



PTO Minutes | October 3, 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.*

Scott Baldermann, DPS Board of Education District 1 Representative

- Board of Education roles vs Superintendent
- 40 + new policies

Diana Romero Campbell, Denver City Councilwoman, District 4

- State of Emergency for unhoused
 - Use of micro-communities
- City Asset evaluations
- Community Outreach Events
- Communication between Mayor and School board
- Town Hall Meetings for 2025 budget

Treasurer's Report (Erin Kimmel, Treasurer)

- Review current financials

President's Report

1) Approval of Grants to the School

- Three grants were approved since last month's meeting by an email ballot of the voting members of the PTO Board: \$560 in Spirit Store merchandise gift cards for First Friday student prizes; \$500 cash + \$800 in Spirit Store merch gift cards for the new "Attendance Challenge" prize raffle; \$1000 cash grant for "Problem of the Week" prizes for the 2023-24 school year.

Mike Christoff, Principal

- 2023-24 School Year Update
 - Enrollment is up 1360
 - School is fully staffed
 - SS Curriculum change
 - AP Seminars added
 - "Distinguished School" for supporting the whole child
 - AC install will be a yearlong process
 - Developing outdoor classroom
- TJ's School Safety Program
 - System worked during Lockdown
 - Double entry
 - Rapture Scanners
 - 1 SRO, to receive second soon
 - All events always have school admin present
 - More outdoor cameras to be install
 - Blue lights installed for lockdown notification
- Transportation Concerns
 - Drop-off issues
 - Etiquette of drivers is poor (not coming up to school parking lot)
 - RTD bus issues
 - RTD is looking for solutions

- Hampden/Monaco bus stop concerns: unhoused, cleanliness, light turns and schedules
- Looking to implement Way To Go program for families interested in carpooling: more info to come
- Reminder that RTD is free to 19 yrs old and under

6:55 **PTO Leadership Updates** *(provided in writing in case time is short)*

- **Hospitality / Teacher Appreciation** - Susan Dolson
Volunteers and Food Needed for **Meal for Parent Teacher Conference Night -Tues. 10/17. See Sign Up Genius:**
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D44A9A69-44572934-teacher#>
- **Spirit Store Managers** - Monica Snyder & Jill VanAbbema -
Homecoming Spirit Gear sales topped \$2500! Thank you to parent volunteers who assisted.
- **Food Bank** - Megan Perkins & Becca Mahoney - *The food bank is looking for donations of reusable grocery bags for future distributions.*

NEXT PTO MEETING: Tuesday, November 7 at 6pm