

Jackson High School PTSA 7.3.95
PTSA General Membership Meeting – November 12, 2014

Call to Order: PTSA President Denise Constantineau called the Jackson High School PTSA General Meeting to order at 7:07pm in the school career center.

Attendance: QUORUM MET - President Denise Constantineau, VP Membership Meggin Podnar, Treasurer Michelle Nims, Co-Secretary Brandi Lind, Email Administrator Lori Taylor, JLC Liaisons Linda Pazevic & Lisa Steckler, Newsletter Publisher Kathryn Lee, Staff Representative Susan Brown, Student Representative Sarah Christopher, and Principal Dave Peters. Also present was general member Laura Gothro.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the October 8, 2014 General meeting were reviewed. Correction: Under Attendance, “Gamba” was changed to “Gamber”, under Staff Report – High School and Beyond “postcards have bee mailed” was changed to “postcards have been mailed”, and under Student Report “Octoberfest” was changed to “Oktoberfest”. Minutes were accepted as amended.

Treasurer’s Report: Michelle

- **Financial Statements:** Michelle reviewed the October and first half of November 2014 financial reports. Income this month included membership fees and Pass the Hat donations. One class has also now reimbursed the PTSA for their summer mailings. The other classes still have not paid. The financial report for October will be filed for audit with total current assets of \$33,266.20. There were no claims made to the PTSA insurance this month and the financial books were available for review at this meeting.
- **Corporate Matches:** Michelle reports she had emailed out receipts to any individual who made a Pass the Hat donation of \$25 or more to facilitate those who works for companies that offer a corporate match in submitting their paperwork. A few people replied to her stating they received their receipt and would be requesting a match.
- **IRS Forms:** Michelle has filed the 999N, Optional Charitable Solicitation Report and Corporate Renewal.

Principal Report: Dave

- Dave reported many successes with JHS athletics this season. Aaron Roe is the State Champion in cross country this year, the girls’ soccer team is headed to the quarter finals and the girls’ swim team will be at state this Friday and Saturday. The girls’ swim team holds 5 district championships this year.
- The School Improvement Plan has been prepared and is being turned into the district.
- At the most recent JLC meeting, there were 6 new classes proposed for next fall by staff members. Those classes are engineering, geotechnology, personal finance, ancient Asian studies, astronomy and AP French. These proposals need to be given to the district for approval before the school can consider adding them to the planning guide for next fall. There will also be an AP Capstone class which will be available to students who have taken and passed 4 or more AP courses.
- Following the recent school shooting at Marysville-Pilchuck High School, Jackson administrators and teachers are reviewing their current preparedness plans and making revisions as necessary. Additional training is being provided to staff next Wednesday and a lockdown drill will follow with students at some point in the near future.

Staff Report: Susan

- Wigre – Student Chana Kim won 1st place in the Snohomish County library poster contest from the category of graphic design.
- Susan reports she emailed all the teachers PTSA membership forms yesterday. Two new memberships were turned in from staff prior to this meeting.
- The staff loved the Apple Cup Lunch that was provided today by the PTSA. The only complaints from teachers were that they ate too much.

Student Report: Sarah

- Oct 23rd was the Senate meeting date
- Club Fair was a success: ASB wants encourage everyone to join clubs and to feel welcome to join school clubs
- JNN (Jackson News Network) is now a club separate from the school newspaper
- 926 students attended the Homecoming dance and students made a profit of 11K
- The senior class Putt Putt fundraiser made over 1K
- Oktoberfest had a great turnout.
- Macho Volleyball will take place this week.
- There was a Veterans’ Day Assembly yesterday.
- Voiceless will be on November 21st.
- There will be a blood drive at school on November 20th.
- “Little Women – The Broadway Musical” continues this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

- ASVAB exam is being given at the school on Friday. There is no fee charged for anyone who would like to take the exam.

