

JSSPVA BOARD MEETING AGENDA: NOVEMBER 30, 2022, KENILWORTH
ASSEMBLY HALL

Board Attendees: Beth Ottsen, Lydia Mathas, Renee Buck, Kyra Nelson, Joe Guarino, Kate Tarbert, Eleanor Husman, Emily Wyner, Julia Petersen, Carly Cape, Renee Buck, Valerie Gaines

Regular Attendees:

Kelly Mangel, Stephanie Helfand, Marty Heffner, Chris Mannara

Called to order at 8:33

1. Welcome (Beth Ottsen) – Introductions and October meeting minutes approved. Turkey Trot, Veteran's Day, Book Fair, Field Trips, Halloween Parade and Parties occurred and were successful. Working on class dues and we want 100% of families to participate.
2. Communications Update (Eleanor Husman and Emily Wyner) – Newsletters will go out this afternoon, delayed to inconsistent times for after hours programs at school and want to confirm the times are correct before sending.
3. Treasurer's Report (Kyra Nelson) – 16% spent of budget spent since the end of October. Family Fun Day came in over budget, will look at alternate vendors for next year. Valerie Gaines is texting families in regards to Class Dues, only 12 families left to donate. Every grade is at 90% or higher with Class Dues payments.
4. Vice President's Sub Committees (Lydia Mathas)
Book Fair Chairs (Erin Papuga, Alison Dempsey, Bath Barakat) – Thank you for an amazing Fall Book Fair. The Book Fair ran 11/2-11/4, with online sales through 11/12. Dual locations worked well with volunteers staffed at each location (Room 154 and the LINK). Profits raised = \$1,000 for the library/teachers and \$2,189 funds for JSSPVA. Spring Book Fair slated for 5/11-5/12.

Veteran's Day (Kristie Bennett) – All school assembly was held on Friday, November 11th. Thank you to Kristie for coordination and for all the parents who participated in the assembly. We also had a very successful

Candy collectioc – 200 pounds of candy were donated to the troops.

Room Parents (Kirby Kelly, Mary Jane Melgaard)

Around half the grade level parent parties happened this fall, with another wave coming in January. Halloween parties went well. Feedback from non-room parents wanted to attend and were disappointed that they

couldn't attend. Planning for Holiday parties on Friday, December 23rd. Parents will be able to attend, if they pre-register with a Room Parent so badges (name tags) can be printed beforehand. More detials to come.

Student Picture Day (Nora Jewett, Rachel Smith) – January 25th: New student photo day.

After Hour Kid Power (Carly Cook, Jessica Cardoni)

Winter programs will kick off the week of 1/16 and go through the week of 3/20, registration opens up next week. Irish dance has proposed as an additional offering, cost and grade range TBD; seeking the ExCo's input

nn whether this is something we should include as part of JSSPVA programming?

Lost & Found (Lydia Barhight)

Biweekly sort and tidy-ups since mid-September, any items with a labeled name are returned to the student. Google photos album of lost items, link sent in newsletter. Remaining items will be collected for donation on

12/9/22 – parents will be notified in 11/30 newsletter, but help spread this message.

Enrichment (Julie Kras, Kate Logan, Shannon Ford) – Kdg. Scheduled their field trip to Emily Oaks Nature Center for Groundhog Day in February.

JSSPVA will revisit Ice Skating Exchange, Beth will touch base to confirm that the ice rink is not going in on Townley.

World Cultural program proposed for March 9th, also Polar Plunge the same week. People thought that might be too much for volunteers, so pushing the Polar Plunge to the following week.

5. VP of Inclusion (Joe Guarino) – Common Thread, 12 kids won and presentation was in the auditorium. Possibility adding a line to Common Thread of what makes you unique and to publish student responses. Polar Plunge March 7th or 8th, doing later so it is warmer. Also figuring out where to do it – black top is out. Also, want to get younger kids involved. Planning a 4th grade event after the Nora Project. Planning table of 8 for maybe February because of grade level parties in January.
6. VP of Green – (Robin Maher) – Tara has been working to get the Trex recycling initiative up and running. Sears is enrolled and has new collection bins in the building. A piece went out in the newsletter letting parents know they can now bring plastic recycling to the school to drop off. Also. We are working on a survey with Mr. McBride to engage the students on sustainability initiatives.
7. VP of Community Relations (Kate Tarbert)
Park District – Ginger bread house making (12/11). Santa (12/4), Holiday Market, Tree Lighting and Concert (12/4). Please us our new café at the Kenilworth Assembly Hall so it can stay open during the winter. The Nutcracker by Duke Ellington – A concert at the Kenilworth Assembly Hall (12/8)
Village – Earlier this fall, the village retained the firm Woodhouse Tinucci to begin architectural and engineering design services at the Kenilworth Beach and water plan facility. We expect to have some preliminary designs for the community to review later this summer. Woodhouse Tinucci recently designed the new boat house at Gillson Park in Wilmette.

The village board approved adding "Brew Pub" and "Craft Brewery/Distillery/Winery" to our special uses in the business corridor to attract new restaurants and gathering type spaces to the district.

