



## Minutes 11/03/2021 Jewel PTO meeting

- 1) Call to Order, at 6:30 pm
- 2) Approval of October 2021 minutes. Motion by G. Trainor; Seconded by J. Stone; Motion carried.
- 3) President's Report – Brian LoCicero – Thanks for coming this evening. Most of meeting will be a rundown of the successful Halloween bash! This opens opportunities for future events. We will have to talk about adjustment to budget to present in December meeting. Don't do many fundraisers – make money on events. Friday Fun Nights for elementary students – get some on calendar.
- 4) Vice-President's Report – Laura Wand – Membership – We have 4 new members, mostly staff that need to be added to database. Membership, as a whole, is up. We are at about \$724 earned from membership dues (expected \$500).
- 5) Treasurer's Report – Michael Trotter – We spent a lot of money on Halloween Bash – nervous because of by-laws with budget. We spent money without bringing to PTO parents. We made decision to do it because Mr. Smith asked to do bash. In future, we will not do that again. Halloween Bash 2019 – made \$2,100; Halloween Bash 2021 made roughly \$3,400, (minus outstanding checks per Laura, which will bring this line item down by about \$300.) So, the gamble worked out. We want to thank parents for all their work and cooperation. Do we let parents know via email how much in donations there was or let them know how much we made on Facebook? We do owe it to parents to thank them for their donations
- 6) Secretary's Report – Colleen Jaltuch– I am settling into the role of Secretary and look forward to working with Brian to transition some of the additional duties.
- 7) Committee Updates
  - a) Halloween Bash – Laura will put together list of things to remember for committee for next year. She recommended outdoor light cords – 25' with outlets every 8' for the hallway lights. She also found ½ price little strobe lights and is donating 4 to us for next year. We need more lights in the hallways. NEED DOCUMENTATION for this and other events, such as Friday Fun Night. Concessions – there was a lot of water on the floor in the concession serving area – some type of rubber mats would be good. We could pull them out of kitchen area for next event. Give the concession stand volunteers a break – but several tried to do so, and volunteers did not want the breaks. Let them know where batteries and mops are. Student council can check batteries.  
  
403 students attended (out of roughly 575 total students)! This was a good turnout. We all did great The PTO would like to thank everyone who donated their time or concessions for this party. We would also like to thank Kathy Evans and Dosch family (Mr. Dosch, Mrs. Jen Dosch), especially!
  - b) Future Events – let's hold on further discussion on this until Principal's Report – Traditionally have Winter Carnival Jan/Feb and do Friday Fun Nights for 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> graders. We need to get dates to Mr. Smith for FFN – (Sept, Nov, Feb, and sometimes another one were past Friday Fun Nights). Try to schedule FFN on months when we don't have a school event for Jewel students. Most FFN would bring in \$1,000-\$1,800 per night. Last time we did Winter Carnival, we only made about \$700 because a lot of supplies needed to be purchased. March Madness is another event for Jewel students. Look at Feb. and April for FFN. Do we want to do some event in December (3<sup>rd</sup>) for FFN? See further discussion under Principal's Report.
- 8) Principal's Report – Mr. Smith

### Updates:

- Michelle Frieders will be Special Ed rep. She has a 6<sup>th</sup> grader here at Jewel.
- Thank you for an amazing Halloween Bash :)
  - 400+ kids attended!
  - All hands-on deck teamwork – a lot of staff came out to help
- Staff Memberships- How are we doing? How can I help? Will try to get more involved
- D129 is hiring- Nov 20 Job Fair (Subs, Paras, Lunch, Transportation)
- Student ambassadors and NHS students – if they're not scarers, they need clear direction Give them an actual, specific task.
- Halloween Bash – Costume contest - they need to sign up in advance.
- Still talking about possibility of opening snack bar for lunch time.
- 2 of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade band students ILMEA Awards – Brandon Gee, Emmy Anderson



### Sports/Activities:

- Boys Basketball (Girls start in January), Wrestling, Cheerleading.
- Drama, Art Club – Fall Paly Nov. 17, 18 in cafeteria at 7 pm – Mr. Bradley lead – we will probably have an-person audience.

