



PTO Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2022

The PTO mission is to support the educational experience at TJHS and to foster a stronger school community for students, parents and staff.

PTO Board Members in attendance: Krista Zizzo, Robyn Schiff, Lisa LoJacono, Megan Perkins, Janet Willson, Megan Perkins, Becca Mahoney, Monica Snyder, Jill VanAbbema

Total attendance: 23

6:00 pm – Welcome (Krista Zizzo PTO President)

Guest Speaker: Mike Christoff, Principal 22nd year in DPS, 13th year at TJ

- Great start to year without masks, kids are doing great job to get to classes on time, new bathroom pass policy with gradual release of some restrictions as routines are established
- Enrollment: 1320 for 2022-23, like last year; ideally 1350 is a good number
- CSC will address student funding, will know final budget by Friday, 9/15
- Building Updates: Every classroom in school has new Newline smartboards
- Outdoor improvements: softball and baseball concrete areas due to extra bond money, new back-stop for baseball field
- Vision: create a space to host events to bring money back into the school
- Air Conditioning/Heat Days: took temps in classrooms 100 degrees at windows, mid-80's - 90's in classrooms, hallways did not cool down
- AC to be installed next summer preferably not moving into a 2nd summer
- Sound system/board in auditorium blew out last spring. Installed by end of September.
- Lobby floor issues are being addressed.
- PTO Store and Concession area looks great inside
- Later start time next year: 8:25 am – 3:55 pm
- All COVID restrictions have been lifted; if positive-5 days at home, but no negative test required, days 6-10 masked; no quarantine for exposure
- Parents can attend all games. New this year: All City Stadium is allowing only clear bags; gallon Ziploc bags will work
- Parent/Teacher conferences: 1 day in person/1 day virtual October 12th and October 13th

- Finals December 13, 14, 15, 2022
- Graduation 2023: @ DU tentatively May 18th, 2023, likely at 2:00. This date/time is still to be confirmed, but if so, Seniors' last day would be May 12th
- Challenge Day for Juniors & Seniors is being discussed

6:50 Committee Reports:

Spirit Store Managers: Monica Snyder & Jill VanAbbema

- New merchandise
- Volunteers still needed for set-up at 6:30 this Friday at Homecoming Game

Teacher Appreciation/Hospitality: Susan Dolson

- October teacher meals during Conferences
- December Gifts
- Valentines' goody bag
- Teacher appreciation PTO + days handled by each class

Food Bank: Megan Perkins & Becca Mahoney

- First distribution today: 16 families today
- New space in the building to store food
- Most food comes from Denver Rescue Mission
- Rotary Club \$200/month donation to food bank

Auction Chairs: Megan Perkins & Becca Mahoney

- Online Auction only in Spring before spring break
- 2022 \$21,000
- 7th year of TJ Auction, growing every year

Spartan Grants Program: Melissa Lindstrom

- All teachers can submit grant requests in the spring
- Grants are approved in May
- Last year 22 grants totaling \$26,000

Class Sponsors:

- 2023: Christy Jordan & Catherine Poirier: working closely with the faculty sponsors Annie Berg and Nic Long collaboratively ; building community; raised \$12,000; senior sleepout ½ class attended, 22 kids and 32 parents; Senior Splash 28 kids sold tickets; senior parking spaces; overalls; powder puff game; sunglasses for seniors handing out on Friday; fundraiser at Torchy's Tacos on 9/21; Senior parent party October 8th; Senior Prom April 29th at Denver Athletic Club; afterprom will be at TJ.
- 2024: Dyanna Spicher: Food seller at Bonfire making over \$800, leftover food to food bank and snacks for the dance; Birdcall fundraisers 35% return on Sept. 27th, Saturday, Sept 24th Paint recycling event will raise funds from donations
- 2025: Kerry Muchovich & Heather Reeder: CRAVE CUP-host a restaurant night as many times as you want during the year and they will donate \$750 to staff appreciation for school that wins

7:10 pm –Financial Report (Krista Zizzo for Teri Hetzel, Treasurer)

Available balance for distribution currently \$67,857 which will be allocated to grants and other requests made by administration.

7:15 pm - Adjournment