Old Business:

A. Fall School and Classroom Grants: 3 grant requests that had been tabled at the previous meeting pending more information were reviewed and discussed with the following results:

- Till – Spanish III teaching plans and classroom novels

MOTION: Brandi Lind motioned to approve up to \$500 for the purchase of Comprehensible Input teaching plans for Spanish III and additional classroom novels. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

- Smith – APPLICATOR Switch Interface for iDevices and iTunes gift card

MOTION: Michelle Nims motioned to grant up to \$200 for the purchase of the APPLICATOR Switch Interface Device and to use funds from the grant budget line to purchase a \$25 iTunes gift card to be used to purchase APPs for classroom iPads. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

- Peterson – Warm Welcome coffee for substitute teachers

Discussion consensus was that request should not be handled as a grant, but rather as an item funded by JLC similarly to Coffee with the Principal.

MOTION: Michelle Nims motioned reallocate \$225 from the Grant line item to the JLC line item in the budget and the JLC can then purchase a Keurig and a starter pack of coffee and hot cocoa for staff to use to welcome substitute teachers. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

B. Open Board Positions: There are still three open board positions – Scholarships, Advocacy, and Volunteer Coordinator. Erin Havens is the new Freshman JLC Representative.

C. Nomination Committee: We are still in need of recommendations/volunteers for a Nomination Committee for next year. Please let Denise know if you know of anyone who might be interested.

New Business:

A. Scholarships: The 1023 is not back yet to know what the exact wording is with regards to the PTSA offering scholarships. Since we do not have information at this time that indicates scholarships should not be given, we will plan to continue to provide scholarships. Angela Steck has requested feedback from individuals who have reviewed scholarship applications in previous years as to what has worked well and what should be changed. It was also discussed that no JHS parents should be on the selection committee as it is sometimes possible to tell who certain students are even with all their demographic information removed from the application.

B. Training: Meggin Podnar and Angela Steck attended Money Matters recently. All board members have now completed training.

C. Communication: Denise proposed we consider a new PTSA position called VP Communication to facilitate all information being channeled through one individual..

D. Advocacy: Denise provided a summary of the WSPTA's top 5 legislative priorities for this year. She also encouraged interested members to sign up on the WSPTA's website for Action Plan updates and Grassroot Connection information.

E. Outreach to Marysville-Pilchuck High School: WSPTA decided to ask students at Washington schools to write messages on paper hearts that would be sent to Marysville-Pilchuck High School. Other local high schools in the Marysville area also share athletics and other activities with Marysville-Pilchuck and are also mourning the loss of those students, but may have been missed in the out pouring of support for Marysville-Pilchuck. Students at JHS have written messages on paper hearts that will be distributed to the other high schools who share resources with Marysville-Pilchuck later this week.

F. Thanks You: Denise thanked Kathryn and DeeAnn for their work on Wolf Tracks each month, Michele Johnson and her crew for the staff appreciation luncheons, Courtney for her work on updating the website, Michele Rufer for getting information out to students about Reflections and to all the other hard-working PTSA members.

Committee Reports:

Wolf Tracks Newsletter: Kathryn reported the deadline for the December Wolf Tracks edition is November 19th.

Staff Appreciation: Denise reported that the Apple Cup luncheon for staff took place today.

Ways and Means: Denise reported only 1 planner has been sold since the last meeting. Angela is looking for volunteers to start soliciting advertisements for next year's planners beginning in January.

Membership: Meggin reported 429 members with 9 new applications being received today. Membership is up nearly 10% over last year.

JLC: Linda Pazevic reported that the majority of the meeting discussed the proposed new classes that Dave talked about in his report. She added that Asian studies and personal finance would be semester classes while the other proposed classes would be year long classes.

Reflections: Denise reported that Michele has posted information around the school for students. No entries have been received at this time.

Announcements:

- Denise has reached out to Mr. Wigre about a PTSA Logo contest. She will be talking with him soon.
- A website named Affordable College Options has asked to be linked on our PTSA website page as a resource. Denise will email out the request to board members to review.
- There is not a December meeting. The next general membership PTSA meeting will be on January 14th at 7pm in the Career Center.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Denise Constantineau at 8:52pm.

Minutes submitted by Brandi Lind, Co-Secretary