

JRES PTO Meeting

January 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 8:30. Persons present: Sarah Anderson, Lexi Rohner, Sarah Altschuler, Jamie Schwarzenbach Sharon Mattheisen, Jaime Wooley, Shelby Hladon, Ali Golding, Lori Broadaway, Carey Gross and Shawn Kuennen.

Minutes from last meeting – Lori Broadaway made the motion to approve, Lexi Rohner seconded. All were in favor.

Principal's Report: Health & Safety is requiring a pad under the musical playground equipment in case a child climbs on the equipment and falls. It cannot be poured in the winter and we'll use some fencing but we have to wait until it is warm enough to install the equipment. The school district should pay for it and take care of the padding. The structures will likely be installed first.

Treasurer: Melany is not here. Teacher Grants – some teachers/specialists did not spend their allotted money (pre-school, 4th and 5th didn't all spend their money and not all specialists). It is about \$1500. We have reimbursed \$1504 but have more to give out. We are going to do a grant program for the rest of the money. We want the teachers who really need/want the money to spend it – this will give them a chance to get more. They will also get used to writing grants. It's a way to track the money. The PTO Executive Board can be the grant committee for now.

Science Fair: Sarah Altschuler – we need judges and volunteers on Wednesday, January 16th. An eblast will be going out soon which will be just about the Science Fair with a Sign-up Genius. She needs someone to help with the breakfast/coffee at 7 a.m. (or move it to the night before). Kneaders will deliver it. She just needs the pastries cut in half and someone to get the coffee going. If anyone knows people with a stem background that could judge, she needs more people. She had 28 judges last year but has just 10-11 this year. She needs them from 8am-12pm. The more judges they have, the earlier they can leave. She could contact the National Honor Society kids but sometimes the younger folks don't provide full focus. Hoby Darling is a good contact. Make a PSA announcement in the Park Record. She needs help with tear down as well. The family open house is the night before (Tuesday). Everyone takes down their projects on Wednesday so she needs volunteers to help with that. Thursday morning at 8:30 there will be a school assembly for the kids to hear who won so the gym needs to be cleared out by then.

Book Fair: Martha Skinner – it has been moved from the end of January to March. Planning is underway. If you'd like to help, there is a planning meeting on Thursday, January 17th at 2 p.m. in the Teacher's Lounge. Communications plan and flyers are being drafted prior to the next PTO meeting. "Dad's and Donuts" – she'll ask Bonita to help coordinate. She isn't sure we want to keep it but many think we should. We can do Mom's and Muffins and add "Parents and Pastries" to both flyers. She is looking at changing the schedule. We are usually open 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Maybe 1-2 hours in the morning, lunch and 1-2 hours in the afternoon. One evening and one early morning. Since there are no parent/teacher conferences this year during the Book Fair, the change in times makes sense.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Will we still be doing teacher meals? The teachers can do the clean up. We will provide the food, they can clean up. Lexi will do the Sign-up Genius. Lori will coordinate. This should be the last week of January.

DLI Lottery: The DLI lottery is in February. Info will go out soon and Mr. Kuennen will give people an option of signing up for STEM or DLI. The parents fill out the paperwork. The info should come home with the kids (Kindergarteners) and on January 17th, there will be an informational meeting.

Ali Golding: Community Outreach. She'd like one thing for conferences for the Spanish speakers. She gets 5 translators for 89 conferences (8am-12:30pm). She is looking for snack bags for them. They are non-stop meetings with no breaks. Something easy like juices/pastries/granola bars, etc. Lexi can add a "snack basket" to the sign-up genius. We did the Thanksgiving and Holiday baskets and touched 91 families at JRES. We will create a committee to make this self-sustaining. The parents were very thankful – we gave 62 families baskets and Ali delivered them personally to the families. For Christmas, it was a challenge – there were 91 gift packages for these kids. All the parents came and got the bags. They were very thankful. Lexi will write a note to the Park Record. Not every kid gets "Operation Hope" – they can shop at the toy "pantry" and there is "Shop with a Cop" – only 5 spots for each school. The next big thing is the snack bags and vacation bags – there are 1652 low income families in Park City, but the state says we don't have enough so the weekly snack bags program has gone away. The Christian Center gives things out randomly. Jamie Schwarzenbach said that in SLC, they have 2 non-profits: the Kid's Next Door which is organized and easy to maintain – they set up a sign-up and define what you need to put in the grocery bag (you get a list of items to put in there). You identify the list of kids who need the food. Set up an evite with list and drop off date/time. It is a 501c3 so you get the tax write-off. The Kid's Next Door sends home on Fridays. There is also "The Camel Hump" – food storage idea. We can use their website if we want. The challenging part is delivery logistics. The bag could be embarrassing and kids can be mean/curious. Do we want to do something smaller or get them backpacks. Vacation bags will be big. Maybe they can be delivered. We want to start this in February. It can be set up immediately and would take like 30 minutes. We need to set up a committee together. This would be a program for all breaks. Discussions with EATS as well to provide healthy options or a list of healthy options. We will start working on this next week. It usually costs \$70 per week to send home bags.

Book Basket: Lori Broadway said that we all have books in our homes and the first grade needs more books! We are going to ask for 1-3 grade books. Ms. Roberts will go through them and if they can't be used, she should talk to Barbara Boch then take leftovers to the Christian Center or somewhere like the library. She is short on books. Sarah Altschuler will put it out on Nextdoor.

Open Positions: Every board seat except MIA rep is open, including the eblast position – many you can do these jobs from home. The nominating committee needs to meet. We need a list of skill sets and see if they fit for the jobs. Maybe we can match them up. We had 2 volunteers for the nominating committee. Natalie, Sarah Ervin, and Carey and Lori – there may be another volunteer too. Lexi will get with Kate to see how to get the information out.

Other business: Carey Gross – Boxtops will be going to the classrooms so they have them. She is hoping Melany got a check from Boxtops from December. She'll send the next group of Boxtops in by March 1st (Friday) and she'll set the due date before Winter Break. They only pay out in December and April.

PTO movie night this Thursday at 6 at the Summit County Library for the movie Crazy Rich Asians. It is FREE!

Treasure Mountain will have their Play "Legally Blonde" (Fri 7 pm and Sat 7 pm and 2 p.m.) at Eccles at PCHS. Willy Wonka Junior is next moth.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:40.