

FOJBE PTO Meeting
Thursday, March 5, 2020 – 8:45 AM
Jacksonville Beach Elementary Cafeteria

Call to Order: A FOJBE PTO Meeting was held at the JBE Cafeteria, in Jacksonville, FL on Thursday, March 5, 2020. 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), Amanda Ferrelle (VP Fall Programs), Jena Pugh (VP Spring Programs), Nicole Schkrutz (Treasurer), Nichole Bigay (Secretary), Aimee Herdt, Shannon Beckham, Kara Scremin, An Oskarsson, Katie Hathaway, Carey Johnson, Kathy Waller, Kathy Poe

Read & Approve Prior Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from FOJBE PTO meeting held on February 7, 2020 was made by Amanda Ferrelle and the Motion was seconded by Kara Scremin with the correction of one typo (January 10, 2019 corrected to January 10, 2020 in Read & Approve Prior Minutes). The Motion passed without objection.

Financial Report: Nicole Schkrutz (Treasurer)

- Beginning Balance: \$56807.02
 - Income: Total income for the month of February was \$23499.65
 - Expenses: Total expenses for the month of February were \$7489.01
 - Outstanding Checks: 14 outstanding checks, totaling \$1584.14
- Ending Balance: \$72,767.66

Correspondence: No correspondence was discussed.

Report of the Executive Board:

A. Presidents' Report: Jaime Shachter gave a brief report.

1. Most of the existing board has volunteered to stay on for the next school year. PTO will continue advertise executive committee positions for additional volunteers.
2. "Park and Play" will begin on Wednesday, March 25th and will continue on early release Wednesdays. Once adults pick up their children through car line or walk up as usual, they will park and students will have access to the playground from 1:45 – 2:45 PM. PTO will publicize on Facebook and carline sandwich board. Please encourage others to attend.
3. Faculty completed a school improvement funds survey.
 - a. Across the board, the request to finish the refresh of the interactive TVs was most requested. 13 interactive TVs are still needed downstairs, plus 4 more for Media/STEM. Each TV package costs approximately \$4500 - \$5500.
 - b. Some teachers are still requesting more laptops.
 - c. The request to assist in purchasing the software program, Freckle was made. This program costs about \$15K a year to license.
 - d. FunD run committee suggested we use student opinions for their ideas on school improvement. Student Council can assist in polling.
4. Volunteer of the Month for February: Carey Johnson

B. Principal's Report:

1. JBE received the 2018-2019 Engage Award at last month's DCPS School Board Meeting. SAC chair Eleanor Swartz put together an impressive binder, showcasing all of the unique things that our school does to stand out.
2. PMA Testing and state testing will begin in April, the rest of the testing will occur in May. Parents are asked to refrain from coming into the school building during testing times.
3. The software, Freckle, is allowing all piloting programs to continue for the remainder of the year. JBE students are showing growth in Math and Reading while using this program. Teachers have been using the online component and using the grade level practice for end of the year testing. Teachers love this program and we are brainstorming ways to finance this program. This program is not a replacement for i-Ready, as it is a district required program. Teachers are substituting other activities and making adaptations to include Freckle assignments.
4. All out-of-county field trips are canceled, due to Coronavirus. This decision was made at the district level.

C. Teacher Representative: Ms. Brothers

1. Nothing to report.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Volunteer Coordinator (Amee Bailey): Obtaining student volunteers continues to be a challenge. We are continuing to work through Ms. Chin and NEHS to gain student volunteers.

Advocacy (Shannon Beckham):

- Session ends on Friday, March 13th. This is when the budget will be passed. Predicted 2% increase in education budget. Teacher pay increase was proposed by Governor and is still in negotiations.
- SB 62- Would require districts to share surtaxes with charter on a per pupil basis. Status: Postponed again but could be tacked on to another bill.
- HB 1079- Allow for an elected superintendent vs appointed superintendent. Status: Dead, cut off for committee meetings has passed and bill never moved forward.

Wellness:

- K-2 buddies will be getting a letter to fill out for 3-5 buddy to wish them well on testing.
- Wellness is working with a boy scout troop to build a memorial for Joe Dewaele in the front circle area.
- JBE is partnering with the American Heart Association. A "heart healthy" assembly was held on Tuesday. Aimee Herdt has put together a lesson for wellness parents that goes along our partnership with the AHA.

Unfinished Business:

A. Completed Programs

1. Magnet Tours– Kathy Waller (Jan/Feb): No issues, later tours had a smaller turnout.
2. Talent Show – Amanda Ferrelle (February 24th): Was rescheduled, but the show still had a great turnout for a Monday night. The show went smooth, with no technical difficulties. Amanda has volunteered to chair it going forward if this program remains on

the schedule for next year. Amanda suggested that this might be better in the fall due to timing of the school play and Lavilla auditions.

3. FUNd Run “Starfish Stampede” – Katie Hathaway (February 14th-27th): There was an initial concern that we would not meet our goal, however total raised as of the PTO meeting was \$65579.00. Katie was thankful for the teachers, as they were very helpful in putting out reminders for parents to register and encouraging students to fundraise. 98% of JBE students registered. Average raised was \$130 per student. 73% of donations also covered donor fee. Game truck party is scheduled for Friday, March 6th. Bull riding will be held in May. Top 3 fundraising classes: Van, Taylor, Farrell. 10% of the money raised by the 5th grade class during FunD run will be used for the picnic, dance and graduation lunch. 13/29 classrooms reached or exceeded their goals. 1675 incentives were distributed.
4. Spring School Pictures – Karen Bagaria (March 2nd): Nothing to report.

New Business:

A. Upcoming Programs

1. Play Day – Amanda Chapman (March 6th): All volunteers are filled. Kathy Waller will DJ, Moe’s Taco Bar is scheduled for volunteers and Beaches Go Green will supply water.
2. Spring Dance – Eileen Tyrell (April 3rd): The theme for the dance is “Hoe Down”. DJ reserved. Will need to contract Leonard’s Photography for a photo booth. Dessert vendor has not been secured; the business Cookies & Cream was suggested.

B. Chairperson Vacancies

1. Magnet Tours (spring): Kathy Waller can assist a chairperson. Jan/Feb commitment.
2. Diversity Liaison (year-round)
3. Yearbook Co-Chair: Co-chair need for Amanda Chapman.

Other Business:

A. Amendment to Budget:

1. 10% of the money raised by the 5th grade class during FunD run will be used for the picnic, dance and graduation lunch.
2. Money for teacher grants for classroom teachers will increase by \$50/teacher upon reaching our spring fundraising goal.
3. Motion to approve the amendment to the budget for the Starfish Stampede FunD run was made by Nicole Shkrutz and the Motion was seconded by Aimee Herdt. The Motion passed without objection.

Announcements:

A. Next Meeting is Friday, April 3, 2020 at 8:45 AM in the Cafeteria.

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Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 AM.

//signed 27 Apr 20//
Nichole Bigay, Recording Secretary

*(approved via virtual review/comment period
in accordance with local and state emergency
orders/CDC social distancing guidance)*