

## **TJ PTO Meeting Minutes** **September 11, 2018**

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Attendees: Debi Kelley, Spring Hericks, Lisa Marlin, Jane Bulger, Lisa Chaiken, Tori Martinez, Lisa Freedberg, Eileen Robinson, Sarah Axelson, Kary Cramer, Becky Andrick, Margaret Hawkins, Lisa LoJacono, John Trujillo, Merredith May, Robyn Schiff, and Joy Murphy

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### **Minutes**

- Welcome and introductions -- The meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. and attendees introduced themselves.
  
- Principal Mike Christoff -- He shared information at our meeting. He reported that TJ has one of the biggest classes this year with 1156 enrolled. He gave updates on the bond initiative and how a committee of staff, parents and students has reviewed priorities in spending the \$2.3 million from 2016 bond. Projects will begin in summer 2019 with a new front lobby, restrooms, spirit store to add concessions area, and entryway. Upstairs, there will be a redo of the library to make it more like those on a college campus with study space. Outside, concession stand and bathrooms will be added. With larger enrollment, plan to use own money to update the marquee in front of the school. He reports that there are 13 new staff members this year. Tours for 8th grade families have begun. He spoke about the importance of having concurrent enrollment opportunities and maintaining AP classes to attract and serve families.
  - Ann Rice also shared about being athletic director here, now in her third year. We have 21 varsity sports and about 30 clubs that she oversees. She spoke about the St. Jude's Campaign Drive through Oct 22 to raise \$20k which will win TJ a new gym floor. Kick off for the campaign will be during spirit week. While the gym floor is still in OK condition, it will need to be replaced in a few years and will cost much more than \$20,000. So the fundraiser helps out a great organization now and will save TJ a lot of money in the long run.
  
- PTO overview -- Spring shared how years of files are being changed to being kept in Google Docs for easy access. All of PTO fundraising goes to benefit, to whatever extent possible, all of the students as PTO assists with existing and new clubs and activities. PTO does outreach to the local businesses and the community to gain their support of

TJ as well as to serve the community. PTO manages the ArtFest with many parent volunteers and the quality of this annual fundraiser has improved through the years. PTO also holds an Online auction in the spring -- raised \$15k last year and have a goal of \$20k this year. This helps hospitality committee at TJ to support our teachers.

- Current positions and needs (see handout)
  
- Treasurer report -- Jan Bulger provided an overview of the budget (attached).
  - Discussion was held about the King Soopers cards and how they benefit TJ with a big portion going to AfterProm so that every class is assured of having this.
  - Discussion was also held about the Online Auction that is scheduled for March and that now is the time to start collecting donations.
  - Hospitality reported that there will be a dinner on Oct. 17 during the parent-teacher conferences for staff and that help is needed to donations and volunteers
  - Discussion of sharing after prom decorations with other schools.
  - Discussion about Parent parties that raise money for classes and also build camaraderie

Adjourned at 7:00 pm.