students to be considered a close contact.
- Maintain physical distancing
- Do we have enough staff?
- Timing of field trips; Driver shortage. Aiming for middle of the day after 9:30am before 1:30pm

-Stop Arm Cameras:

- The county has put out a proposal to find a vendor to do the work and host the project
- No cost to the county or school district to implement. The company will put the money up front. Depending on how many districts participate will determine when it will start.
- 8 hours to install the equipment on one bus
- Driver does not need to be involved at all
- Only activated when the stop arm is out
- Violations are transmitted wirelessly
- 2022 for implementation date
- Seeing if it makes sense; being brought to the board
- \$250, \$275, \$300 fines; Data shows that there are no repeat offenses
- Need communication about this so people in the community aren't surprised; Signage

Safety/Security:

- Alert system: police text, a call and email to the district
- Stratford incident: we got a heads up on something happening nearby from police, allows us to be cautious and prepare
- There have been bomb threats going around on social media. Very generic. Being passed around from kid to kid.
- Fly sense: sending an effective message to the high school, seems to be working
  - Should we be transparent and post signs, but not reveal locations
  - Can children be wrongly accused? We have cameras now

- First meeting is today 11/10

## XI. Report from Mrs. Clampitt

### **Grade Updates:**

- US News and World Report came out with rankings for top elementary schools in New York State: JJP was rated 36 out of 2831, Top 1 percent of elementary schools in New York State
- Thank you for the spirit wear; Ordered matching shirts for whole front office for spirit Fridays
- Lions cub food drive this week; Can bring up until Monday morning
- 4th grade student council elections on Election Day; Students gave their speeches - 8 winners selected to represent 4th grade (2 from each class)
- Mrs. Clampitt and Mrs. Yohe held code of conduct assemblies for each grade through the lens of RISE: What do you want your school to look like through RISE? Students gave examples which gives them ownership
- Have children wear jackets and dress appropriately for cooler weather; They will be going outside everyday when they can
- Harmony Unit 2 beginning: Empathy and Critical Thinking; Information will be coming home as well as extensions
- Parent teacher conferences are coming in December; 4 mornings and 1 afternoon; If you have not signed up or if there is any confusion please call the office
- Discussing movement of desks so students can sit in a triangle shape 3 feet apart. All rooms are now back to rows; Desks were moved prematurely. Will be sending out a survey if you're comfortable exploring configurations of the desks.

### **Kindergarten:**

Reading: Emergent reading, looking closely at familiar texts.

Writing: Show and tell, from labels to pattern books

Math: Numbers 6-10

Social Studies: Identity

Favorite Moments: Playing with math blocks, Treasure day, Show and tell (which is a part of their writing unit)

### First Grade:

Reading: Word detectives, using context clues to figure out the meaning of words

Writing: How to books

Math: Addition strategies

Social Studies: Family Diversity

Favorite Moments: Pumpkin decorating for class party, Receiving a letter from the SSDA (Super Secret Detective Agency) with reading missions

### Second Grade:

Reading: Becoming experts; Reading non-fiction

Writing: The how to guide for non-fiction writing

Math: Basic facts and relationships

Social Studies: Symbols; What symbol best represents the United States

Favorite Moments: Kahoot review for science test, Working on non-fiction writing and teaching my class about gems

### Third Grade:

Reading: Reading to learn; Grasping main ideas and text structures

Writing: Information writing

Math: Multiplication facts and strategies

Science: frogs

Favorite Moments: Hopping and running like frogs, Listening to songs in music

#### Fourth Grade:

Reading: Reading the weather, reading the world

Writing: Boxes and Bullets: personal and persuasive essays

Math: Divide by 1 digit numbers

Social Studies: Colonial America and the American Revolution

Favorite Moments: Going to the museum for the Journeys program, Student Council elections

#### -Dinner Time Chats:

- “How are you patient?” For younger children: What can you do to take turns and be patient?

#### -Discussion About Halloween:

- Open to changing parameters for next year; Will discuss at executive board meeting

#### -Birthday boxes for class parties

- \$25; do not need to use for every party

\*Next meeting January 18th 2022 at 7:30PM