We will be approving our annual budget in December. Next year's budget goals include development of a new website, and improving the building permit process, in addition to our work at the beach and business district.

Boy Scouts – Cub Scout popcorn sales continue until the first week of January. 6th-8th grade Boy Scouts are selling holiday wreaths \$40 with a bow, \$35 with no bow.

Girl Scouts – Girls have been busy with service projects across grades, rock climbing, high ropes courses, and plenty of festive fun planned, including carol signing and an 8th grade/Brownie shared a holiday themed

Gathering. Cookie time coming up. Girls will be emailing out their "Digital Cookie" selling links from Dec. 15 and selling in person the first 2 weeks in Jan. Reach out to a Girl Scout you know for cookies! In addition, this year we are reviving the village wide cookie selling day when you'll see plenty of girls out around town 1/9/23 easy to remember as it's the first back after winter break. Crossed fingers for good weather.

New Trier – Important Dates: Wednesday Early Dismissal (N/ 12:10pm and W/ 12:30pm)
Parent-Teacher conferences**see note below regarding conferences (remote – evening)

Thursday – no school for students for Parent /Teacher Conferences (remote – afternoon/evening)

New Trier selected to pilot AP African American Studies in 2023-2024

New Trier will launch a design thinking pilot program this February and partner with the University of Illinois as the District explores ways to help students approach real-life complex problems and develop skills and

mindsets that are highly desired by colleges and employers. Design thinking, also known as "human-centered design," is a problem-solving approach in which participants identify the unmet needs of a population to design

solutions collaboratively and across disciplines – all with the end user in mind. This type of thinking asks people to design solutions to problems where there is no obvious solution or precedent. University of Illinois

partnership and an endowed leadership position to work across departments.

Associate Superintendent Chris Johnson presented the District's tentative tax levy for 2022, which supports the fiscal year 2022-23 and 2023-24 budget. The levy is the primary funding source for the District, and the

revenue it generates funds New Trier's excellent faculty and staff, board curriculum, student services, and extracurricular programs that are the cornerstone of New Trier's reputation for excellence. The levy also helps

fund needed facility improvements at both campuses. District's ability to increase its tax extension is limited by the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act to the Consumer Price Index or 5%, whichever is less. The

2021 CPI was 7%, which means the levy is capped at 5% and that capped increase will be used in the calculation of the tax extension, exclusive of new property. This increase will allow the District to continue to meet its

obligations amid rising costs in areas including Special Education, energy, transportation, and supplies. The board is scheduled to approve the final levy in December.

School Board: The administration and several members of the faculty presented regarding the curriculum review, which covers every subject over a five-year

Cycle, and recent test scores. The students score very well on achievement. The school is working on increasing the student's growth scores, which are not as high

As the achievement scores. There was a presentation on the tax levy, which will be approved in December after a public meeting

Alliance – Seeking donations (wanted them for Giving Tuesday. Can give through their Paypal, Zelle, see website.

DEB – 8th grade worked at Feed my Starving Child

8. Booster Update (Lieke Hakkenberg) –Turkey Trot/Food Drive was successful. Kids received a bike light at the Turkey Trot. Each grade had a winner for most laps during Turkey, the prize was a Homer's gift card.

Fourth grade one the Food Drive. Thank Amy O'Dell with the Turkey Trot. NW Settlement is where the food was donated because local food pantries were full. Link for Spirt Wear – Closes Dec. 7th. Short window of sales. New logs and should arrive by the holidays. Spirit sales in person during Orchestra and Choir concerts.

9. Staff Appreciation (Carly Cape) – The JSSPVA stocked the teacher's lounge, but it empties quickly. The committee suggested a snack sign up genius for volunteers to bring food and drinks to stock it. The budget is for every other month to fill it, but it often empty. A few people suggested waiting until after the Giving Tree ended to ask families for additional donation. We will revisit this in January. Giving tree is at 60% family participation.

10. Principal/Superintendent's Report

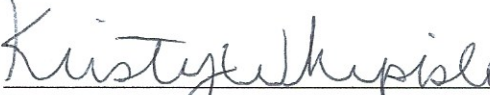
Dr. Helfand – Started off by asking if anyone had any questions from the last School Board meeting on test scores and school report card rating. In 2019, growth achievement reduced the school rating. However, achievement scores have been consistent. Student growth scores are inconsistent across grade levels. The school had experts come in and analyze data. The result was that there is a misalignment with the curriculum. Math and Social Studies curriculum will be reviewed this year to be aligned with state standards. Next year ELA/Reading. Student attendance is also reflected in the school state score, which impacted the school rating.

Caring School Community update – K- 5 budding system, student presented cards to their buddy. Students interviewed staff not involved in their classroom to expand the sense of a whole community within the school. Looking at extending it into the junior high. Spirit

week coming up, winter holiday parties. Ms. Kate Donegan will present bigger updates at the next meeting on equity and construction.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 am.

(Beth Ottsen, JSSPVA President)



(Kristy Whipple, JSSPVA Secretary)