

JSSPVA BOARD MEETING AGENDA: March 15, 2023, KENILWORTH ASSEMBLY HALL

Board Attendees: Lydia Mathas, Jenica Myszkowski, Joe Guarino, Eleanor Husman, Carly Cape, Valerie Gaines, Anne Wortel, Emily Wyner, and Renee Buck

Regular Attendees: Chris Mannara, Lisa Metzger-Mugg and Kate Donegan

Called to order at 8:36am

Valerie moved to approve the minutes; Carly seconded and the minutes were approved.

1. Welcome and President Report (Lydia Mathas on behalf of Beth Ottsen)
2. Communications Update (Eleanor Husman and Emily Wyner)

Polar Plunge communication - will go out this week - one from room parents for everyone. Joe will email participants from roster for specifics related to participants.

The next newsletter is April 12

3. Treasurer's Report (Kyra Nelson) – No updates
4. Vice President's Sub Committees (Lydia Mathas)

Enrichment (Kate Logan (K-2nd), Julie Kras (3rd-5th), Shannon Ford (6th-8th))

K-2nd:

- K - Great Works Theatre came to perform in the Sears Auditorium for K and 1st; the show was Fractured Fairytales. Kindergarten will also be traveling to Lifeline Theatre in Rogers Park to see *Extra Yarn*. High Touch High Tech coming in April. Final field trip will be Lincoln Park Zoo.
- 1st grade - Recently traveled to Rogers Park for Extra Yarn at Lifeline Theatre. The students saw a great show and got to learn about the inner workings of a theater after. A Child's Voice Poetry will be coming in April. Also working on the last High Touch High Tech in April.
- 2nd grade - Great Works Theatre came in mid-February to perform Tubman: The Road to Freedom. A Child's Voice Poetry will be coming in April. Last two field trips to plan will be The Swedish American Museum and Kenilworth Historical Society trolley tour.

3rd-5th:

- Field trips have gone well so far. Buses have created some challenges with scheduling causing some trips to be shorter than in previous years. Historical Perspectives for both 4th and 5th grade is out now that they only offer virtual, pre-recorded presentations.
- 3rd Grade: Grove Pioneer Skills scheduled for late April, Chicago History Museum scheduled for early May, waiting on Hellenic Museum. Bus schedules may prevent visits to the Jane Adams Hull House (same day as history museum) and Greektown lunch (same day as Hellenic Museum)
- 4th Grade: Bus schedule prevented group from going to Feed My Starving Children in November. High Tech High Touch Edison Workshop scheduled for March 2. Sheldon Peck Homestead hopefully end of February. Waiting on Bill Buczinsky schedule, but end of April.
- 5th: Candor Health Presentation for Kids scheduled March 9th. We are hoping to find more opportunities for 5th grade - Julie has done some research with Bernadette Slovitt and will also reach out to other districts.

6th-8th:

- 6th grade will go to the Oriental Institute in March, prior to spring break.
- 7th grade will go to the Museum of Science and Industry in March, prior to spring break (aiming for same day as 6th)
- 8th grade will go to IL Holocaust Museum April 25th (waiting for confirmation on date)

Book Fair Chairs (Erin Papuga, Alison Dempsey, Beth Barakat)

- Spring book fair slated for 5/11-5/12
- Reached out to Ross, the new librarian, re a location for the Spring book fair. He is connecting with the administration to confirm
- Question from DEB Committee about Bernie's Book bank drive, which Neighbors of Kenilworth is also supporting this month...

After Hour Kid Power (formerly Creative Dramatics/Chess) (C.Cook, Jessica Cardoni)

- Winter Programs go through the week of 3/20; Spring Programs will kick off the week of 4/3.
- Makers Lab will not be offered in the Spring to allow Ms. Drew and Mrs. Parks to focus on Girls on the Run and the Art Show this Spring; it will return in the Fall.
- High Ropes

- Jessica and Carly are exploring other external options per the last update (whoever comes in would need to be certified in the use of the equipment), as well as interest at various grade levels, - with the understanding that we may need to make use of the investment via existing PE classes and revisit the Club at a later date

Display Case (Carolyn Brougham)

- A March inspired display has been installed with the theme: "What looks like good luck may actually be the result of: hard work, perseverance, learning, showing up, etc".
- Skate Exchange has concluded for the year. No inventory available. (Carolyn Brougham)

School Supplies (Lieke Hakkenburg/Kate Foran) – Finalizing supply list and hope to get links for ordering early April.

Field Day (Kelsey Howell, Julia Peterson)

- Kona Ice Truck has been reserved
- Julia and Kelsey will meet with Natalie McLemore next week to start planning

5. VP of Inclusion (Joe Guarino) –

Tables of 8 - went successfully with 5 tables

Common Threads - back after break

Polar Plunge -

Mr. Heffner, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Beavin and Chief Carlson will participate in the dunk tank. We are trying to raise extra funds for their brave participation. Thys Wallace had also agreed to be dunked but now has a conflict.

Mrs. Rodriguez, Mrs. Dinkel and Mrs. Hamilton are all participating in the bucket plunge.

Additional help is necessary to make this a successful event.

