

Open PTO Meeting

9/9/21

Meeting Start: 6:40 pm

Location: Jefferson Middle School Library

Board Members Present:

1. Gretchen Meller-Reuben, President
2. Sharon Desilets, Vice President
3. Maggie Cyphery, Treasurer
4. Elvira Lopez, Secretary

Staff Present

1. Monica Olmstead, Principal
2. Katy Slota, Community Liaison
3. Ashley Griego - Student Success Center

Parent/Guardian Introductions

1. Financial Update/Update of 2021-22 PTO activities

- a. Chipotle Fundraiser
 - Also happening Next week Sept. 15, 5-9 pm
- b. Jogathon
- c. Purchased cupcakes for teachers, signs and balloons for 8th grade fundraiser
- d. Olo Fundraiser
- e. Burrito breakfast for teachers
- f. \$1,349.87 opening fund
 - \$187 PTA insurance needs to be paid
- g. Open House – school supplies for teachers;
- h. In the past
 - pay for electives (robotics, maker space);
 - gift cards for families in need
- i. Past fundraisers
 - Dances
 - Snack

2. Instructional Council report

- a. Reps
 - Fred Rivera – parent vote – 3 votes
 - Dolores (8th grade rep) -
 - 7th grade rep
- b. IC wants PTO to look at Funds – at the end of legislative session there is extra money
 - Principals are to ask school community what they like
 - Last year JMS got \$65K for water filling stations

1. New items – from State legislative funds
 - a. Turf field
 - b. Outdoor classroom
 - c. Shade structure Outdoor benches
 - d. Library furniture
 - e. General furniture, school / classroom
 - f. Playground updates
 - g. Security
 - h. Educational technology
 - i. Maker space
 - j. Interactive classrooms boards, technology
 - k. Fine arts/PAC
 - l. Acoustic improvements
 - m. Reauthorized projects – previous that need completion
 - n. ROTC
 - o. Note: PTO can fundraise for shade structure also
 - c. Social Media is becoming a problem – bullying and impacting student environment – most of what is happening is at home; - snap shot, tik tok, social media in general
 - An expert is coming to talk to the school about internet safety and cyberbullying during coffee with the Principal
 1. Idea: send the minutes out from the meeting
 - Need parents support
 - Parents can use Go Guardian
 - Can expert do a parent meeting?
 - d. How does IC rep hear from parents
 - During PTO
 - Principal can send out messages on behalf of IC reps
 - e. Principal will notify parents of IC meetings, which are open. Will include agenda.
 - f. Teacher is providing water bottles, out of pocket – can PTO pay for these
 - g. Student & Staff wellness – disposable, Katy has given 130+ refillable water bottles
 - h. There is a hydrating station on campus; water fountains are open plus water stations
 - i. Katy will let PTO know how many water bottles are needed
 - j. JMS is scheduled for end of school year to have construction - APS is fencing the whole school; a camera will be located at entrance points; front office will buzz people in
 - People will not be walking through the school anymore
 - Doors on Girard are locked
 - Fencing between buildings
 - k. Current school year: 740 students, 1 CSA, dean , principal and asst. principal
- 3. Administrative Update –**
- Open door policy
 - Teaching is happening at a high level
 - Outrageous love
 - Top Tier education
- b. How to handle students who have been quarantined
 - c. Questions about passing grades during transition time

- d. Lockers – trying not to use lockers – school policy poses challenges to Covid

4. Fundraising Possibilities

- a. Chipotle Fundraiser
- b. Jogathon Fundraiser
- c. School Dance/Event Outdoor – Social
- d. Advertisement on the Loop
- e. Craft Fair
- f. Art & Desert Night
- g. Making greeting cards for the Holidays

5. Need to Start grooming next PTO leaders

6. Announcement:

- a. Chipotle, Wednesday on Central, by UNM – across Johnson field
- b. Next PTO meeting: October 14, 2021 6:30 pm

Meeting end time: 7:40 pm