

JFK PTO October Meeting Minutes

Date:10/1/2025

Location: JFK Library

Attendance Count:12
Meeting Start Time: 6:30 pm
Meeting End Time: 7:34pm

JFK PTO Mission Statement:

The mission of the John F. Kennedy Elementary PTO is to strengthen the connection between home and school by encouraging a supportive, inclusive and engaged community. We are dedicated to enriching the educational environment for all students through volunteering, fundraising and bridging the gap between teachers, staff, students and parents.

Meeting called to order 6:30pm by JFK Principal, Gene Gooding.

Title 1 Review with Mr. Gooding

Title 1 is a Federal program providing funding to schools based on poverty levels and free/reduced lunch rate. Goal: Ensure all children meet challenging academic standards.

President Report:

- Around the room greetings/introductions
- Next year- plan our first event to be “Meet the PTO” with what the PTO does, how we support the school and events we host.
- Please make sure you have fill out your volunteer paperwork. Papers are available in the office on the PTO Bulletin Board.

Principals Report:

- We are already 6 days away from the end of the 1st quarter
- Parent Teacher Conference tomorrow- and then we have another round November 4th and November 5th
- No school, Friday October 3rd
- Safety Drill Email will come out next week

Treasurer’s Report:

- Bank account has been changed to add our new treasurer- YAY!
- Kroger Community: \$450 for last quarter- THANK YOU!
- Chipotle Dine to Donate: \$133.00

Old Business:

- Fundraising Ideas

- Read-a-Thon where we sponsor reading
- Heather's Apples- could launch with pick up for October 24th pick up
 - Voted to setting up to get this up and running
- Popcorn- We have tried but the shipment fees
- Little Caesars- Many love this- great Principal Fundraiser they host year over year.
- October 2nd: Parent Teacher Conference Meal
 - PTO will be Jimmy John's with sides provided.
 - Desert donations- THANK YOU!
 - Please come on up at 3:30pm to set up in Teacher's Lounge for those available
- Little Tykes Planning Committee
 - What is Little Tykes? We set up a Little Shop, with Elves that walk students around to shop without their parents. Santa is available. Ornament decorating.
 - Meeting was hosted on September 23rd- got a lot accomplished with planning
 - Set up for Vendors to attend this year- with this being the first year, we are not charging vendors to set up
 - No Santa this year- Considering Grinch instead
 - Playing Christmas/Holiday movie with popcorn/juice/water
 - Proposal to renaming to Holiday Family Fest.
 - Voted and approved
 - Vendor needs to be picked to have items.
 - Heather to send out links for the different companies to decide
 - Look at the inventory see if we can
 - Please vote by November PTO Meeting
 - Letters to Santa this year- April asked to secure a mailbox
 - Ornament Decorating
 - Holiday Craft during certain timeframe during the event.
 - Raffle Items for Donation- start collecting
 - Next meeting- October 21st at 6pm. We will meet in the Teacher's Lounge.
- Trunk or Treat- Friday, October 24th 6pm-8pm
 - Don't forget to sign up- so much fun!
 - Donation Link:
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D44A5AB29A5F94-58220195-trunk#/>
 - Vehicle Sign Up:
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D44A5AB29A5F94-58740669-trunk#/>
 - Trunk or Treat Donations- 25 slots
 - Trunk or Treat Vehicle Sign Ups- 8 signed up
 - Claybourne Grill will be out as a Food Truck for Dinner purchasing
 - Food for Thought for next year making it 6p-7:30 with how dark it can be.

New Business:

- T-Shirt Contest
 - We did a Booster Thon maybe without the Dance Party
 - Have students design a T-Shirt for all students to receive
 - Theme around Respectful, Responsible, Safe
 - Sell T-Shirts with Tye Dye Kit
 - Walk A Thon with White Shirts and make it a Color Run
- Book Fair Volunteers
 - This is a Library Fundraiser, while we do not make anything from this- we are supporting Mrs. Meredith and our students.
 - Book Fair is November 3rd- November 7th
 - Evening sessions Monday, November 3rd 3:30p- 6:30p
 - Evening sessions Wednesday, November 5th 5p-6:30p
 - Sign up to be shared shortly for volunteers
- Bake Sale During Voting- November 4th
 - Cannot have during voting hours

Teacher's Report:

- We appreciate all so much
- Love to see how many are here at the meeting
- We love all the events planning as we hear about it even after they are gone.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm by PTO President, Heather Paynton.