

# JFK PTO November Meeting Notes

Date: 11/5/2025

Location: Staff Lounge

Attendance Count: 11  
Meeting Start Time: 6:32pm  
Meeting End Time: 7:14pm

Meeting called to order at 6:23pm with quick hellos around the room.

## Principal Report:

- Safety:
  - September did lunchtime fire drills
  - October we do a lot of safety. Do major safety drills.
  - November did controlled evacuation- where we go offsite (Polen Farm).
    - Finished out last out round 1 of our safety events.
  - Rest of the year is fire drills
  - Officer S met with staff for Table Top Discussions for Safety Scenarios
- Firebird Recess Challenge
  - Did a challenge with firebird bucks in October to help with the challenges we've had at Recess.
  - Safety Recess- Policy of big activities loss for the group not just individuals
    - Confirmation- It is not just for a few individuals it's a lot of our students. Mr. Schlater and (3) Recess Monitors are pausing and reteaching to help build better habit.
    - Asking Ms. Garrison to teach some of the recess games to help with rules.
  - Noticing a cone in the front parking spot up front; as parking is limited
    - If you go to any other school there is visitor parking
    - We use all of our parking spots for staff so hard to get parking for when we have visitors.
    - Most inaccessible building to come in during the day. We are trying to get more spots available. Known issue and Gene and Ryan are working on resolutions.
- November: Turkey Trot
  - Running with the students who earn \$20 Turkey Firebird buck
  - Mr. Schlater and Mr. Gooding will dress like a turkey and race those that earn it to the giant Egg at Kennedy Park.
  - Contest runs through
- Parent Teacher Conferences November 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Great experiences to build partnerships with staff and families.
- November 11<sup>th</sup>- Veteran's Day Program
  - Start time is 9:30am
  - Get here early!

- Facilities Program to come
  - We are in phase 2- contingent on Phase 1 completed and funding
    - Would keep Greenmont Elementary and build (4) additional elementary schools
- Instructional Services Committee:
  - Kaiea Wombold is the JFK Parent Representative
  - Prioritizing emergency updates in real time. Really emphasized to go to Kettering School Page- don't trust the parent support pages
  - Wayfinder App- Taking to the board to get classroom support so each class gets 30 minutes a day for social and emotional support.
- Parent Advisory Committee
  - Designed to look at improving communications with parents

### **Treasure's Report**

- Fall Fundraiser: Heather's Gourmet Apples
  - We made \$394- fantastic!
  - Thank you all for participating
- Still in progress of switching everything over for banking.

### **Old Business:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat was a HUGE success- even had candy left over
  - Do you realize how big of a success this event is? Couldn't have asked for better weather.
  - Everyone had a great time.
  - Participation, trunks and engagement was fantastic!
  - Amazing community event.
- Holiday Family Fest- Saturday December 13th
  - Ask- Set up Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Vendor was chosen. Vendor is not marking up.
  - Not an online store- parents can purchase vouchers that they can print off to help with credit.
  - They provide cash registers, table cloths and bags
  - Another planning meeting- will do a Tuesday
    - Set up committees:
      - Decorations
      - Setting up the shop area
- Student Engagement
  - Decorating Contest- Gingerbread Man for the students
    - One from each grade

### **New Business:**

- Blanket Fundraiser
  - Inventory is here sell for \$20 or \$25
  - Get out a flyer and Mr. Gooding to send an email

- PTO now has a Venmo @JFKPTO25
  - This will be a huge hit at our events for those that don't carry cash.
- Donation Letter out to families
  - Sent out to families what the PTO does.
  - Feature the QR code for Venmo (Giving Tuesday)
- Staff Support:
  - October:
    - Mini Pumpkin Patch for them to pick it up in the staff lounge
    - Candy Bar- to fill a baggie of treats
  - November: Thanksgiving Gift to Teachers
    - Popcorn/Post Its/Pies- November 21<sup>st</sup>
      - Would need to be here 9:30am for setting up
      - Lunches for staff 10:30-1:20 for them to pop in
        - Sign up genius created- April
    - Little mini pies for each staff member
    - Apple Cider/Coffee Bar
  - December- Staff Luncheon
    - Will get more details for support either 12/11 or 12/18
    - Wrapping Paper- staff picks a roll

Teacher's Report:

- No staff in attendance

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm by PTO President, Heather Paynton

Thank you for coming. Questions? Feel free to reach out anytime.

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