**DRAFT JHS PTO Meeting**

**October 3, 2019**

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

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

**Welcome** – President

* Introductions

**Update on JHS** – Principal Woods

* Homecoming week recap
* Meeting with Student Council about ideas and potential changes
* Record numbers of participation for students – more than 1400 kids at the dance (last year was about 1200 kids)
* Record number of girls who wanted to play Powder Puff
* A lot of post season athletic activities
* First-ever all-school Veterans Day assembly on Nov. 11; previously had done classroom activities
  + Goal is to better support military kids
  + Working on getting a speaker from Camp Dodge
  + Band and choir will do some things during the assembly
  + Looking at Livestreaming the assembly
* Question: New grading link went to a flyer for a meeting that already happened; teachers are posting nothing, teachers are posting everything, and there are areas of no activity
  + Teachers can no longer grade homework
  + No extra credit
  + Idea is that your grade will reflect what you know and what you can do
  + The grade book was set up by the central office vs. teachers setting up their own categories
    - Skills Practice (tracked but not graded)
    - Skills Assessments/Tests
  + Mr. Woods will look into how updates are being made and what parents are able to view in the Campus app
  + More communication should come soon to parents

**Secretary Report** – Minutes from September 5, 2019 meeting

* September minutes reviewed
* Motion to approve September minutes by Staci Randall with change noted
* Second by Marcie Simons
* Motion carried

**Treasurer Report**

* Tracy reviewed the treasurer’s report
* Motion to approve the Treasurer’s report by Tracy Mertes
* Second by Staci Randall
* Motion carried

**Old Business/ Committee Reports**

* Fall Conference Meal and Snack Trolley – Andrea Gallimore
  + Andrea emailed the three volunteers who signed up about dates and what was planned for the year, but hasn’t heard back
  + Will set up a Sign Up Genius for parents
    - Cash donations, drinks and dessert requests
      * Asking for donations to provide an option for parents to provide an item vs. money if that is their preference
    - Will set up a separate Sign Up Genius for the different days
  + Will get students to assist for Silver Cord hours
  + Most economical is cafeteria services for lasagna and salad
    - Liz requested increasing the amount of salad
  + Andrea has reserved the Commons and is working with the cafeteria staff on the meal details
* Staff Appreciation Report – September Mailbox Treat
  + Let’s Roll Over the Competition (purple Hershey Kisses and gold Rolos)
* Teacher Grant Reports
  + Tracy Walker prepared the grant form
  + We have $3000 to spend
  + Liz will send the link out Monday, Oct. 7 to staff
  + Due date is Oct. 21 by midnight
  + Will review with Principal Woods Nov. 7
  + The board will discuss between Oct. 24 and the PTO meeting
* Apparel Sales
  + JHS received $1496.67 from the apparel sales
  + We are down 13% from last year
  + Overall the schools are up
  + Where does the money get designated if you don’t pick a school in the free shipping area?
    - Suzanne will check with Chelsey
  + Will do another Spirit Wear sale before Christmas (around conference time)
    - PJ Pants
    - Joggers
    - Stocking caps
    - Hoodies
    - Johnston Strong
    - Fleece
    - Scarves
    - Mittens/Gloves
  + Suzanne will ask if there is a way to add a drop down for what school to designate upon checkout
* Staff Cookie Walk
  + Staci Randall will manage for this year
  + Date is TBD (likely a Monday or Tuesday)
  + Staci will coordinate with the people who signed up to help
* PTO Website
  + Up-to-date
  + Can edit the mobile site
  + Mobile site doesn’t have the Amazon Charity Link List
  + Staci will check with Liz on what supplies are needed
    - Kleenex and hand sanitizer pumps are needed

**New Business**

* No new business

**Adjournment**

* Motion to adjourn by Tracy Mertes
* Second by Andrea Gallimore
* Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Tracy Mertes, Secretary*