

JHS PTO Meeting September 3, 2020

Members Present: Tracy Walker, Tracy Mertes, Staci Randall, Principal Woods, Andrea Gallimore, Karmen Gano, Sarah Grady, Tammy Coslin

Meeting called to order by President Staci Randall at 7:02 pm

Welcome – President

- This is the third full year that the PTO has been in existence
- The focus is on teacher grants and staff appreciation

Update on JHS – Report from Principal Woods

- This has been a year like no other
- Really great first week
- A lot of planning and anxiety
- Kids did an amazing job with mitigations in school; less than 10 kids with mask reminders
- Most of the frustration seems to be coming from online; still ironing out wrinkles with the company
- Did an express training to get the online pieces together
- Once kids showed up, the focus went to the students
- Reminding students and staff patience, flexibility, and grace
- There is a tight process in place to identify COVID cases
- Kids are hanging out in the parking lot again, is this o.k.?
 - Principal Woods hasn't heard much so it must not be a problem
 - Kids aren't allowed to be social in the building
 - Encouraging teachers to be outside with the kids
- If kids get sent home, will most of learning will be online and at the end of quarantine will go back to hybrid?
 - Positive test = stay home 10 days
 - Quarantine = 14 days
 - If you are at home with a positive person, the quarantine starts at the end of their 10 days so there could be a total of 24 days
 - Still work with your classroom teacher if you are hybrid
- Attendance is still being figured out; attendance in school vs. online looks different
 - Are they logging in? What if you get all of your work done in one day and don't log in the second day?
 - If they move to attendance as an online completion, they will email parents
 - Software can show what is completed and how long students are online
- Are teachers required to use Edmentum?
 - It depends – if a course mirrored a JHS course, the teacher could adjust it
 - Some teachers made their own courses
 - Some teachers used an Edmentum shell to put in their Moodle pages
 - DMACC courses, dual credit and AP can use different rules

Secretary Report – Minutes from May 7, 2020 meeting

- May minutes reviewed
- Motion to approve by Andrea Gallimore
- Second by Tracy Walker
- Motion carried

Treasurer Report

- Treasurer report reviewed by Tracy Walker
 - May-June 30, 2020
 - 2019-2020 Fiscal Summary
 - July-August 31, 2020 report
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Tammy Coslin
- Second by Andrea Gallimore
- Motion carried
- Budget reviewed for 2020-2021
- Motion to approve by Tracy Mertes
- Second by Andrea Gallimore
- Motion carried

Old Business/ Committee Reports

- Friends of JHS PTO
 - Active link always available on the PTO website
 - Staci suggested moving to Go Fund Me vs. PayPal for donations
 - Recommendation to explain what we will do with the money
 - Food truck, teacher grants, mailbox treats
 - Put photos out there; COVID kit recommendation
- School Supply Donations
 - Liz has sent pictures of packages
 - Will send another request in a few weeks or if she is in good shape, we will wait until November/December
- Apparel Sales – ending Sept 7 at 6 p.m.
 - Will put a reminder on Facebook
 - Tracy W. texted Chelsea about the senior sale and we haven't gotten any money; Summit got a check in July
- PTO Website
 - Recommend adding by-laws
 - Updated in June or July
 - Calendar is working
- Social Media – Facebook, Twitter
 - Introduce officers again
 - Tracy W. will take over updating Facebook
 - Staci does Twitter and retweets district items

- Staff Appreciation – Fall Conference Meal alternative, No Mailbox Treats, Back to School Appreciation ideas
 - No meal; not sure how conferences will work; more to come; no huge group in person; snack bags or take home bags?
 - Not sure about the cookie walk
 - Pre-paid coupon
 - Monthly invoice?
 - Appreciation ideas – no food brought into the building
 - Staff mask “lipstick” saver
 - Door pulls sanitizer
 - “I survived” 2020-2021 t-shirts
 - Staci will check with Liz about birthday treats
 - Ice cream truck or food truck on a Wednesday afternoon?
 - Yes, that would be o.k.
 - Food truck was done last week and one teacher was on point; get orders ahead of time
 - Staci will get in touch with Liza about price and people per hour
 - Will raise the principal discretionary fund to \$1,000 due to carrying over \$500 from the 2019-2020 budget
 - Staci will check with Liz about birthday treats – will they be done this year?
 - Idea to provide coupons to teachers and staff from local businesses:
 - Jethros
 - Jimmy John’s
 - Dunkin
 - El Mariachi
 - Viva
 - Friedrichs
 - Purple Poppy
 - Acai Bowl – coming to Johnston
 - Orange Theory Fitness
 - Health House
 - Staci will get an updated number of staff from Liz
 - Tracy M. will put a plan together and send to the group

New Business

- Volunteers Needed
- October Meeting virtual
- Questions?

Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by Tracy Mertes
- Second by Tracy Walker
- Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
- Next meeting October 1, 2020

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Mertes, Secretary