### HERO Points & NEW Online Jaguar Store:

Megan Grim put together online store for Paw Points – order T-Th for delivery on F.  
Hero takes care of tardy side too.

### Winter Fest:

- [Winterfest Fireside Chat 2022.pptx](#)
  - Plan/Prep Meetings?
  - January 14 or January 21 – Winter Fest.
  - Mr. Smith liked the staggered entry times for Halloween Bash.
  - \$5 lunch / \$7 door.
  - NAPD to help with traffic.
  - Incentives for students.
  - Showed Activities and Food offered (slide) and rules.
  - Need to find snowballs; basketballs and hockey stuff belongs to school.
  - Neon Art – paints, brushes, canvases, light with Halloween Bash blacklights.
  - Cake Wars – make a bunch of cakes (premade) and we buy frosting, icing, decorations for cakes.
  - Maybe some former students can make cakes; Miss Freed made cakes in the past.
  - Tie Dye stuff from Jen Cresse – we can add to party – Jen has presoak (soda ash).
  - Winter Fest Committee Meeting after Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

### Friday Fun Nights???

- 2 Dates – See Discussion Items Below and Motion under New Business.
  - Thoughts, Ideas, Dates?
  - Look into electronic parental consent forms for FFN. Can we do this?
  - Fearn and Goodwin kids are invited to FFN – even if they are going to Herget.
  - Discussion on hosting a FFN on December 3.
    - M. Trotter broached the transparency and budget issues: If we have another event, we need to put it into the budget. Being transparent, we need to have things in the budget before we do things. We are following a slippery slope to have event on the 3<sup>rd</sup> but not approving it until the meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup>. For Halloween Bash, we moved quickly and without normal protocol because we needed to move. We don't want to keep spending money that is not in budget. Because of past issues, we are hesitant to spend money without it being in budget; we want to be transparent.
    - Do we have historical knowledge of what we spend on an FFN? Assuming we have space and freedom, can we call this new business and approve it tonight? J. Owens
    - J. Owens continued to ask if we could make a motion to spend up to certain amount for FFN tonight? If everyone agrees tonight, can we put it into next budget that we approve on the 1<sup>st</sup>?
    - Per bylaws, we can still make a motion to spend money in the budget without breaking the rules. Because we had it listed on budget as outside event for \$500, we can update to FFN for \$1,000. B. LoCicero
    - If we spend money and something goes wrong, are we shooting ourselves in the foot by not putting in budget before doing it? M. Trotter
    - But, by bylaws, we are able to do this – we have full board and most members we have had in a while, we can put motion to floor and pass it tonight. J. Owens
    - This cannot come out of the school finance budget line item. We can make a motion to take – money we made at Halloween Bash that can be used. That money is unappropriated. L. Wand
    - With bylaws as they have been read to us, we should be covered if we pass a motion tonight. We are not breaking the rules or being suspect. We can do this. J. Owens



9) SCAC Report – Jason Owens – No report.

10) Old Business

- a) Shelving units for the container – Mr. Dosch has requested shelving in the storage container – maybe use some of the school funds to purchase stuff for shelving.

11) New Business

- a) Board Member Comments -
- b) Public Comments – Mr. Owens – Approval to spend up to \$1,000 from the funds raised during the Halloween Bash on Friday Fun Night for a date in December to be determined (3<sup>rd</sup> or the 10<sup>th</sup>, assumed). G. Trainor second.

Discussion: What do the kids do? Handheld games, connect four, Jenga, basketball, soccer, run around and socialize, Wii, snacks, karaoke machine, craft area, etc. No climbing wall for the youngsters, though. The purposes of this are marketing the school, interaction (for incoming students) with admin, and exposure (for incoming students).

Let's do 6:30 – 9:00 because of paperwork and parents that don't know what is going on.

Motion carries.

12) Adjourn Meeting. Motion by G. Trainor; 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Trotter; motion passes; meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.