

JRES PTO Meeting February 12, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 8:30. The minutes from the last meeting were approved. Persons present: Sarah Anderson, Lori Broadaway, Carey Gross, Karen Werner, Julie Decker, Jennica Paterniti, Sarah Hill, Martha Skinner, Sarah Altschuler, Joy Conneally, Carrie Gott, Shawn Kuennen.

Mr. Kuennen: The playground POC at the district is requiring a foam pad. The business administrator is pushing it through the Board Approval Process. So, it will be a while until we get it installed.

There are meetings taking place in the District about various topics and they will create subcommittees and open houses. Building, grade realignment, grading, etc. There is one meeting tonight by invitation only. Additional meetings are Thursday, from 6-8pm at Ecker and at PCHS, Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm. These meetings are different from the Feb 27 and 28 meetings. There will be an event at each school. One of the biggest issues is grade realignment and the location of the building. We can't fit many more kids in this building and having 5-6th grade at one building is favored by many. 7-8th would possibly be on the same campus but they'd keep the buildings separate. Busing is important. There are several questions that will be posed, and the community will be able to "vote" and provide input. The district really wants to figure out what the 10-year bulk learning will look like. We will not see this on a bond this coming year.

Membership: Karen Werner and Lexi Rohner recently created a membership marketing video to showcase what PTO does. These are things that people may not be aware of focusing on things we use incoming funds to fund. Some examples are teacher funding for supplies, grants, Science and Engineering, Field Trips, books, etc. The video is currently on the over picture to our Facebook page. We have about 123 members right now. We gained about 3 over the past month and 1 from the latest push. We may have a Membership booth at the Book Fair. There are about 300-350 families at JRES. We have over 600 kids in the school (if we count pre-school), we have 560 k-5 kids. The \$35 we pay as members really stretches far. It goes directly to our school plus access to Directory Spot. We added more grades for eblast. Sarah Anderson attended the District PTO meeting and found that we are the only PTO that funds field trips, teacher supplies, gives books, flexible seating, etc. We do a tremendous amount for our school and compared to other schools, we are doing an amazing job. The families get packets if they do a tour of the school, but some new people don't get the info if Rayeann doesn't get it to them.

Science Fair: Sarah Altschuler said it went really well, and we had enough volunteers. We had a tie for 1st place so they go to the Regionals (there are no districts). They had an assembly just for the kids. All K-5 came and one pre-k class. All 2-5 grades attended the assembly with one 1st grade class. All preschool-2nd grade classes did a class project, with the exception of 2 kinder classes. Everyone cheered. The feedback is that JRES is their favorite place to judge. Some were disappointed in the caliber of some of the projects, but she liked it as it showed the kids did the work, not the parents. We did pre-school projects this year too. A lot of younger kids got to work on the projects. This gets them excited for next year. Two girls did it for 6 years in a row and were recognized!

Book Fair: Martha Skinner will run this the first week of March. There will likely be some hiccups and unintended consequences. We will be pushing the online fair – which starts at the end of break. Volunteer Sign-ups are available. We've had a great response so far. The junior volunteers have taken up most of their spots. The evening hour slots is where we still need help. Scholastic is pushing this BOGO sale, a two-day event. They want to have it here. We'd need to coordinate space – they say they will run the whole thing. It will just be books, but we don't make any money from it. It would be about the first week in May. Books could be used for summer reading. It is not a fundraiser – it is just a way for Scholastic to get rid of their inventory. The service is inexpensive books. Maybe we can get a combined

list of summer reading by working with the library. Their sale could be done at the library to serve the entire community. We just granted 100 "I Survived" books to one particular grade and have given some books to other grades as well. About \$25k is spent by parents/kids between our two JRES book fairs. If we start the BOGO sale, parents may expect it and some might be mad that they just paid full price a few weeks before. Let's do a summer reading program but not the BOGO sale. Martha will meet with Rayeann to make sure the Book Fair follows the new money regulations.

Teacher Grants from Tanger are coming up (they can be submitted between Jan 11th and March 15th 2019). Mr. Kuennen will get info to the teachers.

Running with Ed: Julie Decker - will be May 18th – registration is open! We pay for all JRES teachers to run. All the money we raised last year went toward the new playground that we are building. It is easier to sign up now. Julie is happy to co-chair so is looking for someone to help here at the JRES site on the race day. The person might not be a runner but wants to be involved. It's a relatively easy job. It is 7:30-10:30. Joy does the decorations. They just need to help coordinate the set up, clean up, and then enjoy it the "day of". If you want to take a big role, you can or just volunteer to help. Maybe we can identify someone to help Julie so they can take over next year. Carrie Gott volunteered to help! They need to figure out details like food, music, etc. Joy Conneally - Last year JAYBIRD did a rally for RWE – with Olympians and giveaways and such. Julie will look into it after talking to Sarah Anderson.

Open Position: Sarah Anderson - see the sheet that has been passed around. It's also on Facebook and the website. We have A LOT of positions open. We have a nominating committee that will be meeting. Email Lori, Sarah Anderson, or others on the board if interested. This committee is only for executive board positions but if you want to sign up for other positions you can sign up. Some of the positions do not require attending meetings. Some positions can be shared. Fall Fun Festival (FFF) is a massive undertaking. We need more volunteers. More people work and there are 140 non-profits in town so we are stretched thinner than in the past. Sarah talked with a fun run company that can come in and handle every aspect of the run. So, that is an option and the FFF could just be a fun festival vice fundraiser. We write checks easily for things teachers need and we have a good amount of money in our PTO account. The FFF may change next year unless we have volunteers who will step up. We are looking at going back to paper to inform people about things going on as our open rates are low on our eblasts/sign-up genius emails. The last day of school will be June 6th instead of the 5th due to the recent snow day.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Mandy Demmert is going to send information out. It will likely be the week of May 7th.

Box Tops: Carey Gross – Mrs. Riggs' class is winning for the Box Tops drive. We will likely get \$300 from this round. A substitute teacher brought in 700 Box Tops! The leader of Box Tops is Luke Conneally right now.

No other items.

9:30 Meeting is adjourned.