The police have also agreed to donate a Ride to School which we can do as a prize.

Piper Nelson is our biggest fundraiser. We are hoping to get her story published in the Record.

6. VP of Green – (Robin Maher) –

Earth Week is in April. The theme is “Invest in our Planet” and the theme is focused on everyone doing their part – everyone accounted for, everyone accountable. Kate Dick is working with Nate McBride and Kristie Cerniglia on ways to work earth week and sustainability consciousness into the curriculum. One big initiative is to do a recycling drive to raise awareness of everyday items that can be recycled. Flood Brothers (or another provider) will be bringing in extra recycling bins and kids will be encouraged to donate items to recycle. There are lots of plans to get the word out about the drive and possibly a class competition based on participation.

Also, the Green team helped with the composting effort at the pancake breakfast, which was a huge success. We filled 532 gallon totes with compostable materials that will not be landfilled!

A comment to include UN Sustainability goals (SDG) - helps to frame things and rolls up to the bigger picture

7. VP of Community Relations (Kate Tarbert)

Park District

- 1) Summer camp registration is now OPEN and filling fast
- 2) You can sign up for breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 1.
- 3) They have two great concerts coming up: A Night of Ella Fitzgerald with Julia Danielle Group on March 23 and Second Hand News, a Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band, on April 14.

Village

Nothing to report

Scouts All Scouts: Thank you to all the volunteers who made the pancake breakfast a success, and thank you to all who bought tickets for this fundraising community event.

Girl Scouts: Girl Scouts loved exploring Thinking Day and scouting around the world on our stand at the JSSPVA World Culture Fair. What a fantastic and well run event. Our GS troops have many fun things planned for spring, from Adventure Rock sleepovers, and Starved Rock camping, to earth day activities and service projects.

School Board met last night and is next meeting on Wednesday, April 26.

Lisa gave an update on new staff evaluation plan. Teacher and admin have worked together to get ahead of the State of IL mandate. All are excited about the proposed plan. Specialists used to

be forced within the framework. They are now parsed out which makes more sense. There is now a retirement track. They can now develop a project on what they want to leave as their legacy.

A question was asked about ways to include parent feedback re: teachers individually or in general. Things are underway to try to establish consistency and make things more systematic. Conferences are always a good place to do that. Also, directly communicate to the teachers. People shared that the 5Essentials doesn't cover the full spectrum of feedback or doesn't always "match" our environment. But as a state-wide survey, we can only add 3 specific items. It is also not well participated by parents. Students, teachers and admin do. Currently 24 parents have completed the survey. 20% of the parent community need to respond to be included.

A survey could be helpful to gauge whether an issue is a vocal few or a systemic problem. The need to use a survey is to make adjustments. It would need to be designed in an appropriate way with proper structure and questions so it's not just a platform for complaints.

Talked about how we might be able to expand Tuesday after school options to consider where JSSPVA can help.

New Trier

- On April 11, at the Northfield Campus, there will be a presentation called NEW TRIER 101: INTRODUCTION FOR INCOMING FRESHMAN PARENTS. It runs from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Cornog Auditorium.
- On Saturday, April 22, join New Trier students, parents, alumni, administration, faculty, staff, and community members as they work together on service projects in their hometowns and build connections with fellow Trevians. It will be a great opportunity to see the school motto in action — "to commit minds to inquiry, hearts to compassion, and lives to the service of humanity."

DEB – DEB is partnering with the student DEB committee for an initiative in April: a coin drive and donation drive for RefugeeOne. They are calling it Coins for Kindness. The collection timeframe is April 3-19th. Each classroom will have a coin collection tin.

Alliance for Early Childhood

You can register for Let's Play! @ the Farm -- Wagner Farm on Saturday, April 29th from 10am-12pm

8. Principal/Superintendent's Report -

Spirit Week next week

Planning graduation

Construction on blacktop will start next week - will be torn up

5 Essential survey is up - please complete

Another survey will go out this week re: how to do teacher conferences - in person or virtual

Doug Bolton - Parent Education - How to Build Resilience in Children - is recorded and will be distributed

Date and times that would best work to spur attendance would be helpful

6 teachers put in for retirement. This will happen in 5 years. 2026 will have 5 retired. 2027 will have another 6. Distribution is relatively even across grades and specialists

DC Trip - departing Thursday - 65 students going

9. JSSPVA Nomination Slate (Jenica Myszkowski):

Six Changes

Move to sub-committee from Exec board

Addition of one position to After Hour Kid Power

Lost and Found chair - adding one more due to needs

Drop in chairs

FAN no longer part of JSSPVA - it will be headed by a teacher

Staff Appreciation - addition of one chair

Add an additional chair to VP of Inclusion for help with Tables, Common Threads, and Polar Plunge

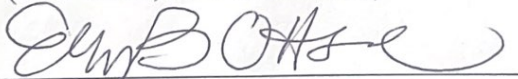
Approve Slate - Carly motion, Valerie second

Most positions have been slated. Things are shaping up nicely

A lot of interest around inclusion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45am

(Beth Ottsen, JSSPVA President)



(Kristy Whipple, JSSPVA Secretary)

