

FOJBE PTO Meeting
Friday, November 1, 2019 – 8:45 AM
Jacksonville Beach Elementary Cafeteria

Call to Order: A FOJBE PTO Meeting was held at the JBE Cafeteria, in Jacksonville, FL on Friday, November 1, 2019. The President, Jaime Shachter, called the meeting to order at 8:48 AM. Quorum was established.

Roll Call/Quorum: The following people were in attendance: Jaime Shachter (President), Bhavini (Membership), Tracy Tousey (VP Year Long Programs), Amanda Ferrelle (VP Fall Programs), Jena Pugh (VP Spring Programs), Christelle Rouse (Fundraising), Nicole Schkrutz (Treasurer), Nichole Bigay (Secretary), Ms. Brothers (Teacher Representative), Shannon Beckham, Meredith Ring, Erika Glocker, Linda Torres Reed, Chandu Harichandana, Melinda Oklok, Katie Hathaway, Anne Marie Moquin, Taryn Montgomery, Kathy Poe, Ameer Bailey, Kathy Waller, Ashley Smith, Peggy Tattersall, Jessica Brothers

Read & Approve Prior Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from FOJBE PTO meeting held on October 4, 2019 was made by Tracy Tousey and the Motion was seconded by Amanda Ferrelle. The Motion passed without objection.

Financial Report: Nicole Schkrutz (Treasurer)

- Beginning Balance: \$59,569.85
 - Income: Total income for the month of October was \$13679.
 - Expenses: Total expenses for the month of October were \$7,000.01.
 - Outstanding Checks: not reported as the monthly statement has not been received.
- Ending Balance: not reported as the monthly statement has not been received.

Correspondence: No correspondence was discussed.

Report of the Executive Board:

- A. Presidents' Report: Jaime Shachter gave a brief report.
1. An evening meeting will take place on Nov. 21st @ 5:30 before Science Night. The agenda will be the same as this meeting taking place. Location has yet to be determined, although will likely be the Media Center as it will be too dark to hold it on the playground. Information will be forthcoming.
 2. A zoom teleconference will be available for the December PTO meeting. Members will be able to call in. We are working on logistics for the members that will be speaking at the meeting, as we will have to pass around a phone so that those who call in can hear the audio.
 3. Homeroom Parents- Ms. Mattingly and Melinda Oklok have created an online form that will be sent out via email to obtain contact information from parents that can be passed onto homeroom parents. Better procedures will be in place next year in order to obtain contact information, parents will be able to check a box authorizing the ability to share their email address.
 4. Ms. Mattingly is looking for members to help serve on the Ms. Hoch Retirement Committee.
 5. We are moving forward with the purchase of the auditorium lighting. Cost is double what we thought. This year, lights will be purchased along with a basic control board. The company that has been helping will continue to bring the smart board. The school district will be assisting with the wiring.

B. Principal's Report:

1. Starting on Nov 12, JBE will be partnering with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in honor of Joe DeWaele. For a 2-week period, students will bring in coins to donate to LLS. Volunteers will be needed to deposit coins at VyStar Credit Union, and for passing out trinkets to the students that donate.
2. Thanksgiving Lunch will take place on November 19th. Flyer was sent on Peach Jar and will be included in the upcoming Newsletter.

C. Teacher Representative: Ms. Brothers.

1. Ms. Brothers had no new information to report.

Membership: Membership will be locked out for this year.

Volunteer Coordinator (Amee Bailey): Obtaining volunteers for programs this year has been difficult. Only 2 additional parents volunteered with Monster Mash. Thankfully, youth volunteers (mainly Middle School) filled the gap. With the security changes this year, youth volunteers must now complete a volunteer security form. Once the form is complete it is good for one year. Currently the volunteer Coordinator is working on creating a database of regular youth volunteers. A Cheddar Up Campaign can also be set up to gain youth volunteers, this can be sent out via the Starfish and FOJBE Facebook pages. Discussion was had on how many programs have struggled to obtain parent volunteers this year. Many suggestions were made about obtaining volunteers going forward: posting on the Starfish Facebook account requesting alumni youth volunteers, homeroom parents sending emails to classroom parents requesting volunteers for upcoming programs, speaking to Ms. Chin about using National Elementary Honor Society for volunteers, assigning Grade Levels to sponsor programs (using 5th Grade parents for programs at the beginning of the year, working backwards).

Advocacy (Shannon Beckham): Monthly advocacy updates will now be given each month. As of now, zero education bills have been brought to the committees.

The following are key educational news was reported:

- **Teacher Pay Raise:** Gov. Ron DeSantis proposed raising teachers' salaries. Members of the Florida House of Representatives began discussion on the proposal to raise the base salaries.
- **½ Cent Sales Tax:** Jacksonville City Council withdrew the school board's request for a referendum on the half-cent sales tax. The Duval County School board voted to hire outside legal counsel. Within 2 weeks we will know whether the school board can legally hire their own attorneys.
- **Today (Nov. 1st) at 1:00 Duval Delegation is meeting downtown at city hall to discuss the J1 bill,** proposed by Jason Fisher. This bill proposes to convert the position of a mayor-appointed superintendent to an elected superintendent. If this bill goes to Tallahassee it will be put on the 2020 ballot. The last time Duval County had an elected superintendent, the school district lost accreditation.

