



Minutes 10/13/2021 Jewel PTO meeting

- 1) Call to Order, at 6:33pm
- 2) Approval of September 2021 minutes. Motion by J. Owen; Seconded by C. Jaltuch; Motion carried.
- 3) President's Report – Brian LoCicero – Thanks for coming this evening. We're going to keep the meeting very short as there's not a lot of new business other than the election of Colleen Jaltuch to the position of Secretary. But immediately after the meeting adjourns, we will have a Halloween Bash committee meeting to discuss and plan everything we've done so far and what is left ahead of us to pull off a successful Bash.
- 4) Vice-President's Report – Laura Wand – Membership: another 32 staff have joined, gets us over 100 members. Mr. Smith asks how he can help. We're well above what we expected which is great.
- 5) Treasurer's Report – Michael Trotter – Laura spoke about our 501c3 loss of certification as a non-profit. Yearly we must send back a postcard to the IRS to confirm we're still a non-profit and still an entity. Under previous administrations before any of us on the Board were on Board, the Treasurer stopped sending this in and neglected to tell Laura, as the incoming Treasurer that this had to be done. It wasn't until last year, during the pandemic, that we were notified of this major lapse and suspension of our non-profit status. Over the last 6+ months, we've reapplied for reinstatement. All documentation has been submitted and we're just waiting on final re-certification. Unfortunately, it also cost \$275 to pay the IRS to get our 501c3 certification back. To be clear, we are not tax exempt currently. Two items out of all of this:
 - a) When Laura paid with the debit card, she forgot that the amount was \$25 above our PTO Discretionary amount in the budget, so we'll need to post-approve this payment as it's out of budget in New Business.
 - b) Before the year is out, we may need to review the by-laws to include an emergency use approval of funds if it's going to be some time before we have a general meeting. Something along the lines of "2/3rds approval amongst the 4 Board Members and Principal is required...."
- 6) Secretary's Report – (submitted by Brian) – We look forward to having Colleen on Board and I'll work with her once Bash is done to migrate responsibilities.
- 7) Committee Updates
 - a) Spirit Wear – URL for store <https://tinyurl.com/JMSSWS> Thanks again, we're waiting on final tally of orders and funds raised, will have that detail by next week and will update at next meeting.
 - b) Hospitality – recap on P-T Conferences, sandwiches provided by McAlister's, everything was great.
- 8) Principal's Report – Mr. Smith

Updates:

- Thank you for the P/T conference dinner!
- Open House Parent Survey Results
 - Favorable, Change Name, Like to see kids!
- Staff Memberships- How are we doing? How can I help?

Sports/Activities:

- Fall- Football, Soccer, Volleyball Cross Country
- Winter- Boys Basketball (Girls start in January), Wrestling, Cheerleading

Halloween Bash- 10/29/2021 (to be discussed in committee meeting post tonight's meeting):

- All grades- 7:00-9:00pm
- Staggered grades/times-
 - 8th- 6:30-9:00pm
 - 7th- 6:45-9:00pm
 - 6th- 7:00-9:00pm
- Activities:
 - Haunted House- Hallways?
 - Costume Contest?
 - Pumpkin Decorating?



- Gym- Games?
- Cafe- Snacks- prepackaged?
- Outdoor ideas (Trunk or Treat)?
- Plan/Prep Meetings?
 - Contact West High- NHS, Ambassadors, Drama, etc.

9) SCAC Report – Jason Owens –

- a) Dr. Craig is not doing this monthly anymore, so it's moved to quarterly and hoping it gets more informative. They discussed the District Profile (shows # of kids in activities/clubs) and the question amongst attendees was what this does for people in the community. District hasn't decided on how to get this out, as it's only in English at this point and not digital yet.
- b) Jason as asked what his goal was SCAC rep? His hopes are to have something informative to bring back to the PTO that isn't covered already by Mr. Smith.

10) Old Business

- a) Update on shelving for the storage container outside

11) New Business

- a) Vote to elect Colleen Jaltuch as Secretary for the 2021-22 School Year. Motion by J. Owen, Seconded by D. Trotter, motion carried. Congratulations to Colleen and welcome to the Board.
- b) Vote for approval of \$275 to by paid to the IRS for reinstatement of our 501c3 status. Motion by J. Owen, Seconded by C. Jaltuch, motion carried.
- c) Board Member Comments - L. Wand - We forgot to mention in the Treasurers report that out of the School Improvement budget line item, we've covered \$102.19 for clay and materials purchases for the Social Studies Department. If you go down to the South Pod, you can see the clay cuneiforms that the students made with that clay. We need to get some pictures so we have them.
- d) Mr. Smith asked about whether we could fund a pizza party for the Football Team to help recognize their success this season. Unfortunately, we need to keep in mind that things we provide should be able to be shared across all groups, all teams and not get into specific team recognitions unless there was some circumstance where it made sense. We send our congratulations to the Football Team, but our mission is wider than just that team.

12) Public Comments - none

13) Adjourn Meeting. Motion by J. Owens; 2nd by L. Wand; motion passes, meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm