2023-2024 JPLIS PTG General Meeting
October 10, 2023 9:15AM
JPLIS cafeteria

## Meeting Called to Order at 9:15am

Teacher Liaison Update - Mrs. Schiavone was unable to attend
-She is retiring in December. Looking for a new staff liaison.

## Principal's Report - Mr. McGinty

-Chess Club: First meeting will be on 10/17, and then every Tuesday will meet until winter break (except conference week). Mr. McGinty running it for now but looking for volunteers.
-Math Counts Program: Also beginning soon for 6th grade only. It is an intense program - getting organized and hope to start soon - Competition

## -Reading Olympics: 6th grade

4th/5th grades together - different reading lists, not as stressful as Math Counts
-Sparken Store will be online for right now. Page has been made and sent to teachers. We had discussed having store during breakfast a few times a month but the team decided that might get too hectic. We are trial running the online version for now.
-PSSA score letters - going out today
-Pink Out 10/11 District wide - All the schools will wear Pink. Donations will benefit Sassy Massey and Sideout Organization for Breast Cancer. Wear Pink tomorrow
-Upcoming Spirit days:
-10/27 - Orange and Black (no costumes)
-11/10- Veteran's day car parade -
-We will offer coffee and donuts and then do a car parade lead by the HS band to the middle school. Kids are allowed to drive in the parade with their veterans.
-Email Blast Later today will include information about a 6th Grade SAYS Survey. Voluntary and opt-in survey. It does have some difficult questions - substance abuse, etc. Parents can look at questions before deciding whether or not to participate. It provides the school with a lot of good information.
-Return to School Procedure - if you check your child out midday for an appointment, parent MUST come back in the building to sign them back in.
-Wit and Wisdom Roll out - It is good information and good books but it is grade level at minimum text. 4 th $/ 5$ th - fun but a lot of work (current 4th grade book is a book that used to be a 6th grade book) 6th - seem to really be enjoying it

Treasurer's Report - Bella Cutitta
-Approval of 2023-2024 PTG Budget delayed due to Barbara Lopez and Bella Cutitta unable to attend. Approval will need to happen in November.

## Volunteering Reminder - Clearances Reminder

-If you are ever going to be interesting in helping with a classroom activity, after school activity, field trips, special events in the building. YOU NEED YOUR CLEARANCES! No exceptions. Do not wait until the week before an event to try and get them done and risk the disappointment.
-Go to the www.Slsd.org>Parents>School Volunteers.
-The website explains in detail and walks you through the process. Clearances expire every five years.
-All forms are to be turned into the district office during business hours - not the school.
-Federal Criminal History
-State Criminal Record Report
-Child Abuse Clearances
-PA Arrest/Conviction Report

## School Store Update-

-New format - larger items for raffles to occur each quarter/marking period.
-We are asking for donations of items like Basketball, Football, Legos, Puzzles, Books, Games, Barbies, gift cards. If you have something to donate, please reach out to the PTG at jplisptgboard@gmail.com. We may send out a sign up genius for specific items if needed.
-Items will be in the display case.
-Raffle will be quarterly. Students will send their Sparkens up in the morning mail with their name and \# prize they are hoping for and placing them in a large box in the office.
-School store type Sparken rewards has moved to an online google form. McGinty and the student behavior team thought it was important to still keep the tchotchkes for those students who wanted a prize/reward but didn't want to risk their Sparkens in the bigger raffle.
-Sparken Lounge will still be available for 7 tickets per student - sign up via Google Form to request a spot and a date will be assigned to the student with option to bring a friend (14 sparkens total).
-Seeking someone to oversee the Sparken Lounge sign ups and parent volunteer sign ups.
-Sign up Genius a month or two at a time.
-Steph Gordon volunteered to run the calendar/volunteer organization.

## Scholastic Book Fair proceeds -

- The PTG has roughly $\$ 4800$ in Scholastic Dollars to use that must be spent at Scholastic
- -Each ELA classroom has a class library. We will be giving each teacher a designated amount to spend on books.
- -Looking into adding a Spring Book fair and all of the spring fair would go to the library and PTG would be the sole benefit of the Fall Fair. We currently split the Fall Fair.


