

JPLIS PTG – General Meeting
April 18th @ 9:15am

Attendees: Karen Gualtieri, Sandy Chishom, Krisin Dudish, Caitlin Alifirenka, Kathleen Paul, Heidi Schiavone, Monica Scheinler, Erin Stauffer, Barb Lopez, Jess Swartz, Bella Cutitta, Sean McGinty

1. Principal's Update – Mr. McGinty

- a) PSSA are upon us
 - i. 1400 text booklets are locked in the school!
 - ii. 4/24-4/26 ELA, then Make ups
 - iii. 5/1-5/2 Math, then make ups
 - iv. 5/3-5/4 Science
 - v. Everything has to be finished quickly so that the booklets will be shipped out
 - vi. 6th grade will take ELA online. Advantages:
 - 1. It will not let you enter an assessment if it is blank
 - 2. It also had accommodation features, like reading section over again. This keeps the teacher from having to figure out whether it is a section he/she can read aloud and keeping to the rules
 - 3. Also, keeps the classroom quieter and teacher isn't reading sections again; students use earbuds
 - 4. We can also get results almost immediately
 - 5. Accommodations can be made for kids, if needed
- b) No homework during PSSA
- c) Tentative for next year's Back to School night.
 - i. 8/23 4th grade only
 - ii. then 5-6 together 8/24
 - iii. Will help give 4th grade a longer experience and also help with parking
- d) We have a lot of fieldtrips coming up
 - i. 4th grade visit to IS 5/17
 - ii. 6th grade is going to Ellis Island, looks like 75 chaperones. We are getting chartered buses
 - iii. 5th grade field trip on 5/10 to the aquarium
 - iv. Canal trip is for 4th grade
 - v. Afternoon of 5/20 for 6th grade going to visit MS, but looking at potential dates in case of people being on vacation
- e) MS is housing a performance for band 4/20
- f) Assembly in May that is set up by Ms. Schiavone and we need to check on who is paying for that. There will be 3 grade level presentations
- g) Hypothetical only: What if the bell schedule was shifted by 10 minutes earlier?
 - i. because if we had 10 extra minutes would create advantages for breakfast, busses, and siblings in different buildings.
 - ii. McGinty has only informally talked with Mahon about it. Stay tuned

d. Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 9th @ 9:15am

- a. We will invite Liberty Bell and Hopewell to the meeting
- b. Erin will reach out on FB to invite everyone
- c. Erin will bring donuts and coffee to the meeting

di. Mrs. Schiavone's Update

- a. Sassy Massy Run help for help in run in Hellertown
- b. Mrs. Rasich and Becky Bauer hoped that in some way the IS can have representation
- c. We will look into seeing what we can do to help
- dii. Bingo Night run by the teachers; date set for 5/18 6-8pm
- diii. Nick Weaver said thanks for all the help and all the food

div. President's Update

- a. Spirit Wear Store closed- will wait on delivery
- b. Delivery looks like the very end of April

dv. Treasurer's Report

- a. Couple of stipends went out
- b. Deposits for Color Run and Yearbook

dvi. 2022 – 2023 "Big" Events

- a. Sparken Store/Lounge
 - i. 4/26 and 5/31 will be the last store
 - ii. The end of the year is causing issues with scheduling, so more stores and lounge are not possible
 - iii. Lounge will be changed to extra recess with Mr. McGinty
 - iv. Behavioral support committee determines why they are using the Sparkens
 - 1. Suggestion was made to let them know that kids often behave badly during lounge and parents don't want to participate.
 - 2. Also, reducing the number of kids in the lounge per day
 - v. A HUGE challenge for getting volunteers
 - vi. New procedures sent out for possibly fill out the form
 - vii. Parents who volunteer want to be with their kids, but we have many more kids than parents, so often the kids can't get to the lounge
 - viii. Recommendation for having a committee to help Karen so that she doesn't have to handle all this on her own.
 - ix. Ms. Cooke stopped doing the scheduling for the lounge this year
 - x. Lounge is a 3.5 hour block and it is too hard to get one person to run it. Karen has had to half it, but sometimes parents cancel and then she fills in
 - xi. Discipline of kids can be a problem
- b. Color Run- AKA Winter White Out- Erin
 - i. We have the course and the color arrives today
 - ii. Heavy rain is predicted and we don't know what to do
 - iii. We have a significant investment in the costs to pull it off
 - iv. It was decided that Run would be rescheduled to May 7th
- c. Yearbook- Eddee
 - i. Sold 433 yearbooks so far

- ii. 10 free kid books
- iii. April 24th book must be submitted, zero exceptions
- d. Indoor Movie Night- Jessica
 - i. Sandy Chisholm and Kate Bio have stepped up to chair it because Jess has a wedding
 - ii. Tickets would pay for Dan to do the event
 - iii. Tickets would be sold for families
 - iv. Sound system is a constant battle so that is why we wanted him to run the movie night instead of using our equipment
 - v. Movie rights and having Dan might not let us make any money
 - vi. Suggested donation is \$10; LOL
- e. 6th Grade Social- Jessica/ Kathleen Paul – time is 6-8
 - i. Students to stay entire time- no leaving
 - ii. Will need a good exit plan- to discuss
 - iii. Kona Ice will be there
 - iv. T-shirt sizes for kids will be sent out by Mr. McGinty
 - v. Proof for t-shirt is here
 - vi. Dan and Jess discussed about being stuff inside
 - 1. Glow Party???
 - 2. If it is gorgeous out we can do it on the fly, if it is bad weather
 - 3. Snacks were set up inside
 - 4. He could do water balloon challenges and could to games and entertainment instead of just dancing
 - 5. Google form will go out for volunteers

dvii. 2022-2023 Ongoing Committees

- a. Spartan Service Corp- Jessica
 - i. We did environmental theme – we cleaned up around the IS
 - ii. 8 bags of trash!
 - iii. Final is 5/10
- b. Staff Appreciation- Nell/ Robin
 - i. Planning a week long event for the staff in may
 - ii. If you signed up to do a basket, they are due right away
 - iii.

dviii. Additional Items to Discuss

- a. Blood Drive- 21 Donors with 18 units collected- each unit can save up to 3 lives- 54 lives saved
 - i. Challenge is they are not doing on Fridays any longer
 - ii. We can look for another date now.
 - iii. Can we host in the parking lot?
 - iv. We Can't use the buildings during the summer...
 - v. We are already planning for next year to try and get it district wide or possibly open up to the public.
- b. Bingo- Bella/Becky Bauer- date set for 5/18 6-8pm
- c. Scholastic Rewards Expiring- Roughly \$200
- d. Nominations for 2023-2024 PTG Board

i. We have zero nominations!

dix. Open Discussion

- a. If you are a 6th grade parent and missed the transition meeting at the MS on 4/13, you can find it on the MS website or the IS website (it's under counseling and under news)
- b. Lots of coffee and donuts showed up. Anonymous donor? Nope, it was for Teacher Appreciation!

dx. Meeting Adjourned at 10:28 AM

Upcoming Important Dates

April 20- Instrumental Spring Concert
April 21- Wear Earth Colors
April 23- Winter White Out- Color Run

May 1-5- Staff Appreciation Week
May 9- PTG Meeting
May 12- Go Grey In May
May 12- Outdoor Movie Night
May 19- Flashback Friday
May 26- Wear Red, White & Blue
May 29- No School- Memorial Day Holiday

June 2- Yearbook Signing
June 2- Hawaiian Shirt Day
June 6- 6th Grade Social
June 7- Last Day of School- ½ Day