**FOJBE PTO Meeting  
Thursday, March 2, 2023 – 8:46AM   
JBE Cafeteria**

**Call to Order:** A FOJBE PTO Meeting was held in person in Jacksonville, FL on Friday, February 3, 2023. The President, Amee Bailey, called the meeting to order at 8:46 AM. Quorum was not established.

**Roll Call/Quorum:** The following people were in attendance: Amee Bailey, A. Michelle Alford, Gina Billeter, Chandra Guirgis, Jaime Shachter, Lina Houtz, Teresa Jenkins, Michelle Langevin, Cameron Mattingly, Carie Skube and Lois Yoon.

**Minutes Approval: Motion to vote needs to be delayed to next meeting.**

**Principal** **Report – Cameron Mattingly**

* SAC Meetings upcoming. Would love people to come. Budget and data that will affect school rating will be on the agenda and parents should be in attendance
* Family Play Day was great!
* Testing – Entire month of April & May. Volunteers for hall monitors needed and specific dates/times will be communicated to PTO. Volunteers also needed to Chalk the Sidewalk/Words of inspiration/HR parents make signs for FAST in May, etc.
* Feedback from New Parent Survey: New parents that start at a different time than the beginning of the school year feel disconnected. Possibly have a new parent party in January to feel welcomed.
* New teachers survey: PTO information is sent over the summer but it is an overwhelming time, consider optional meeting with PTO leadership to have an orientation of all things PTO/events/HR parents/etc. Suggested time before school at 7:50-8:30am
* Suggestion: Parent Social idea. Fun night out without kids. Paint night, Bunco, etc.

**Teacher Report – Carie Skube**

* Nothing to report.

**Report of the Executive Board:**

**Treasurer – Lina Houtz**

February Financial Report

Beginning Balance: $63,324.27

Total Income = $19,718.84

Total Expenses = $2,506.79

Outstanding Checks (2) = $853.23

Reconciled Checks (4) = -$2,014.91

Ending Balance = $79,374.64

Detailed report on the website

**President – Amee Bailey**

* + - * Ms. Moorer – STEM; we have money for her to use. We need to know what opportunities are available to use funds. Ms. Mattingly will reach out. If no response, want to ask Ms. Johnson what is needed instead.
      * Discussion on Survey Results regarding budget. Key highlights include decreasing the number of books for book of the quarter from 40 to 10. Summer Reading party to be moved to the JBE front playground and use PTO funds to pay for Kona Ice for students who complete the reading; all students in the school community will be invited to attend to as a welcome back get together.
      * Business Partners: Currently we have one page flyer. Other schools have more detailed flyers. Looking to beef up our packet to be mailed out to current and prospective partners.

Changes:

In-Kind donations to be changed accomplish a better value to value scenario

Remove Bronze Level $150/year.

Title opportunities for specific event or program-- Used to be only available to business partners. Now business partners will have first choice but open to any business. Cost is more if you have access to parents.

Spirit partnerships: Separate from business partners; Note that some are coordinated directly through the school and not through the PTO.

**Correspondence - Lysi Okada (absent) Amee Bailey**

* + - * Volunteers of the Month: The Scotts – Family Play Day: Awesome event!
      * Kara Scremin: Huge thank you for making goal of Starfish Sprint!!!

**New Business - President – Amee Bailey**

**Proposed changes to Bylaws – Dabni McCrary (absent) Amee Bailey**

* Will be voting on at our next meeting
* Changes: 6 & 9
  + 6.) Include conflicts of interest with large amounts of money ($500) to have total transparency. Program chair has relationship with vendor or has a vested interest in profit of vendor.
  + 9.) specify the fiscal year July to June.
  + Club grants use PTO reimbursements forms; could be included in general reimbursements/check requests.
  + Collapsing Recording Secretary & Corresponding Secretary for one position/responsibilities; page 5
  + Jaime Shachter: Proposed change: Treasurer should be one position and not shared.
  + Section 4 was added for Business Partners
  + Page 7; article 6 section 2: Added on policy on expenditures.

**Slating Committee Update – Jaime Shachter**

* We are close to filling all open spots. Still looking for Secretary & VP Fall Programs.

**Upcoming Programs Discussion:**

1. Starfish Sprint - March 3, 2023 – Kara Scremin (absent)
   1. Already hit goal…with more coming in!!!
   2. Ms. Mattingly will be silly stringed during the Play Day. The toilet paper teacher time will be determined by the teacher
   3. 38/50 States have donated
   4. 98% participation
2. Play Day March 10th - Kara Waite (absent)
   1. Next Friday; we have secured volunteers; resource teachers will be there
   2. Students wear class JBE shirts

3. Spring Dance March 31 – Eileen Tyrell (absent)

a. Ms. Mattingly needs flyer soon

**Unfinished Business:**  Brief Discussion Please

**Completed Programs Report Out:**

1. Family Field Day Feb. 25 – Christian and Chanterria Scott

Great turn out and huge success for first year!

Maybe change the wording because it was too close to school “Play Day”. Some parents were confused which one it was. Suggest different name in future.

Expenses were low, approximately $200 and will still receive proceeds from Kona to offset

**Year-Round Programs Report Out:**

1. Wellness - Jaime Shachter

* February Buddy meet up was super fun. Exchanged valentines and walked the track together. Great feedback!
* Next meeting will discuss survey results

2.) Parent Champion: Jaime Shachter

* Dr. Green sent out letter regarding book situation. Below are a few points of interest:
  + Florida State law requires that all books need to be reviewed by media specialists (54 in all of DCPS) 1.6 million titles need to be vetted. This process will take substantial time
* Based on state training on multiple laws dealing with gender and racial ideology in books, they are looking for three things:

Material which could be considered pornographic is not allowed. State trainers reminded our team throughout their presentation that this is punishable as a third-degree felony and that reviewers should “err on the side of caution.”

Material which could be considered instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity is expressly forbidden in state law for students in grades K-3.

Material that could violate Florida Statute 1006.31(2)(d) and 1003.42(3) which, among other requirements, includes material that might describe a person or people as “inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously, solely by virtue of his or her race or sex.”

* + Through this process, we now have almost 6,000 book titles approved for classroom use, including aforementioned books about Roberto Clemente and Hank Aaron. In addition to our 2021 order, we already had multiple titles in classroom libraries and media centers about these historic figures, as well as dozens of books about Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and other icons of the Civil Rights movement.

**Other Business:**

\*\*\*\*Water fountain quotes for upstairs (2) and outside against school wall. Ms. Mattingly will get quotes for us.

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting is Friday, March 31, 2023 8:45am in-person only.

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**Meeting Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 AM.

Gina Billeter 03/02/2023

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Recording Secretary