

FOJBE PTO Meeting
Friday, December 4, 2020 – 8:45 AM
ZOOM Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: A FOJBE PTO Meeting was held on Zoom, in Jacksonville, FL on Friday, December 4, 2020. The President, Jaime Shachter, called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM. Quorum was established.

Roll Call/Quorum: The following people were in attendance: Jaime Shachter (President), Nichole Bigay (Secretary), Amanda Ferrelle (VP Fall Programs), Bhavini Kuverji (VP Membership), Shannon Beckham (Advocacy), Jessica Brothers (Teacher Representative), Kathy Poe, Kara Scremin (Business Partners), Kathy Waller, Tracy Tousey (VP Year-round Programs), Paula Poseiro, Melinda Oklok, An Oskarsson, Rachael Calzada, Vanessa Anderson, Nicole Schkrutz (Treasurer), Lois Yoon, Christelle Rouse (VP Fundraising), Sudeshna, Anna Moon, Praj Rajpurkar, Ameer Bailey, Cameron Mattingly (Principal)

Read & Approve Prior Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from FOJBE PTO meeting held on November 6, 2020 was made by Kathy Poe and the Motion was seconded by Tracy Tousey. The Motion passed without objection.

Financial Report: Nicole Schkrutz (Treasurer)
November Financial Report

- Beginning Balance: \$51,906.58
 - Income: Total income for the month of November was \$368.00
 - Expenses: Total expenses for the month of October were \$1,557.93
 - Outstanding Checks: 9 outstanding checks, totaling -\$182.82
- Ending Balance: \$50,533.83

Correspondence: No correspondence reported.

Report of the Executive Board:

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

1. Jaime has received appreciation from the administration and several teachers for the PTO involvement in the self-care November program for the teachers.
2. The volunteer to coordinate paper bag donations was filled. The school is in need of 350 large brown paper bags to package next quarter materials for DHR students. Bags are needed by December 11th.
3. Volunteer of the Month for November: Nichole Bigay

B. Principal's Report:

1. Ms. Mattingly showed appreciation for the following PTO programs:
 - Virtual Bring your Dad to School Day
 - Veteran Day Celebration
 - Invention Convention
 - Stocking the Fridge
 - Wellness November
 - Talent Show
2. JBE parent testimonials are needed for the school choice expo and magnet tours. Videos will be uploaded to a virtual platform.

3. A parent connectedness survey was sent via SAC. The results will be briefed at the February SAC meeting (1st Tuesday of the month @ 7:50 AM).
4. STEM program feedback was received concerning DHR students. Ms. Moorer was not available to come on live via Teams previously. Activities are not easily replicated virtually due to the lack of supplies being available at home for DHR students. Going forward a list of materials will be posted in advance of the STEM classes. Holding a live meeting at the beginning of class will be implemented at the beginning of lessons. Ms. Moorer is also available via chat during the students' class time. Ms. Moorer is a part time hourly employee 25 hours a week. Packing materials (all students must receive their own kits) for F2F students has been time consuming, TOT assistance will be offered going forward to alleviate some of these challenges. Member suggested using family volunteers to help pack materials, Ms. Mattingly will take this offer to Ms. Moorer.
5. Testing is coming up. Attendance is important in the month of December.

C. Teacher Representative Report (Ms. Brothers)

1. Teachers are appreciative of all of the PTO support.

Membership: 1 recent membership purchase, PTO will keep membership open as each quarter students transition from DHR to face-to-face.

Volunteer Coordinator: Lina Houtz has taken on the role of volunteer coordinator.

Advocacy (Shannon Beckham):

- Florida's legislative session runs March 2- April 30th.
- Senate legislative committee is set. Unfortunately, educators are lacking as representatives.
- Two Twitter Accounts to follow: Emily Bloch, @emdrums & Florida PTA @Floridat PTA. Ms. Mattingly included the JBE twitter account to follow @JaxBeachElem
- Dr. Greene was awarded the Superintendent of the Year for the state of Florida
- WJBE News has started. DHR safety patrols are recording a weekly news show from home.

Wellness:

- Joe Strong Day was hosted before Thanksgiving break. In the spring there are plans to put the tiles out on display and the front track will be dedicated to Joe. More details to follow.
- The JBE buddy program is off and rolling although enrollment is low this year. Interaction between buddies is being implemented by note passing and via school mail. DHR students are interacting via postal mail. An activity will be planned in January, details forthcoming.
- A few volunteers are testing monthly classroom wellness lessons virtually in TEAMS. Once tested, virtual volunteers will be requested for all classes.
- Wellness will be working with a former JBE student on his Eagle Scout project which will include shade structures on the front playground.

Unfinished Business:

A. Completed Programs

1. Veteran's Day Celebration – November 10th (Aimee Herdt & Nichole Bigay): We had a great turnout of military families submitting pictures of their families for the slideshow. There were a few technical difficulties getting the original presentation uploaded for the

teachers, but thankfully we were able to create a YouTube version last minute. Ten out of 30 classes had military members speak to classes virtually.

2. Virtual Talent Show – November 12th/19th (Amanda Ferrelle): Close to 50 kids submitted videos. Talent show is on YouTube. Feedback was very positive.

- B. DHR Playground Recess Meetups: Unfortunately, Ms. Mattingly cannot encourage large scale gatherings. District guidance is not to host any type of event. Ms. Mattingly will reach out to district leadership to request permission for small individual classroom gatherings on campus.

- C. School Improvement Survey: Response rate is low (less than 100 people responded), student council reps will be inputting a class response. Will keep survey open for another week.

- D. Middle School Parent Forum: Middle school night will be virtual. An informal Zoom PTO Q&A session will take place afterwards for current 5th grade parents and parents/students of current 6th/7th/8th grade alums at JBE feeder schools to help answer questions pertaining to selecting/transitioning to middle school.

New Business:

A. Upcoming Programs

1. Teacher Breakfast- December 16th (Melinda Oklok): PTO will provide a holiday meal to the staff; Maple Street will provide individual packed breakfast sandwiches along with grab and go fruit and coffee.
2. Magnet Virtual Tours – Testimonials: Testimonials are needed for the magnet tour for JBE. Videos can be emailed to Ms. Mattingly or sent via private YouTube link.
3. December Community Outreach Drive – Tracy Tousey: PTO is teaming up with student council along with BEAM for a holiday food drive to restock their pantry shelves. Flyer will be distributed by Ms. Mattingly's newsletter, via Student Council, and the FOJBE Facebook page.

B. Chairperson Vacancies:

1. Rewards Program (year-round)
2. School Pictures (spring): Ms. Mattingly noted that December group/club picture sessions have been postponed to spring (individual retakes still scheduled as usual for December).
3. Play Day (spring): program still tentative at this time

Other Business: No other business discussed.

Announcements:

A. Next Meeting is Friday, January 8, 2021, 12:30 PM – via Zoom.

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Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 AM.

//signed January 8th, 2021//
Nichole Bigay, Recording Secretary