



## Parent Teacher Organization

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 1, 2024

9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Mr. York (principal), Jessica Muelleck (President), Trina McCarthy (Treasurer), Becca Bishop (secretary), Patti Harrison (jog-a-thon co-chair, fundraising chair, book fair), Becca Price (Communications), Jessica Knorr (Chinese co-chair), Amy Burton (PE), Lisa Maxson (Chinese co-chair), Ms. Frohlic (teacher rep), Ms. Weenig (upper grade), Lay Kou (DLI representative), Candice Diehl (Battle of the books), Jen Preece (musical), Amy Kalbes (health and safety), Shelley Beck (Spirit Chair), Katie Ennis, **Others via zoom:** Tyler Steiner (Enrichment chair), Jessica Sabin (Historian), Robyn Shelton (President-elect), Amber Elkins (jog-a-thon Co-chair)

#### Called to Order:

Jessica Muelleck, Becca Bishop (seconded)

#### Principal Report

- Fox 13 is featuring our school as the cool school of the week on February 28<sup>th</sup>. This will be before the school day. Some ideas for the 2 6-minute segments.
  - Feature the Musical
  - Feature Battle of the Books competition
    - Have a few teams doing a mock battle?
  - DLI segments- a song in Chinese
  - Mr. Wong Calendar time
  - Art projects - work on a short project with Rachel Weber
  - P.E.
  - Socks and Underwear Drive with Service team
  - Walk to read.
- Kindergarten enrollment
  - #1 enrollment in the district. 62 enrolled in kindergarten for next year which is higher than last year.
    - All day kindergarten will not work with 62 kindergarteners.
    - If our numbers were to go a lot higher, than it would be more.
  - All day kindergarten was the plan. If people want the ½ day option, they can always bring them late or check them out early.
    - This works because you have to split up your learning blocks anyway. Reading in morning and afternoon. Math in the morning and afternoon.
  - Special permit kids of Jordan District employees (talked to Riverton High School principal).

- Kindergarten registration is a good thing.
- DLI
  - 30 students registered for DLI for next year.
  - Taken students from boundaries of other schools and canyons school district.
  - Need 2 English classes, and 2 DLI classes for 1<sup>st</sup> grade. So how does this affect other class sizes?

#### **Teacher Updates:**

- **Frohlich (K-2 Teacher rep)**
  - Cassie and Tyler Steiner are working to keep math team going in a different way. They will keep everyone posted about what to do for math team. Even if it is a school wide program instead of a district competition. We didn't have enough parent volunteers but are trying to make it happen. More help would be important!
  - Ball equipment incentive was met with mixed results. Teachers don't want to give up instructional time for an incentive.
    - This would be at recess time for an incentive.
    - Chalk party if students bring in their balls in the month of February. This would be an extra incentive for that day.
- **Weenig (3-6 Teacher Rep)**
  - Thanks to the PTO for all the work in helping support the teachers and students in our school.
  - Math Team Is currently on hold. Steiners will be running some sort of math team program. Probably just at a school level. The main problem was lack of parental help. They will keep in touch.
  - Book Fair is on during parent teacher conferences. There will be something in mailbox for teachers.
  - Upper Grades please don't take lower grade balls. Please take your own equipment.
    - Chalk party for the month of February as an incentive during recess.
  - Battle of the Books
    - Bulletin Board with Books read and classes. 6 weeks left!
    - Teachers help support this through newsletters, reminders to turn in forms, wear buttons of books you have read, etc.
- **Kou (DLI Representative)**
  - Thank the PTO for helping with the Chinese Celebration! Wow thank you for the support! It was amazing! Thank you for your help!
  - Thank you for the nice dragon, decorations, event, clean-up, etc.!
  - Thank you for the high school and middle school volunteers.
  - Encourage parents to go to J&C House! Go support them!
    - Provided dumplings, cups, forks, candy, fortune cookies.
    - 5% back our school between now and the end of February
    - POST on social media.
    - They have always been a great supporter of the jog-a-thon.
    - A BIG THANK YOU to them!
    - Pictures that are featured on Jordan district on our Facebook page.
    - A thank you card for each grade to sign and the classes.
  - Refill of water bottles. 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers – THANK YOU for refilling the water tanks!

- Did 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers need caps for the water bottles?
- Chinese Online Bookstore
  - JoJo learning – bookfairs and free shipping. Send directly to parents.
  - Barnes & Noble – Chinese book fair (1ST CHOICE)
    - Prices are more reasonable.
    - Kou will give Lisa and Jessi the link.
  - China Sprout
  - International children’s books (limited choices)
  - Amazon (limited)
  - Temu
- Chinese New Year Celebration in the valley. Lots of different options. Send the link and we will post it on social media. Also, hang it on the PTO bulletin board.
- Math Team
  - Our main coordinator dropped out and the Steiners took it over.
  - Didn’t get enough parent volunteers.
  - So now we want to re-think how we will do the math team. Steiners are trying to figure out how we can have a simplified math program.
  - Any parents who are disappointed? Then volunteer! We need help to make it happen. It is too late to do the Jordan District Monster Math going.
- Parent Teacher Conference dinner menus will come out from Mr. York tomorrow.
- Keep encouraging Battle of the Books
- Scholastic book fair is happening.

## Enrichment

- **Math Team**
  - Teachers want it after school and parents want it in school.
  - How do we refigure out math program?
  - Do we work on a motivating program to learn automaticity in math facts?
- **Battle of the Books**
  - Double check the times!
- **Musical Update**
  - Performances Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00
  - Walking field trip for school and faculty
  - Big thank you to Amber Elkins, Jen Preece, Shelly Rollins, Annie Oaks, and Jessica Sabin for their big help! (and Shelley)

## LEGISLATURE and DISTRICT SUPPORT

- PTO discussed the need to get involved in the legislature and pleading to the district. We NEED an overwhelming support of the **Beverly Taylor Sorenson Arts Program**
  - Do NOT cut it but EXPAND the program!
  - What legislators are on the sub-committee??
  - Unified letter from PTO expressing support for the continuation - kids who are busy doing art, don’t do crimes.
  - Letter writing campaign. We NEED parents!!

- We benefit from Beverly Taylor Sorenson – Rachel Webber has much of her contract covered by that.
  - Art projects are incredible.
  - Incorporates academics into art –
    - Supports math and science. Lessons are planned to support what the teachers are doing with grade-level curriculum.
  - Having her on staff gives our teachers planning time. This planning time is feasible because of having her as a teacher.
    - Group planning time to help work together to facilitate team meetings to do programs like walk to read.
- Thank the legislature for not killing the DLI program!
- Combination letter from SCC and PTO writing in support of the DLI program and recognizing the need for additional funding for the English side for EQUITY.
  - Recognize that it is not enough to support the DLI program by itself. The school needs additional FTE.
  - Katie Enniss, Jen, and Trina will work together to write a letter.
    - Brian Barnett. (representative for Southland elementary).
    - EQUITABLE!
    - Worried about class sizes

#### **Valentine Parties**

- All parties on the 14<sup>th</sup>
- Valentines to everyone. Don't do big individual special valentine's class.
- Teachers can share total numbers of kids (girls and boys) but can't share the classes.

#### **Socks and Underwear Drive**

- Fantastic support. Continue to collect through parent teacher conference.
  - Large basket for the middle.

#### **PTC Dinners**

- Potato Bar on Wednesday. Have food there by 5:00 on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Look for the signup if you want to sign up.
- Thursday (22<sup>nd</sup>) – 4:15 setup for eating at 4:30
  - Catering by Moh Bettah's
  - Supplement with salad and cookies
- The school as tablecloths in the computer server room (blue tablecloths) that can be used.
- Jessica will send out reminders of signups.
  - Help washing the tablecloths.

#### **Scholastic Book Fair**

- Kids are allowed to come during lunches if they have money.
  - E-wallets if you don't want to send cash, but cash is accepted.
  - Trinkets are put away at lunch.
- Some volunteer times will be available.

### **Looking forward to Super Field Day**

- Robyn and Jessica have a meeting scheduled for that to start doing that.
- Chris Rudd was DJ for jog-a-thon. Reach out to him for super field day. Does appropriate music.
- Suggestions to simplify?
  - Face painting and more face painters
  - More space for face painting

### **White Ribbon Week**

- Protect heart, mind, head, footprint, etc.
  - What information do we want in the flyer?
- 1<sup>st</sup> week of March

### **Motion to Close:**

Amy Bennion, Jen Preece (seconded)