

TJ PTO Meeting Minutes

April 11, 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, Eileen Robinson, Leigh Plue, Megan Perkins, Colley Moe, Kendra Black, Kary Cramer

- Denver City Council woman Kendra Black –Surveys were successful in finding out what people want. Work groups have been formed that meet regularly at TJ to work on short term and long term goals. The plan for this summer is to bring all the goals together at a one-day event
 - August "pop-up event" in Southmoor – still looking for a location; set for Aug 19, "South by Southeast" 10am-8pm, will have bands will be set-up like a beer garden because that is one thing people say they want. Will have food, beer, vendors, kids' activities, etc.
- 2017 Online Auction –Megan Perkins gave an update. Still can take contributions. Have 118 items so far. Will need help with item pick up when auction is over. Discussion about changing the timing of it to not be right around prom. Maybe hold it earlier next year, in March before spring break.
- Social Committee on Mr. TJ – going well, show time is Friday, April 14 at 7pm
- Discussion about senior parents meeting with junior parents after prom is over to draft a timeline of activities for senior year. Start with having juniors writing welcome notes this spring to distribute on the first day of school to next year's freshman
- Upcoming
 - College Prep--College 101 is April 15
 - Tree planting follows College 101 on April 15. 25 free trees provided through the Denver Digs program and other companies are donating mulch, etc.
 - Elite Academy at University Hills Library on April 25, will be a presentation about what parents can do on a one-to-one level to get their kids ready for college
 - Night Out is May 5 – students will relabel water bottles provided by PTO with messages about safe driving; it is a social for the kids
 - Backyard BBQ is May 12 during school – a big field day, yearbook signing, games, etc.
 - Bus shelter installation is beginning and will include an art display, and be a callout for TJ
- Treasurers Report (see attached) presented by Kevin Whalen
Discussion on funds unclaimed from previous years that were raised by various groups. Kevin is researching these.
- Looking ahead to 2017/2018 – Debi Kelley led discussion on how to be organized for events next year and how parents can know what to do. Talked about having a parent handbook that would have the traditions, events, etc. Eileen Robinson volunteered to do document management.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 pm