

**JHS PTO Meeting
May 7, 2020**

Members Present: Suzanne Ritchie, Tracy Walker, Tracy Mertes, Staci Randall, Principal Woods, Andrea Gallimore, Marty Dolde, Marcie Simons

Meeting called to order by President Suzanne Ritchie at 7:03 pm

Welcome – President

Update on JHS – Report from Principal Woods

- Everyone has moved to online learning
- Hot topics:
 - Graduation
 - Grades and how they will look
 - Reassessments - end goal is no harm to students; no F's due to things outside of the students' control
- A communication will be sent on 5/8/20 geared toward seniors
 - Where to drop off items, etc. (curbside and one student at a time at different locations around the building)
 - Sophomores and Juniors will keep their iPads and library books until August
 - The goal is to keep everyone safe
- Postponed commencement (was originally May 26)
 - Tentative date is June 26 at Drake; will see what is going to happen
 - Working with Herff Jones to provide an online commencement if needed via Livestream
 - On the night of May 26, will push out a Senior celebration/tribute video
- Trying to wrap up the year
- A dozen new teachers are being hired for next year (both Robilliards left)
- Student focus groups about what they want to see in band and music
- Had to shut down the JHS parking lot - things happening after dark that are resulting in property damage, etc
 - Enlisted law enforcement to help

Secretary Report – Minutes from February 6, 2020 meeting

- February minutes reviewed
- Motion to approve by Staci Randall
- Second by Marty Dolde
- Motion carried

Treasurer Report

- Treasurer report reviewed by Tracy Walker
- Update on February, March, and April reports
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Marty Dolde
- Second by Staci Randall

- Motion carried

Old Business/ Committee Reports

- Staff Appreciation Report – February and March Mailbox Treats - Tracy Mertes
 - February: Your job is a work of “heart!” Happy Valentine’s Day!
 - March: It’s O-fish-ally Spring Break! Enjoy! (Goldfish crackers)
- Spring Conference Meal/Treat Trolley – Andrea Gallimore
 - Went smoothly
 - Some food was left over
 - Andrea contacted food services about individually wrapped meals for next year
- Staff Appreciation Week Revised - Suzanne Ritchie
 - Messages with graphics for teachers on Facebook and emailed to the teachers
- PTO Apparel Sales Report, Senior Sale - Suzanne Ritchie
 - Spring sale made \$1,392.09 (second highest sales)
 - \$5,834.43 total sales for the district
 - Approved to do shorts and will roll out something for seniors and the other kids
 - Chelsea is still looking for a replacement
- PTO Website and Facebook page – Staci Randall
 - Still up to date and the feed is running

New Business

- Discuss Carryover Funds to 2020-21 school year
 - Will carry over money for kiln supplies
 - Will carry over principal discretionary funds and staff appreciation funds
 - Will carry over to budget next fall and will vote on new budget in the fall
 - If there is a need before the next school year, we will have the money to use it
 - Note: next year’s staff dinners may be more next year if boxed and due to the state of restaurants
- Officer Elections
 - Slate of Nominees
 - President - Staci Randall
 - Vice President - Andrea Gallimore
 - Secretary - Tracy Mertes
 - Treasurer - Tracy Walker
 - Motion to approve the Slate of Nominees: Marty Dolde
 - Second: Staci Randall
 - Motion carried
- Questions for Mr. Woods
 - What is the return to learning plan?
 - World language will pick up where it left off; unique courses have more difficulty since there may not be a logical sequence for the next level of the course
 - Not sure what school will look like in the fall; a lot of challenges ahead of us; have a solid online platform; if online is needed next year, online will be required; this experience is helping prepare for that
 - State hasn’t provided direction yet

- What about PE for example?
 - Governor waived graduation requirements for this year and gave districts flexibility (especially if a senior was 1 or 2 credits short for graduation); case by case decision now; Goal is all kids to get 24 credits
- If you take a no mark, you get dropped from the course and if you still need the course, you will need to retake it
 - Once school is open next year, a no mark can be recovered
- Will have a higher pass rate this year than ever before (D- through A are all passing grades)
 - Everyone's grades will default to a pass or no mark; students can request a letter grade on the transcript by emailing their teacher and their counselor; then the letter grade will count toward their GPA
- School to work program discussions?
 - No word on this year
- Are other teachers leaving besides the Robilliards?
 - 12 new people (math, English, social studies, business, new instructional coach)
 - Getting a lot fewer applicants, likely due to worries about budgets and job security next year

Adjournment

- Principal Woods thanked Suzanne for her leadership and also thanked everyone for getting the PTO up and running two years ago
- Motion to adjourn by Staci Randall
- Second by Tracy Mertes
- Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.
- Next meeting Fall 2020

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Mertes, Secretary