



## Minutes 12/01/2021 Jewel PTO meeting

- 1) Call to Order, at 6:29 pm
- 2) Approval of November 2021 minutes. Motion by G. Trainor; Seconded by J. Stone; Motion carried.
- 3) President's Report – Brian LoCicero – Thanks for coming this evening. Something weighing on our minds is getting volunteers for Friday Fun Night (6:30 – 8:30). We need more. Sign up area will be a little crazy as people will need to get waivers signed – there are 3 forms needed. Will have the schools send out info to their students. We have all our concessions. Need to coordinate activities. Winter Fest is January 21<sup>st</sup> for Jewel students. We will discuss directly after this meeting.
- 4) Vice-President's Report – Laura Wand – Membership We were supposed to talk about by-laws. Table bylaws to January Meeting. We have had a lot going on with Halloween Bash and Friday Fun Night. We just got one new staff membership form.
- 5) Treasurer's Report – Michael Trotter – Need to reimburse Jason Owens for beverages. Pizza – will spend roughly \$140. We have spent \$358.40 on candy; it was really one transaction but is listed as two on our report because of how it shipped out.
- 6) Secretary's Report – Colleen Jaltuch – We will have attendance sheet printed for use at the January meeting. I am still transitioning with Brian and getting different files I need.
- 7) Committee Updates
  - a) Friday Fun Night (FFN) – We are having our first FFN of the year on Friday (December 3)!
  - b) Future Events – Need to look at calendar and find 2 more dates for FFN, Winter Fest in January, March Madness (maybe), Spring Carnival (not yet in budget – in past we have donated \$8,000 for this - \$7,000 in 2019/20)
  - c) Mr. Smith wants 2 dates for FFN and may have more 8<sup>th</sup> grade announcements in January – (band concert, trip, commencement, etc.) – Feb and April are usual times for FFN
- 8) Principal's Report – Mr. Smith

### **Updates:**

- 1- 8th Grade Jewel student earned Honorable Mention recognition at the Chicagoland 4x5 Art Exhibition at Oswego HS for one of their pieces.
- Drama Club- 2 Nights of "Microwave in the Cafeteria"
  - Monologues
  - Made over \$300 in donations
  - 2 boxes of canned good donated to the D129 Office Professional Food Drive – Appreciate those efforts!
- Q2 Midterm Grades went out yesterday (11/30):
  - Q2- 15 school days left to improve or sustain progress- Let's finish strong!

### **Sports/Activities:**

- Boys Basketball, Wrestling & Cheerleading ends in December – City of Lights Tournament info coming out soon – will try at tournament to sell concessions (pilot program due to COVID) – money goes to athletic programs – uniforms, referees
- Poms and Girls Basketball starts in January
- Holiday Band Concert Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> - livestreaming the concert is good
- Would be good to have activities also listed in announcements
- Choir Concert Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Friday Fun Night:**

#### **Friday Fun Nights @ Jewel**

- Friday, 12/3/2021
- Times- 6:30 – 8:30
- Waiver-Additional people needed to help at check in. There are 3 waiver forms that parents need to sign.
- Activities/Snacks- Jenga, crafts, football, soccer, dodge ball, basketball
- Supervision Needed- maybe more volunteers (not from Jewel necessarily)



- Other-When students come in, we will shuffle them to the cafeteria. Mr. Smith will discuss activities, bathrooms, expectations, etc.
- We need to consider sanitation – tables, equipment, craft stuff.
- Elementary schools are still hosting events for the kids; so, we should try the FFN. We shouldn't second guess and overthink this.
- Need enough people at entrance and at concessions.
- Need a pizza pickup person

### WinterFest:

- [Winterfest Fireside Chat 2022.pptx](#)
  - 1/21/2022
  - Plan/Prep Meetings?

- 9) SCAC Report – Jason Owens – SCAC recently partook in a presentation about school safety and about educational equity. The District hired Dr. Valerie McCall 2 years ago to do an equity audit of our district, which she has done. The goal is to make sure everybody has same opportunity to benefit from resources in our District. They are distilling the data. Now, how can we articulate how we are achieving equity? How can we communicate this to the community? These will be some of the next steps.

There was a Community Committee formed that had people from every outside organization that touches our students. They gave input on what they see coming from our kids in the district. Outside views – equity from a lot of different views. There are about 20-25 people active on the equity committee. They want to push out findings and communicate to community. Work is currently being done on some findings that are happening. There are definite results coming from this. More information will be forthcoming in future months.

The group is trying to develop systems and structures. They are still in process of putting it all together. Students have been involved in this, too. It has been good to give kids a platform to ensure they have a voice. It is a big undertaking. There are still a lot of things that are gray. If you are approached or have a conversation with your kids, please know this is still a work in progress and they are trying to implement things in a reasonable manner.

“Crucial Conversations” is a recommended book for reading on equity and discussions about equity.

Point of SCAC is to communicate what is going on. They are looking for input too.

How did SCAC get onto equity? They do many different topics – school safety, busses, etc. SCAC goes through all different categories of things that are happening. Former police captain in APD, Marty Neering, is very active on committee.

Should we bring in some of those outside people to come in and share information (some of the ones that talk to SCAC committee) to our PTO or our school? Parent/community education things. That way, we can ask questions and learn new things. If Dr. McCall speaks to our group, she may need to bring it down to a more relatable level for the public.

### 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. J. Owens has shelving but how do we attach it to the storage container? He said we should tackle that in the spring.

### 11) New Business

- a) Board Member Comments - **We are going to discuss budget at January meeting.**
- b) Public Comments –
- c) Budget – Do we need to do budget now? We already approved expenditure for FFN. At next meeting on Jan 12, we will approve for Winter Fest
- d) March Madness – Ex-principal (Dr. Scalia) ran that. We may continue or Mr. Smith may come up with a new program/activity.
- e) In the past, we have tried to have 4 incentive activities for students
- f) If we have dates on calendar – weather issues – we will have Zoom link to share.



g) E-learning days may replace snow days.

12) Adjourn Meeting. Motion by J. Owens, second J. Cresse; motion passes; meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.