

## **TJ PTO Meeting Minutes**

**March 14, 2017**

*PTO Mission: The purpose of PTO is to enhance and support the educational experience at TJHS, to develop a closer connection between school and home by encouraging parent involvement and to improve the environment at TJHS throughout volunteer and financial support.*

Attendees: Debi Kelley, Spring Hericks, Kevin Whalen, Lisa Marlin, Lisa Allen, Mike Christoff, Megan Perkins, Stephanie Stoetzer

The meeting was called to order at 6pm:

Welcome and introductions

### **Mr. Christoff presents**

- College 101 day on April 15 – 8am-12pm, 5, 6 classrooms with each having a different activity for parents to see, such as scholarships, financial aid, etc.
- Tree planting – since this is scheduled for the same day at College 101, it was discussed to schedule for the afternoon, so more people could help.
- Parent surveys are going out soon – asked for PTO board to do recordings to encourage parents to participate
- How TJ is ranked for college readiness – this is done on a two-year cycle: this reporting was 2014/15 and 2015/16 school years when course code was technically different so it showed lower ranking.
- Update on new hirings and positions
- Projecting enrollment for 2017/18 is at 1047, anticipating bigger freshman class
- Tree planting/xeriscaping -- He talked to tom about tearing down the fence and using some kind temporary boulders or cones to protect area until trees are planted
- Bargaining sessions discussed, parent input needed

### **Online auction status**

Megan Perkins gave update, asked teachers to take a letter to businesses like hair stylists or grocery to ask for donation of one item. These are items you would buy anyway, such as gift cards for restaurant in south Denver. Encourage teachers to go in groups to offer things like Ping-Pong championship with a teacher, art classes etc. Parents could market skills through auction such as attorneys, accountants.

### **Mr. TJ is April 14**

Things are going well, will need help night of, discussed asking theater class to assist with the lights, board

### **Senior Prom status**

Going well. After Prom is at TJ (first time in 4 years) and need help with beverage bar, such as smoothies. Talked about giveaways for After Prom.

Discussion was held on PTO receiving 10% of class fundraisers. This is in the bylaws.

Kevin Whalen made the motion to approve a grant request of \$400 to class of 2017 for After Prom. Debi Kelly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer update (attached)**

- Grant requests – Freshman teachers Mr. Godoy and Mrs. Cisneros requested \$300 grant to facilitate the last two auctions of the year. Mr. Godoy explained in his request that students earn fake currency through living the SPARTAN values, excelling in academics, having materials on a daily basis, and simply going above and beyond the call in the classroom and at school. Students take this fake currency and will then bid on items that Mrs. Cisneros and myself purchase for a monthly auction

Debi Kelly motioned to approve the freshman social studies grant request for \$300. Kevin Whalen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Night out and safe driving campaign is April 7 – PTO will provide water bottles that students will add a message to for their awareness campaign

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm