

2024-2025 JPLIS PTG General Meeting
October 8, 2024 9:15AM
JPLIS cafeteria

Meeting Called to Order and Welcome

Update on legal and financial implications of joint PTG. It has been determined that it would not be recommended at this time to merge the 2 organizations due to our 501C holdings limitations. MS is holding a meeting simultaneously across the hall to try to brainstorm on how they can approach starting a parent group at the middle school.

Principal's Report

- Picture make ups are next Tuesday.
- 5th graders will be taking a science pilot test online this year for PSSAs. Effective next year all testing will be online.
- JPLIS needs substitutes or aides at this time, please spread the word.
- Orange and Black for Halloween is the next spirit day coming up.
- We are just about up and running with all of our systems, buses are organized, kids are settled and we are hitting our stride as a school.

Treasurer's Report - Kristin Dudish

- Budget was not updated in several years, we replaced a few old items and added a fundraising line item that will encompass all future fundraising that is not the color run.
- Replaced items: Amazon Smile (had not existed for several years), Blanket sale (we haven't had one in several years), Odyssey of the Mind
- Changed all winter white out line items to Color Run.
- 6th grade EOY Social now has an income because we asked for T-shirt Sponsors to cover the cost of the shirts
- Yearbook being all online no longer has an expense. We get reimbursed for the difference. Only expenses should be mistakes, issues or one offs.
- Other items changed in smaller amounts. There are a lot of line items that don't need an income or an expense but there is a placeholder there just in case.

a. Vote on 2024-2025 budget

Motion to approve: Caitlin Alifrenka, Nicole Dolan

b. Taxes in progress – due Nov 15 - Fiscal year runs from July 15th. Accountant is working on taxes currently.

c. Membership update - 71 sign ups Suggestion from the floor to post sign up again

Fundraising Update – Jenn Kelhart

a. Spirit Wear - We made about \$970. Delivered middle to end of October. Either distributed to students or will be mailed based on what you indicated on order.

Discussed the idea of selling a hooded blanket item for a holiday sale. In general attendees were encouraging and we will pursue further details about moving forward.

b. Perogi Sale - will be starting soon, working on our website. There will be paper and online sales. The perogies will ship to school and there will be a pick up date. We will not be able to store them so people MUST pick them up. There are lots of flavors offered.

HALLOWMANIA - Sandy Chisholm

a. Hausman Fruit Farm – October 27th 4:30-7pm, \$10 in advance, 12 at the door.

- Flyers will go out this week to students and we will start collecting order forms. Trophies have been purchased for the costume contest.

SPARTAN SERVICE CORPS – Jenn Kelhart & Amber Smith

a. Registration has closed

b. First meeting this Wednesday, October 9th – Remember to submit Pick-up-Patrol. Will be discussing and planning for Sassy Massey Toy Drive, making posters for around the school.

SPARKEN LOUNGE UPDATE – Maria Cenname

Organization process is being organized between teachers and parent volunteers. Need to make a sign up genius

SPARKEN RAFFLE – Kristin Dudish

We put raffle prizes up on Tuesday of last week. There is a glass case in the lobby by the office with 9 prizes in it. It rotates every marking period. We try to get a variety of items. The first prizes will be picked at the end of the quarter.

a. Wish list was included in PTG Newsletter

b. Big thank you to those who have already donated!

POTTERY PAINTING NIGHT – Amber Smith

Will be sending out information soon... great gift ideas. Question was asked about the items for purchase. There is a great variety of items and price points. Come with enough time for your child to paint their item.

a. Wednesday, November 6th 5:30-8pm

- b. Watch for sign-up to select time slots

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – Sandy Chisholm & Angela Perich

- a. Nov 20-26

b. Will be meeting with new librarian Mrs. Rasich to determine schedules to move forward with parent volunteer sign-ups. Watch for sign-up to volunteer!!

ACTION ITEMS

- a. Directory needs to be updated by October 10th

- b. Please become a PTG Member

- c. Volunteer needs:

- i. Chair or co-chairs for 6th grade musical

- ii. Chair for winter activity – Discussed hosting a movie night at a theater? Attendees like the idea, but we would need someone to spearhead planning and executing the event.

- d. Box Tops – \$8.70 earned in September. \$30.80 earned this year. Goal of \$500. Suggestion was made about trying to create a challenge between the grades to get the word out. Would love to have greater participation.

*Please sign up - search zip code 18015 to find our school!

- e. Email incorrect last month – it should be: jplisptgboard@gmail.com

XII. OPEN DISCUSSION

Discussion about using PTG Board app and how it has been helpful at the other schools. Some parents expressed frustration over things being in different places. Interest was expressed again about putting PTG information somewhere on Infinite Campus. Agreed that if that isn't possible, that we can look into PTG Board for the IS.

XIII. MEETING ADJOURNED

UPCOMING REMINDERS AND EVENTS

10/14 - No School for Students – Professional Learning Day

10/27- Hallowmania at Hausman's

10/31 – Wear Orange and Black or Halloween Themed Shirt – No Costumes Please

11/1 - Spartan Attire Day – Wear Blue & White or SOLEHI Attire

11/6 – Pottery Painting Night

11/11 - Wear Red White & Blue for Veteran's Day

11/12 – General PTG Meeting @ 9:15 in Cafeteria
11/13 – World Kindness Day - Wear BLUE or a Kindness-themed Shirt
11/20-11/26 – Scholastic Book Fair
11/22-11/27 – Early Dismissal/Conferences
11/28-12/2 – No School – Thanksgiving Break
12/23-1/5 – No School – Winter Break

General PTG Meetings – all held at 9:15am in JPLIS Cafeteria: 11/12, 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13

Board Members Present : Amber Smith, Robin Johnson, Kristin Dudish, Sandy Chisholm, Jenn Kelhart

Admin/Staff Present: Mr. McGinty

General Members present: Courtney Merchant, Jennifer Weber, Krystal Krewson, Michelle Shepard, Nicole Dolan, Caitlin Alifirenka, Melissa Vedder, Kim Bedrosian, Susan Kolpon