

November 4, 2021 General PTO Meeting

Start Time: 6:31

PTO Board Members present:

Gretchen, President

Sharon Desilets, Vice President

Maggie Cyphery, Treasurer

Elvira Lopez, Secretary

JMS Staff:

Principal Olmsted

Becky Bixby

Kelly Brooks

Juan Larranga

Dominica and Fred Rivera, Craft Fair Committee chairs

Items Discussed:

1. Potluck was a big success; next potluck in Spring and or every couple of months
2. Financial Report provided:
 - a. Balance, \$2,419
 - b. Amazon Smiles: \$25.77
 - c. Member donations \$100
 - d. Chipotle Fundraiser \$340.36
 - e. Craft Fair \$1,045.00
3. Craft Fair
 - a. Sold out; \$25/booth
 - b. Fred will do layout of booths
 - c. Farmers Market
 - d. DJ
 - e. ABQ Marching Band/Opening Ceremony
 - f. Photography booth – mini session for \$10
 - g. Help is needed – silent auction – 8 committed; donations, gift cards, teacher baskets (8), make signs around school, outdoor signs, PTO Concession Stand and Tip Jar, Store things in Vault @ JMS, volunteer hours/ Student Council help bring tables in before/after; workers wearing shirt, Set up until end of school day Friday; volunteers for Friday; rented 5 tables (silent auction; PTO); all fair is indoors; mini meeting for craft fair Dec. 1; Sharon will create a sign up genius
4. Instructional Council Update
 - a. Juan L: student led conferences-in person or virtual and it us up to the teacher; block schedule (music and other departments want block schedule); A parent indicated it would be good for the IC to reach out to survey parents
 - b. Work on process to get better parent feedback (set up an email account for representatives and send through Synergy or Google Forms)
 - c. Voting- trying to get representation (through elections) at IC

- d. There is 1 representative per grade (3 voting members) and IC is open to all parents.
- 5. Administrative Update
 - a. Potluck was great – 90 staff
 - b. Summit Park invited Principal Olmstead; questions about construction and fencing around the school; fields will be available to the community
 - c. Kids are settling in; things are getting back to normal
 - d. Teachers report students are learning on slower pace
 - e. Technology integrated in classroom; a mix of paper and computer work
 - f. I ready testing – will reveal how kids are doing , December before break.
 - g. Sending emails about contact tracing; number of student covid cases are down due to vaccination
- 6. Future fundraising
 - a. Jogathon
 - b. Dances - every year is an 8th grade dance; maybe an outdoor dance when it gets warmer
 - c. Snack sales after school
- 7. Closing activity – beautiful activity to close PTO meeting and appreciate teachers and staff.

Meeting end: 7:30