

FOJBE PTO Meeting
Friday, November 6, 2020 – 12:30 PM
ZOOM Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: A FOJBE PTO Meeting was held on Zoom, in Jacksonville, FL on Friday, November 6, 2020. The President, Jaime Shachter, called the meeting to order at 12:33 PM. Quorum was established.

Roll Call/Quorum: The following people were in attendance: Jaime Shachter (President), Nichole Bigay (Secretary), Bhavini Kuverji (Membership), Jena Pugh (VP Spring Programs), Jessica Brothers (Teacher Representative), Leila Ansart, Kathy Poe, Lina Houtz, Sneha Prasad, Ebtehal Ouf, Shannon Beckham, Laura Cauley, Vanessa Anderson, Kathy Waller, Aimee Herdt, Stephanie Deverson, Lois Yoon, Ameer Bailey

Read & Approve Prior Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from FOJBE PTO meeting held on October 2, 2020 was made by Kathy Poe and the Motion was seconded by Shannon Beckham. The Motion passed without objection.

Financial Report: Nicole Schkrutz (Treasurer)
October Financial Report

- Beginning Balance: \$48,914.74
 - Income: Total income for the month of October was \$16,563.00
 - Expenses: Total expenses for the month of October were \$14,609.46
 - Outstanding Checks: 5 outstanding checks, totaling -\$1038.30
- Ending Balance: \$51,906.58

Correspondence: No correspondence reported.

Report of the Executive Board:

- A. Presidents' Report: Jaime Shachter gave a brief report.
 - 1. Volunteer of the Month for October: Shannon Beckham
- B. Principal's Report: No Principal Report
- C. Teacher Representative Report (Ms. Brothers)
 - 1. The teachers were very appreciative of the stock the fridge event.
 - 2. Ms. Brothers will push the school improvement survey out to student council for student feedback.

Membership: No membership update.

Volunteer Coordinator: The volunteer coordinator position is still open. This is a virtual position. The job description for this position has been listed on the FOJBE PTO website.

Advocacy (Shannon Beckham):

- Sales tax referendum passed. Sales tax begins collection on January 1, 2021. The district is working on putting together an advisory board for spending.

- Florida's legislative season runs March 2- April 30th. Lack of revenue to the state will affect education budgets.
- Duval County has been holding in-person and online meetings to refine the district's strategic plan. There are no future meetings scheduled, however input can be provided by a survey with open ended questions.
 - https://dcps.duvalschools.org/stratplan?fbclid=IwAR1V_0QfNufuaxS9IAaZBESXIIAD1_iOiYpP8dVuyrraUKQHb33dH9FY

Wellness:

- Boy Scouts have agreed to help fund/build shade for the playgrounds. Ms. Mattingly is hopeful that PTO can help fund the remaining cost.
- Calm Classroom Initiative: feedback has been very positive from the teachers.
- The front track will be named and dedicated in honor of Joe DeWaele this year.
- Halloween Candy Drive is in progress.
- Ms. Mattingly is interested in getting wellness lessons back into the classrooms. Aimee Herdt has agreed to work to find a way to provide lessons electronically to all classes.

Unfinished Business:

A. Completed Programs

1. Book Fair (virtual) – October 2nd – 12th (Heather Harris): Closed out midmonth. Profits to the media center have not yet been reported.
2. Red Ribbon Week (Virtual Dad Visit) – October 26th – 30th (Elleanor Swartz & Erika Glocker): PTO provided prizes for the door decoration winners; students received a JBE red ribbon coloring changing cup. There were a few technical glitches with the virtual Dad visit. However, it seemed to be well received and the participants really enjoyed visiting the classes virtually.
3. Invention Convention – November 2nd – 5th (Eric & Leila Ansart): Approximately 40 students participated this year. Winners have been identified. Bolts & Bytes will announce the winners via video this year. Prize is a 2-hour workshop to Bolts & Bytes. Pictures have been taken of the inventions and will be sent out in a video montage, to be included in Ms. Mattingly's newsletter. Leila requested a co-chair for next year to help with transition of this program.

B. DHR Playground Recess Meetups: Will be tabled to the December PTO meeting.

C. School Improvement Survey:

Survey went live on Sunday, November 1st. 4 questions were included in the survey. Feedback is important to determine what the PTO will fund next year. Students will be able to provide input across all grade levels via the Student Council representatives.

New Business:

A. Upcoming Programs

1. Veteran's Day Celebration – November 10th (Aimee Herdt & Nichole Bigay): The Veteran's Day Ceremony will take place virtually for all classes (Homeroom & Face2Face) this year via a PowerPoint slideshow. It will include a video of the 5th grade patrols raising the American flag set to music, 2 Veteran keynote speakers (including one

from our sponsor First Command) and a slideshow of pictures of JBE military families. Teachers will present the slideshow to their classes. Volunteers to speak to individual classes have been arranged by the office via the flier distributed through Ms. Mattingly's weekly email. Please reach out to your teacher if you are willing to present to your child's class (presentations will be virtual).

2. Virtual Talent Show – November 12th/19th (Amanda Ferrelle): Almost 40 acts auditioned. The talent showcase will be split into 2 shows, to include all students this year. Each show will run approximately an hour. A YouTube live link will be sent out by email.

B. Chairperson Vacancies:

1. Volunteer Coordinator (year-round)
2. Rewards Program (year-round)
3. School Pictures (spring)
4. Literacy Week (spring)
5. Magnet Tours (spring): Magnet tours will be virtual, unsure what parent volunteer will be needed
6. Play Day (spring)

Other Business:

- A. Amee Bailey discussed getting a panel of parents together that have experience with older kids in middle schools, to help 5th grade parents/students in making listing their middle school choices.
- B. SAC was briefed on a new structure of grades at JBE. There will be a change of the number of classes per grade, a fewer amount of 4th graders will be coming into the school. 1st grade and 3rd grade will be the bigger entry points to JBE. The proposal is to have 4 Kindergarten classes, 5 First Grade classes, 5 Second Grade classes, 6 Third Grade classes, and 5 classes in Fourth and Fifth Grade classes.
- C. SAC will be hosting focus groups based on area of town. These neighborhood talks were put in place to help with community and connection. The scheduled focus group sessions will be virtual and links provided by Ms. Mattingly.

Announcements:

- A. Next Meeting is Friday, December 4, 2020, 8:45am – via Zoom.
 - <http://fojbe.com>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofjaxbeachelementarypto/>
 - fojbepresident@gmail.com

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 PM.

//signed Dec 4th, 2020//

Nichole Bigay, Recording Secretary