

## TJ PTO Meeting Minutes

September 12, 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.*

In attendance: Debi Kelly, Spring Hericks, Lisa Marlin, Megan Perkins, April Bradley, Amy Feiman, Mel Toner, Terri Allsup, Teri Hetzel, Leigh Plue, Jane Bulger, Eileen Robinson, Leanne Golledge, Tami Patzer, Erin Markham, Cherie LeDoux, Scott Bowers, and John Trujillo

Welcome and introductions – Co-president Spring Hericks called the meeting to order at 6pm, followed by introductions for everyone on attendance

- PTO Impact
  - Classroom grants were discussed and how they are part of a main goal of the school to positively affect the TJ experience for all students
  - Community building – PTO hosts and supports events for parents and students; examples include the Homecoming parent tailgate, bringing the Mr TJ show back in the spring, teacher/staff appreciations, treats for dances, etc.
  - Spirit Store – now has a permanent location near the main lobby
  - Facility improvements – include RTD bus shelter and student art installation. PTO paid \$4000 to RTD for this improvement and \$2000 to the TJ JROTC to maintain it
  - Improved school-to-home communications – PTO helped to get a weekly newsletter in place that goes out to all families
  
- PTO goals
  - Sustainable PTO – PTO strives to be more efficient and effective and to keep meetings to an hour. PTO wants to make sure that when people volunteer their time is well spent.
  - ArtFest has grown, but would like it to be bigger; will increase booth rental fees. The online auction started last year and raised just under \$10k, but Megan Perkins who was the lead on it said she'd like to double that in 2018 and get more donations by having more parents ask area stores/restaurants/vendors for donations.
  - Nurture SE Denver k-12 pipeline – help families solidify their decisions to enroll at TJ
  - More King Scoopers card users – this is quick and easy money. Cards are available with PTO treasure Jane Bulger and in the TJ office.
  - Building/grounds improvements – parent volunteers are working on various projects to make TJ look more welcoming
  - College ready students and families – Discussion about how the online resource Naviance is very helpful for college readiness and how we might assist parents in understanding it and utilizing it better
  - PTO information on the TJ website – issues with signing up and making donations were discussed with plans to have these corrected soon
  
- PTO Open Positions and Committees for 2017-2018
  - President/Co-President Elect
  - Co-secretary
  - ArtFest committees
  - Auction committees
  - Spirit store chair and committee
  - Hospitality chair
  - Parent class liaisons
  
- Rewarding leadership -- Ideas are welcome for ways to reward parent volunteers, such as with t-shirts, special parking, etc. This will be discussed at the October PTO meeting.

- Treasurers Update (see attached) presented by Jane Bulger  
Discussion was held on funds unclaimed from previous years that were raised by various groups to put these funds back into the school's account for distribution.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm