

JRES PAC Meeting Minutes, November 19, 2014

In Attendance: Claire T., Tracy M., Kim M., Jennifer H., Sarah P., Sarah T., Natalie S., Sarah R., Deb T. No school representative present.

Admin Items: Adoption of October minutes: Claire makes motion to accept, Natalie seconds; minutes accepted.

Music instruction: 2 classes (Grade 3 and 5) are not receiving music instruction due to overcrowding. Some parents concerned about the lack. Will research supplementary programs and present to PAC for possible funding. Parents wondering if classes that miss music next year could be the kindergarteners since they are just beginning their music instruction. Ask Don next month. 2-3 Year Plan at JRES: parents asking what this looks like, asking for projections, will ask Don. Who sets school priorities?

Playground Supervision: Parent volunteers have created roster: 2 supervisors/day, 5 days/week. Received training/orientation from Don. Did not cover Epi-pens/allergic reaction: could public health nurse be brought in?

Sledding Rules: Don will post rules, hold an assembly to go over rules with students. Icy field a concern for parents. Some parents suggest helmets.

Playground structure: Don to meet with Community Association.

No Idle Zone: waiting for signage from city. Daycare vans idling: diesel fumes a problem. Don to put reminders in newsletter?

Reverse Lunch Hour: play first, eat second. Many parents interested. Parents looking into Autism advocate to speak on benefits. PAC to send survey to parents/ staff?

Principal's Report: No report; Don absent.

School Planning Report: No report this month.

Treasurer's Report: Gaming account can be used towards new playground equipment. Some funds expiring, need to be used up. Eureka science workshops \$600: do we keep funding? Reviewing PAC's traditional expenses.

Blazer Tickets: 140 tickets left, maybe do half amount or not at all next year; city saturated. Gift some tickets to custodians and Bev, and in sports basket at silent auction.

Movie Night: successful money-wise, although pizza sale at movie not a success.

Yoga/Zumba Nights: successful. Hot Dog Day: good. Cookie Dough Sale: good sales, extra cookie dough could be sold at Milk and Cookie Tuesdays?

Bussing: PAC budgets \$600/year to bus students on field trips. Claire makes motion to approve, Carm seconds, motion accepted.

Teacher Incentives: \$75/classroom to purchase incentives for students (prizes, books, awards, etc.) Change to Dec 1. Cheques not cash.

Communication: Facebook: some postings not PAC related, change to admin approval required for posts. Volunteer Spot: sign ups to be added for Cookie Dough and Poinsettia pick up.

Fundraisers: Poinsettias: Claire to check with Marie G re large order. Silent Auction at Christmas Concerts: classes creating themed baskets. Yoga/Zumba: going well, community builder, extend into January. Regal: just started, going until Dec 15.

Set meeting to establish TEAM fundraising goals.

Bottle Depot account: Sarah P to open one in PAC's name at Battle St location. Can drop off without waiting for sorting. Deb T. maybe interested in organizing January bottle drive.

Hot Lunch committee: needs 17 new totes. Claire makes motion to authorize up to \$200, Natalie seconds, motion accepted. Natalie may be able to get at cost from Can. Tire. Tasha to confirm which totes.

Entertainment Committee:

Jan: Coffee House, Music on the Ridge. 3 music sets, kids involved? Budget \$600, decor, food. Claire makes motion, Tracey M seconds, motion accepted.

Feb: Shakewood Annie? March: Family Movie Night. April: intermediate dance? Formal? May: Spring Carnival.

Playground Committee: Wish Lists: Intermediate playground equipment for upper field, basketball court revamp. Primary: naturescape. Budget approx. \$50,000 to \$60,000. Have a corporate sponser for some already. Survey to parents to assess interest in playground?

Teacher Representative at PAC: send teachers a letter or speak at staff meeting requesting a teacher rep for each PAC meeting. Goal: to improve communication between parents and teachers, help events run more smoothly, etc.

Drop-Off Zone, Traffic Safety: Can no drop-off zone be extended? Don said he would stand out in a vest. Re-educate students and drivers, slow down. Crossing guard idea proposed, maybe the leadership group could take this on. Pizza party from PAC as a thank you.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

6:30pm