Wellness: Buddy Meet up was last Friday. Kids wrote letters to Veterans and these will be used during the Veterans Day Program. More buddy events are being planned, the next one will take place in December in which students will be making an ornament. The wellness committee will be partnering with Jump Rope for Heart in the spring. Wellness will also assist with the LLS Fundraiser. Signup genius link will be sent out for volunteers. No Community Outreach for December.

Unfinished Business:

A. Completed Programs

- a. Fall Fundraiser: Saddle Up September for STEM – Christelle Rouse: Total raised was \$20,500. Expenses were approximately \$2,000. The fundraiser was very successful!
- b. Book Fair – Heather Harris: The book fair was successful. Obtaining volunteers was challenging. There was discussion on how the volunteer schedule for next year should be tailored to preview days with the younger grades. Volunteers did not have much to do on purchasing days.
- c. Donuts with Dad – Rachael Calzada: Difficulty obtaining volunteers. This program came within budget. The biggest challenge was the number of participants on Friday was much greater than Thursday. We ran out of supplies on Friday with 100 MC. A suggestion was made to have water jugs next year on run club day.
- d. Red Ribbon Week – Eilean Swartz/Ericka Glocker: Successful week, although there was difficulty scheduling volunteers to help with the photo booth.
- e. Monster Mash – Christelle Rouse, Dabni McCrary, Eileen Tyrell: Event was successful. Program was over budget by approximately \$50, gratuity was provided for 2 custodians. Photobooth was a no show. Parents attempted to leave kids unattended, in the future “Adult Supervision Required” will be added to the flyer.
- f. Community Outreach- Went Well, Mission House was thankful.

New Business:

A. Upcoming Programs

- a. Veterans Day Breakfast – Eileen Tyrell: Everything has been planned and is ready to go. PTO is working to ensure each classroom has a Veteran speaker.
- b. Invention Convention – Eric Ansart: Eric is pleased with the number of people that signed up to receive a packet. The website is new this year. Awards Ceremony will be before the Science Night assembly.
- c. Science Night/In-school Assembly – Aimee Herdt/Meredith Ring: Volunteers may be needed to help with the sales of science kits. Flyer will be distributed within the coming week, will include “Adult Supervision Required.” MOSH will be attending as well as the Jacksonville Science Festival.
- d. Cultural Assembly – Kate Ansart: Event is in the process of being planned, working to find in school assembly adult cultural performers.
- e. Family Dinner – Chandu Harichandana: Event will take place on Dec 12 from 6PM-8PM. Chandu has discussed with Ms. Guthrie to have student art on display. Chorus will be performing. Progress is being made. Tickets will be sold for dinner and a show.
- f. Talent Show – Amanda Ferrelle: There was discussion on the timeline on when the flyer will be sent out, before winter break so students have time to practice or in January when student return. Suggestion was made to send out a digital flyer in December and a hard copy in January.

B. Chairperson Vacancies

- a. Magnet Tours (spring): Kathy Waller is willing to continue this program, but is requesting a volunteer shadow her in order to turn this program over next school year.
- b. Diversity Liaison (year-round): Request for chairperson was made.

- C. Ms. Hoch Retirement Planning Committee – Ashley Smith: Event is planned for January 12 starting at 4:30 PM at Maggiano’s at Town Center. The restaurant can accommodate anywhere from 50 – 300 people. Meal will include a salad, an appetizer, 2 pastas and soft drinks. The cost of the dinner will either be \$30 per person or \$35 in order to include gratuity. There was discussion on how to sell tickets. Cinnotti’s will be making a cake. There will be a Photo booth for attendees to take pictures to be included in a guest book for Ms. Hoch. PTO has budgeted an amount for a gift, which will be an annual pass for the Alhambra Theatre. Holmes is making a vinyl poster in which families can take pictures prior to the event. A slide show will be playing at the event with these pictures.

- D. Beaches Go Green Presentation: Beaches Go Green provides awareness & education around single-use plastic pollution, “Recycling Right” and creating less waste overall. Events include beach cleanups, Movies That Matter, Jacksonville Beach Deck the Charis Holiday Display and many more. Beaches Go Green teach students the 4 R’s: REFUSE, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, as well as Rethink, Repair, ROT, Replenish/Replant, Respect. Ms. Brothers is JBE’s Green Champion. JBE receives a portion of the proceeds for the donations to the Textile Recycling Bin in the parking lot.

Other Business:

Announcements:

- A. Next Meeting is Friday, December 6, 2019 at 8:45 AM in the Cafeteria.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM.

//approved Dec 6th, 2019//
Nichole Bigay, Recording Secretary