



JGES PFC Meeting Minutes November 14, 2018

PFC Board Meeting 5:30PM – 6:30PM
PFC General Meeting 6:30PM – 7:30PM

Meeting Called to Order: 5:40PM (Board Meeting 5:40PM-7:00PM; General Members Meeting 7:00PM-7:20PM)

In Attendance:

Saba Aleem – President
Cheryl Sud – Secretary
Dung Lay – Co-Director of Programs
Chiao Zielinski – Treasurer of Deposits
Nanda Tumurugoti – Treasurer of Budget and Accounting
Preeti Dharia – Director of Communications
Dr. Lorianne Ventura – Principal
Susie Krier – Teacher
Bridgette Jakubowicz – Teacher
Sarah Tuthill – Assistant Principal
Lisa Yang – Co-Director of Programs

Absent:

Shruthi Manish – Parent/Nominee for VP of Fundraising
Kanchan Sehgal – Director of Volunteers

Meeting Called to Order: [6:05PM]

Approved Minutes

The minutes for the October PFC meeting were up for a vote to approve. Susie made the initial motion to approve, Ms Tuthill 2nd the motion; all in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Approval of Budget Report

The PFC Budget and ASB allocation were up for a vote to approve.

Nanda made the initial motion to approve, Bridgette 2nd the motion; all in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Review of Upcoming Events:

Gator Gallop:

Everything worked out well. Parents appreciated that the event was pushed out due to the widespread campus illness the week of the original date. DJ was a great hit amongst parents. Parents and teachers felt the day went very smooth. Digital lap counter was great. Will discuss with vendor company for next year to get bibs the day before so that there isn't a morning rush the day of Gator Gallop of pinning bibs for the first and second group of runners.

Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat:

850 tickets total were sold. Suggestions for next year include having a fewer number of HS volunteers as many of these students stayed the entire event and could have volunteered more hours (versus just 1 hour). Food vendors could be better planned as a couple of the vendors didn't break even for their cost. Sold \$1100 in spirit wear. Suggest getting an additional credit card chip reader for the school for various events since many parents don't carry cash. A total of 26 cars for Trunk or Treat. People felt that having the Trunk or Treat on the right side of the parking lot made things more efficient.

Halloween Breakfast for Parents: Event went well. Parents went in and out during the parade and after the parade there were groups of parents that hung around as well.

Kids Against Hunger: Successful event. Will need to find someone to coordinate next year since Gloria will no longer be available.

Gator Gallop Awards Assembly: Scheduled for 11/15. Everything set.

Family Art Night & Dessert Night (11/28): Izzy's Frozen Custard will be available that night. The rest of the materials are already here. Saba and Amy are ready to go for that event.

Cookies with Santa (12/14): Carmen interested in coordinating a Paint Your Own Holiday Ornament party with Café Art (\$8.50/ornament) instead. Current budget for this event is \$250. Cost for MPR is \$150-200. Saba to reach out to Carmen for further planning.

Talent Show (2/28): Currently no chair has been identified. Looking for a team of parents to coordinate this event. Will need to start advertising the event as soon as we get back from the holiday break (in January), however, will need to identify the team of chairs by December. The chairs are responsible for coordinating the event, conducting try outs, handling the flow of the event.

Treasurer's Update:

Cash Update: Nanda reviewed the total net collection from Gator Gallop and the remaining forecast for 2018-2019 events (from PFC budget), and amount transferred to ASB budget.

Key changes from PFC budget:

- 1) Reduction in teacher level/grade level funds (moved towards ASB)
 \$500 + \$200 classroom change/new teacher stipend – teacher stipend
- 2) PFC to absorb all 4th grade and 5th grade Chromebooks (\$16,700)
- 3) Check to ASB from PFC is \$17342.43
- 4) \$29K estimated at end of 2018-2019 school year for PFC budget considering all events planned for the rest of the year

Discussion regarding cost vs benefit of Art in Action. Members agree that experience is highly dependent on the docents. Need to consider purpose of the art in general and the program objectives as well. We need to find ways to engage parents in the classroom setting. Suggestion to cut back on lessons to 1/quarter.

Ongoing Programs Update:

Cash for Class/Amazon Smile/Box Tops: Box Tops at \$220. Cash for Class status currently at 4th place (10,000 points away from getting 3rd place). 3rd place winner receives \$1000, 4th place winner receives \$750.

PFC Dine-Outs – next one scheduled for 11/15 at Panda Express. Pizza Guys Dine-Out for Gator Gallop was approximately ~\$260.

Communication Committee – Discuss possibly re-doing paper newsletter (school/PFC combined). Collectively looking at how we communicate, what we put in emails. People feeling like information is duplicative between PFC and Principal Communication. Preeti to lead committee; seeking 2 parent volunteers and 1 staff representative. Goal to get paper newsletter out by February.

PFC Feedback Box Review:

1 feedback received since box placed outside of office. The suggestion was to have more in-class activities and fun activities and events at the classroom level. Parent felt that there is a need to have the class parent plan better and be more consistent from classroom to classroom.

Principal Update [Lori]:

Halloween events were a success. Sense of community with all these events. Gator Gallop Awards Ceremony is scheduled tomorrow. Lock-down drill occurred a couple weeks ago. Coyotes keep roaming around the area. Hangers were installed outside classroom doors. We are short custodial staff across the district which is impacting the ability to keep the school as clean as possible. Looking at new locking system for doors. Wishing the community a happy holiday break.

School Site Council Update [Lori]: no update

Teacher Rep Update [S.Krier/B.Jakubowicz]: Wrapping up Parent-Teacher conferences. New report card format for this year. Great first trimester, looking forward to the rest of the year. Still in negotiations with DTA; next bargaining is scheduled for 12/10. Appreciate the budget update for teacher stipends as many teachers were wanting to know the status of the budget/stipend.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20PM. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12th at 5:30pm.