



PTO Meeting Minutes

November 8, 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, Lisa LoJacono, Monica Snyder, Jill VanAbbema, Briana Rimkus
Megan Perkins

Total attendance: 17

6:00 pm – Welcome (Krista Zizzo)

6:05 pm – Budget (Krista Zizzo)

Budget presented with current financial summary dated 10/31/22

Adding budget item to show class expenses and income for more clarification of class activity

6:07 Updates (Krista Zizzo)

Challenge Day:

50 parents who have paid/registered to date; 30 volunteers out of 130 to date;

January will include more promoting about Challenge Days

\$510 in Challenge Day donations to support this TJ Tradition

Insurance – no change from last month – plans still in the works

Background Checks:

For PTO members with access to PTO Bank Accounts

We can get our own account to do it, but would likely cost more than going through DPS

Bus Stop Art Installation:

Quarterly art installation next month courtesy of TJ Conflict Resolution Group

Winners determined in December; artwork will be sized and installed over winter break

Holiday Helpers:

Links in newsletter for families in need and individuals who want to be holiday helpers

Typically have 30 families as well as food bank regulars and reaching out to counselors who may know of families in need

You can choose small medium and large families. Provide a \$30 gift and item of clothing per child

Also, if you want to donate a gift card: Target or Walmart are popular options that are well-received

Deadline for returning gifts to TJ is Dec. 13th

DECA students will provide wrapping paper; tape, etc. and Skills USA will make food boxes

Leadership Class is doing food collection from students and community

6:30 PTO Leadership Updates

Spirit Store Update (Jill Van Abbema)

Online store sold 62-63 items

Will have sales at CCT open house on Thursday night 5:15 -6:00 and upcoming basketball games

Open for Cheerleading competition last week

Teacher Appreciation Update (Krista Zizzo for Susan Dolson)

October went great; crockpots, soup, had perfect amount, just enough

Holiday Plans: asking Brittany Nicolo from TJ, but cookie bar (reverse cookie exchange) , box for each teacher and they can take them home, Monday or Tuesday of finals week; considering an additional gift for teachers from a local cookie place, spices, teas; "TJ" cookie Christy Jordan has contact

Valentines Day: TJ branded chapstick; candy kisses; to show the teachers our love and appreciation

Food Bank (Megan Perkins and Becca Mahoney)

Thanksgiving Distribution on Nov. 16th/ Help from Slavens K-8 they are collecting and we will hand out

28 families signed up for Thanksgiving meals

Samanda Davis has community partners to do the boxes

Food Bank storage is now at TJ

Class Sponsor Updates:

2023: After prom walk through with many parents; envisioning making plans, seeing the space, using floor diagram; beginning to spend the money; students are having Slices fundraisers all week for prom

2024: Where prom is being held is still undetermined; trying to support student side of fundraising; goal is \$8,000; still exploring ideas: After Prom side is looking good for fundraising; recommended using Advisement time for class meetings, prom meetings, etc.

2025: Crave Fundraiser was not viable because the restaurant closed; Birdcall does 35%; Chipotle 20%; considering other local restaurants for fundraising opportunities; WISH boutique fundraiser went well

2026: Possible \$26 for '26 fundraiser planned for the week before Thanksgiving

Colorado Gives Day message will be sent in the PTO section of the TJ newsletter for December 6th

Upcoming Meetings (Krista Zizzo)

Consider guest speakers such as: Jon Poole, Danyelle Charles, Scott Esserman (DPS School Board), District 4 City Council candidates

7:00pm - Adjournment