

**JHS PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**September 2, 2021**

**Attendees:** Janine Woodsmall, Jill Peterson, Sarah Grady, Chelsey Tanke, Carin Birt, Jennifer Dugan-Burns, Ryan Woods

**Welcome and Introductions:** Co-Presidents

- 4th year PTO has been in existence.
- Focus of the group is staff appreciation and teacher grants.

**Update on JHS - Report from Principal Woods**

- Just completed the first week; over 1800 enrolled; biggest Senior class to date.
- Approximately 20 new staff members.
- Homecoming events coming up soon including an outdoor assembly, Rock Around the Clock; all activities will be held at the high school.
- Staff is working on course selection for next year.
- Fall conferences coming up soon; In-person and Zoom options will be available; notification will be sent to parents.

**Secretary Report:**

- No questions about the May 2021 minutes. Minutes approved as written.

**Treasurer Report:**

- Carin Birt (Treasurer) walked through the financials for the months ending May - August, 2021 Fiscal Summary and 2021-2022 budget.
  - Discussion and updates:
    - Principal Woods noted that Principal discretionary is usually \$500; budget adjusted from \$1,000 to \$500; the additional \$500 was moved to grants for teachers.
- Motion to approve 2021-2022 budget was made by Carin Birt and seconded by Chelsey Tanke. Motion carried.
- Treasurer reports for May-August were approved by unanimous consent.

**Other discussion:**

- School supply donations: Some donations were received; email can be sent - highest needs are likely sanitizing wipes, kleenex etc.
- Apparel sales: Fall sale ended; should know how we did next month; may do another around Christmas.
- PTO Website: johnstonspto.com; Janine Woodsmall will manage this year.
- Social Media: Facebook - Johnston High School PTO; Twitter account is @JHSPTO
- Staff Appreciation:

- Fall conference meal: Approximately 170 staff will be fed; Denise Ostrander is organizing; if donations are needed we can use Sign Up Genius.
- Mailbox treats/back to school appreciation ideas: Jennifer Dugan-Burns is leading this. If interested in helping please reach out.
- Cookie walk is planned for around Christmas.
- Grants for teachers will be reviewed/approved in November's meeting.

**Questions/Other Discussion:**

- Graduation location will be discussed and decided at the next school board meeting.
- PE credit question/change to PE: .5 credit; students meet every day for a semester instead of a full year of PE (.25 each semester). Has been in place for a bit; teachers like it.
- T-Shirt designs: Question about who designs. Chelsey noted PTO usually works with Broken Arrow and they design the artwork. If anyone is interested in helping or taking over please reach out to Chelsey.
- Fundraising- Go Fund Me campaign was successful; suggestion to do it again; discussed fee costs for Go Fund Me vs. Paypal as we still have it. Go Fund Me fees are lower than Paypal.

**Adjournment:**

- Meeting adjourned by Chelsey Tanke.
- Next meeting: October 7, at 7pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Janine Woodsmall, Secretary*