

## **TJ PTO Meeting Minutes November 14, 2017**

*PTO Mission: Enhance and support the educational experience at TJHS. Develop a closer connection between school and home by encouraging parent involvement. Improve the environment at TJHS through volunteer and financial support.*

Attendees: Debi Kelley, Spring Hericks, Lisa Marlin, Kathryn Lepry, Leigh Plue, Colley Moe, Terri Allsup, Leanne Golledge, Mel Toner, Margaret Hawkins, Jane Bulger, and Eileen Robinson

- Welcome and introductions. Meeting called to order by Spring Hericks at 6pm
- Mr. Christoff provided update
  - Enrollment is at 1082, up from 1047 projection, means more funding from state. We are a green – high performance school. Budget is in good shape. Biggest area of focus is to look at closing gaps between students of color and those not of color (based on data from School Performance Factors).
  - Pipe burst inside the building and so being replaced.
  - 2016 Bond update—nothing has come in yet so could use our help to talk to school board about when we're to start getting that. He talked to DPS who is managing all the bond money and still waiting. Recommended that PTO members email Ann Rowe—our representative on the DPS School Board at [Anne.Rowe@dpsk12.org](mailto:Anne.Rowe@dpsk12.org). Once the money comes in, a plan will be put in place to involve parents and students in deciding what we want for the school.
  - Improving the public's perception of TJ has been positive especially with parent home meetings.
- Auction acquisitions – reminder from Megan Perkins who was not in attendance, that donations are still needed. Form letters have been written that we can take to merchants when asking for donations. These letters will be available in Google Docs so they can be easily accessed.
- New budgets
  - Hospitality –Eileen Robinson proposed that PTO set aside \$3000 to fund four different events throughout the year to honor staff. This is based on \$20 per staff person of which there are approximately 150. PTO will continue to ask for parent donations to offset some expenses as in previous years. Motion to set aside \$3000 in the budget was made by Debi Kelley and seconded by Mel Toner. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Building/grounds/cultural improvements – Proposed \$1000. Will discuss setting criteria for how that should be spent. Debi Kelley made a motion to approve \$1000 in the budget and Eileen Robinson seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.
- Spirit store update– new plan for store hours will be simplified and presented at January meeting

- Fall grants update – Regarding the request from freshmen geography teachers last month – teachers believe they are teaching the freshmen Spartan values with their program that reinforces good behaviors. Last month, they’d requested \$1000, and \$500 was improved.
- Welcome new PTO co-treasurer, Margaret Hawkins
- ArtFest planning update – Kathryn Lepry reported there are 70 reservations for booths, waiting on 5 more to finalize and 4 are on waitlist. Need more book donations for the book sale portion. Push right now is marketing of the event. Discussed sign and banner placement in area neighborhoods. Yard signs will be put up the Sunday before ArtFest on Dec. 3. Encourage parents to like the ArtFest Facebook page and invite friends. A Sign Up Genius email has gone out requesting volunteers for set-up on Dec. 8 and during the event on Dec. 9.
- Treasurer update (see attached) JaneBulger presented.  
Included discussion about ways to get more people to sign up for King Soopers cards

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm