

PTO Minutes | February 7, 2023

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

Welcome & Introductions (Krista Zizzo, PTO President)

Special Guest: Graham Baughn, Concurrent Enrollment College Readiness Coordinator
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- Expanding concurrent options
- ACC, CCD, Western State & UCD are schools that TJ currently partners with for CE
- Next year moving all classes to ACC to simplify application process
- The Colorado Opportunities Fund (COF) is what pays for concurrent enrollment tuition
- Senior checkout is when students will receive final information about courses taken and CE partners in order to receive transcripts
- TJ teachers receive the curriculum from the schools and teach it
- Math and English, Psychology, Sociology, guaranteed to transfer within the state at a public university
- Some classes are 3 days a week, and CCT CE classes are 5 days a week, modeled similarly to college
- Possibly holding classes T, W, TH next week to get more seat time for students
- Counselors review concurrent enrollment options with students
- CCT courses typically go into a general elective pool in college unless student is pursuing a similar path in college
- All but one CE class is taught by TJ staff
- AP classes are more likely to transfer out of state with a qualifying AP test score
- Choice of studies request English and math, they will get the course
- Most qualifying scores are established by Accuplacer test in Nov. of junior year which all juniors take
- Teachers will be re-certified by ACC if they are not already which is a short process.
- Estimated out of current senior class, 60% - 70% are taking at least one CE class
- Summer options available in late March for DPS students to complete online (likely through CCD)
- Enables students to get their general ed. classes out of the way for students to enter school at a high level
- Week of 2/27/23 is when choice of studies becomes available
- Contact Mr. Baughn if you have any questions

Special Guest: Mateo Rocha from TJHS ELD/MLE Department

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- Hoping to host a school-wide Multicultural night tentative March 17, 5-8 pm at TJ
- Coordinating with Leadership Class, MLE reps
- Event to include cultural practices, food, clothes, celebration for all students, families bring food potluck

- For multilingual families, this community is growing; a matter of outreach to include these families in TJ events.
- PTO requested to outreach to those families and attend

Treasurer Report (on behalf of Teri Hetzel, Treasurer)

- Reviewed current financials

Updates (Krista Zizzo)

- Pass Through Donations – PTO has received many donations for clubs and activities this winter - Robotics, Track team, basketball. Donors who require a 501(c)3 can make a donation to the PTO and our treasurer then grants it to the school for that program/club
- New Leadership Opportunities! (Secretary, Treasurer, Auction Chairs are needed for next school year)
- Challenge Day Support – 600 bags of potato chips donated by the PTO
- Campus Life support needed – Join us for lunch Tuesdays from 11:30am – noon. (Female adults needed to support our kids!)
- Opportunity for spring sports concession stand operation during spring sports events such as baseball and lacrosse

PTO Leadership Updates

Spirit Store Managers - Jill VanAbbema

- Sales are slow and steady, First Fridays and at basketball games
- Possible online sale

Teacher Appreciation - on behalf of Susan Dolson

- Valentine's Gift plans: "Mailbox treats" from Ruby's Market on Pearl St

Auction – Megan Perkins & Becca Mahoney

- **We really need chairs for next year to shadow this year!**
 - Online: April 16-20
 - Donations due by April 9
 - Letter will be available February 8th
 - When you are out at a restaurant, shopping, please ask for donations.
 - Restaurant gift certificates are favorites, wine baskets, whatever YOU would buy for the auction; if you have a specialty (soup a month, dessert a month, custom cookies, fresh eggs each month; interior design consultation)
 - Goal is \$23,000 for 2023; last year was \$20,000

Food Bank - Becca Mahoney & Megan Perkins

- Very healthy budget; currently \$19,000
- A lot of food staples are still available from Leadership drive
- Next week is distribution for this month
- Holding steady at 15 families
- Connect with ELD, MLE faculty to reach out to more families to see if there is a need
- Some referrals from the Denver Health clinic
- Families can get a referral to go to DPS' food bank/grocery store once a week
- Counselors know where to go if a student is in need
- Idea: Possible PSA on Spartan Edition

Spartan Grants – Melissa Lindstrom

- Grant request form is ready to go and will be sent to staff around President's Day
- Brooke Bolinske will work with Melissa this year to learn how to facilitate the program
- Link for grants ready to go in next week's TJ Journal

Class Committee Updates:

- **2023** - Christy Jordan
 - Wish Gifts boutique fundraiser on Wed 2/8 from 6-8pm (5014 E Hampden Ave., Happy Canyon Plaza)
 - After Prom theme is "Oh the Places You'll Go"
 - Las Vegas, Daytona 500, Pebble Beach, Disneyland, Maui, Hollywood
 - Next Monday they are holding a logistics meeting
 - Decoration days in April on Saturdays
 - 60 people signed up to help
 - Families from other classes will be asked to donate gift cards as prizes
- **2025** - Kerry Muhovich & Heather Reeder
 - No updates
- **2026** - Sheila Tyler & Carrie Alleman
 - Held first meeting 1/31 - 10-12 parents attended
 - Restaurant Night Thursday, 3/2: Bad Daddies Burger 20% for whole day of sales, no flyer or code needed
 - Next meeting is 3/7, will be planning something fun for Freshman class – maybe Freshman Feast? – potluck
 - Will consider taking on Concession sales for spring sports

Upcoming Dates & Reminders

- Next PTO Meeting: March 14 at 6pm
- Questions? Want to Volunteer? Email TJHSpto@gmail.com

And don't forget to...

- Sign up for the school newsletter and follow TJ on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram
- Register your King Soopers Card for Community Rewards Program