

**FOJBE PTO Meeting**  
**Friday, February 5, 2021 – 12:00 PM**  
**ZOOM Virtual Meeting**

**Call to Order:** A FOJBE PTO Meeting was held on Zoom, in Jacksonville, FL on Friday, February 5, 2020. The Vice President of Programs, Tracy Tousey, called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM. Quorum was established.

**Roll Call/Quorum:** The following people were in attendance: Tracy Tousey (VP Programs – Year-round), Nichole Bigay (Secretary), Nicole Schkrutz (Treasurer), Bhavini Kuverji (VP Membership), Amanda Ferrelle (VP Fall Programs), Shannon Beckham (Advocacy), Cameron Mattingly (Principal), Charlye McGurrin (VP Fundraising – Spring), Laura Cauley, Alan Deverson, Stephanie Deverson, Paola Arguello, Ameer Bailey, Jena Pugh, Kathy Poe, Kathy Waller, Paula Poseiro, Kendall Hunt, Sneha Prasad

**Read & Approve Prior Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes from FOJBE PTO meeting held on January 8, 2020 was made by Kathy Poe and the Motion was seconded by Shannon Beckham. The Motion passed without objection.

**Financial Report:** Nicole Schkrutz (Treasurer)

December Financial Report

- Beginning Balance: \$44,857.65
  - Income: Total income for the month of January was \$328.80.
  - Expenses: Total expenses for the month of January were \$1169.81
  - Outstanding Checks: 7 outstanding checks, totaling -\$330.93
- Ending Balance: \$43,686.01

**Correspondence:** No Correspondence

**Report of the Executive Board:**

A. Presidents' Report: No report this month.

1. Volunteer of the Month for January: Charlye McGurrin

B. Principal's Report:

1. Magnet School tours have been performed virtually this year; JBE has hosted 2/4 tours to date. About 160 parents attended the 1st session, 85 attended in the 2<sup>nd</sup> session. The tours will be finished February 18<sup>th</sup>. Student ambassador testimonials and parent testimonials have been shared during the tour. At the conclusion of the event, parents complete Microsoft Form and include a code (given at the end of the tour) to document attendance. The tour has included the information about reducing 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade class levels and increasing the lower primary grade sizes. Parents are also able to ask questions via the Microsoft Form. Ms. Mattingly is able to answer those questions in an email after the tour. Parents can also include feedback about the tour on the form.
2. Ms. Chin and NEHS completed a tile mural in honor of Joe DeWaele. Maintenance will be hanging the mural soon. Also, with the help of 100 MC, JBE will be naming the front track in honor of Joe. A small ceremony for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will take place for this event.
3. Middle School night sponsored by the school will be held next Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Links will be sent out via email to 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents. Links will be specific to the middle schools parents are interested in hearing from. The event will begin with a general session. Schools will then offer two 15-minute breakout sessions for parents to attend and ask questions concerning that school in a small group setting. Parents will be able to attend 2 breakout sessions.

C. Teacher Representative Report (Ms. Brothers): No report this month.

**Membership:** Membership drive will continue to be kept open. No new updates to membership this month.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** No report this month.

**Advocacy (Shannon Beckham):**

- School board sent a letter to the governor to request that teachers be given the status of first responders for the COVID vaccine. No response from the governor to date. SAC signed a proclamation in support of this. Shannon provided the email for the Governor and Education Commissioner: GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com and Commissioner@fldoe.org if members would like to email and request that teachers be given the same priority as first responders.
- Bill CS/SB 48: consolidate numerous private-school scholarships programs while creating new education savings accounts for students and changing how the vouchers are accounted for in the state budget.
- Oversight committee for Duval County and the ½ cent sales tax has begun to meet. These meetings are open to the public. The committee does not decide what the tax will be spent on, only accountability that the money is being spent accordingly. David Hathaway is sitting on the committee for District 2.

**Wellness:** Nothing to report.

**Unfinished Business:**

A. Completed Programs

1. Literacy Week – January 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> (Lina Houtz): PTO covered the cost for the red carpet, kindness bracelets and books that the students received. Kindness quilt is on display and many mystery readers participated in each classroom.
2. Middle School Family Forum- February 3<sup>rd</sup> (Amea Bailey): 2 student panelists from JWJ and 2 from Landon joined us. Approximately 28 families joined, positive feedback was received from this event.
3. School Improvement Survey Results- FINAL: Survey results are final. The top priorities for PTO funding: classroom technology (printers, docucams, and webcams), health & wellness, playground enhancements and outdoor classrooms.
4. Playground Play Groups: Both F2F and DHR classes will be able to participate in grade level playground meetups. A detailed schedule will be sent out for classes soon, meetups will be 30 minutes long for each grade level.

**New Business:**

A. Upcoming Programs

1. FUNd Run – February 10<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> – Charyle McGurrin: Print materials have been completed. Kickoff is February 10<sup>th</sup> and will include an in-class pep rally where an informative video will be played. Carey Johnson (JBE Alum parent) has helped create this video and will include Ms. Rieber's voice as MC. This year's event will be a communication campaign and parents will receive detailed information on how the money raised will be spent in the future (health and wellness and classroom technology). Face to Face students will receive an envelope to collect money. Emails will be sent daily and will include the dress up theme, the daily raffles and the

family fit activity (to help DHR students participate since they will not have an actual run). Parents will also be asked to send in pictures of students taking part in the daily physical activities and at the end of the event a video will showcase students and families participating in these events. On the day of the event, the DHR students will log into a grade level meeting via teams. Coach Paape and Ms DeSantis will lead a fitness activity and students will watch the celebratory video and finish with a dance party. For in-class students, they will participate in a run in the bus loop lead by Coach Paape and Ms. DeSantis. Mr. Van has volunteered to be the Money Monkey and will visit classrooms to incentivize each one to increase their donations. Volunteers for processing donations and prizes are needed, a signup genius was sent out in Jaime's email to PTO members.

2. Play Day – March 5- vacant: Request for volunteer to help plan the play day scheduled on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
3. PTO Board Nominating/Slating: The following positions will be open next year: President, VP of Year-Round Programs, VP of Spring Programs, Treasurer, Secretary and Spring Fundraising.

B. Chairperson Vacancies:

1. Rewards Program (year-round)

**Other Business:**

- A. Member addressed if the question of a 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation can be planned. Amanda Ferrelle agreed to reach out to Ms. Mattingly to inquire if an event could possibly be planned, either on school grounds or off campus.

**Announcements:**

- A. Next Meeting is Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, – via Zoom @ 9:00 AM
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  - [fojbepresident@gmail.com](mailto:fojbepresident@gmail.com)

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 PM.

          //signed March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021//            
Nichole Bigay, Recording Secretary