## Book Vending Machine - seeking to raise \$6000

-We found a super cool book vending machine that we can buy and then in the future we can use our scholastic dollars to purchase books for the vending machine. Students would then purchase with Sparkens or win tokens to use in the machine for new books! We would need to raise $\$ 6000$ just to get the machine. Jess Schwartz saw the machine in person at a school last week and thinks this is something we should really try to do at our school. -Could we sell sponsorships to put logos on the side of the vending machine?
-McGinty said the sponsor logos would have to be approved by the school board in order to be advertising in the building.
-Can the kids donate their remaining e-wallets at the end of the book fair towards the cost of the vending machine? There are always a few cents or dollars left over. Angela Perich will have to reach out to the Scholastic rep and see if this is doable.
-Wishlists for the classrooms/vending machine available for kids to purchase books for the machine -Could we have a raffle, bingo or a purse bingo to raise funds? Different options to look into.

## 2023-2024 Committee Updates

Spartan Service Corps - Jess Schwartz
-First meeting to start 10/12 after school
-Pick up is PROMPTLY at 4:30pm
-Helping make signs and posters for the Sassy Massey Toy Drive
-Kids will be collecting the toys each morning and counting them
-December - the SSC will help pack the truck
-November - Veteran's day decorations
Hallowmania - April Hausman \& Sandy Chisholm
-Scheduled for 4:30-7pm on Sunday 10/29 at Hausman's Fruit Farm
-Flyers were put in mailboxes on Friday. Some kids took flyers home on Friday but hopefully everyone will bring it home today.

## Spirit Wear - Bella Cutitta

-Fall sale is closed, order is set to arrive late October

## Pottery Painting - 11/8 - Bella Cutitta

-Information on how to sign up/order your pottery will be coming home soon
Scholastic Book Fair - 11/15-22 - Angela Perich
-Working on the schedule for the fair
-Will need a lot of volunteers. Please look out for the sign up
Veteran's Day - 11/10 - car parade
-Mr. McGinty already spoke on this but an email will be going out soon to sign your veteran up for coffee, donuts and car parade. This seems to be a good program. Veteran's and children seem to enjoy it.
$6^{\text {th }}$ Grade Musical - found director, seeking chair !
-We have found a director. She was the JCCC director for a while and came highly recommended. We are waiting for her to finish and turn in her clearances with the district and then we can move forward picking a play and announcing this to the students.
-If you have a 6th grader who is interested in being in the musical or the stage crew and are willing to chair or find a few friends to all co-chair please let us know.
-Auditions will be before winter break and then rehearsals in January/February time frame
Color Run - Spring event - looking for chairs
Blood Drive - March 8 - Barbara Lopez
This is just for district staff. Not open to the public. Will be during/after their in-service day
Directory: Bella Cutitta (Bella was unable to attend so no update at this time)

Yearbook - Eddee Harrison (Eddee was unable to attend so no update at this time)
Staff Appreciation - Kristin Dudish
-Nothing big is happening in October. We have a Guess how many candy corn are in the jar contest ready to put out one day soon. The closest guess will be winning a gift card to Panera.

## Volunteers -

-Volunteer lists will hopefully go out to each committee chair soon. As of last week, only received responses from 30 parents. We should probably send it back out on Facebook and the link again. Look for it to go out in the October blast and Facebook.

Reminder - Picture retakes are on Monday 10/23 for those who need a re-do!
Code will be sent out the week before.

## Open Discussion -

## Meeting Adjourned at 10am

Upcoming Reminders and Events:
11/8 - Pottery Painting Night
11/15-11/22 - Scholastic Book Fair
11/17-11/22 - Early Dismissal @ 12:50pm (lunch is served) for students - Conferences
11/23-11/27 - No School - Thanksgiving Holiday
12/22-1/1 - No School - Winter Break

General Meetings - all held at 9:15AM at JPLIS :
Nov. 14, Not in Dec, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 12, April 9, May 14
Board Members Present : Jess Schwartz, Kristin Dudish, Mr. McGinty
(Missing Barbara Lopez, Angela Perich, Bella Cutitta)
General Members Present:
Sandy Chisholm, Robin Johnson, Christina Mite, Kim Bedrosian, Caitlin Alifirenka, Steph Gordon, Marc
Kolpon, Olga Cooler, Daya Viradiya

