



JGES PFC Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2017

FINAL APPROVED MINUTES

PFC Board Meeting 5:30PM – 6:30PM

PFC General Meeting 6:30PM – 7:30PM

Meeting Called to Order: 5:40 PM (Board Meeting 5:40 PM-6:30 PM; General Meeting 6:30 PM-7:25PM)

In Attendance:

Saba Aleem – President

Gloria Cheng – Vice President

Dung Lay - Co-Vice President

Cheryl Sud – Secretary

Chiao Zielinski – Treasurer of Deposits

Dr. Lorianne Ventura – Principal

Kimberly Mehr – Gator Gallop Chair

Absent:

Kanchan Sehgal – Director of Volunteers

Pinal Vaidya – Treasurer of Budget and Accounting

Michal Zielinski – Director of Communications/Webmaster

Susie Krier - Teacher

Bridgette Jakubowicz - Teacher

Meeting Called to Order: [5:40 PM]

Approved Minutes

The minutes for the September PFC meeting were up for a vote to approve. Minor edits made to spelling and Treasury Report section. Dung made the initial motion to approve the Minutes, Gloria 2nd the motion; all in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Principal Update [Lori]:

Disaster preparedness week currently taking place. Students doing well with Shelter in Place. Fires in Dublin on Tuesday has caused some emotional stress amongst students. Some families who evacuated and left town so short on attendance on Wednesday. Staff providing support to students as needed. Goal to get morale up again. Tomorrow is last drill: lock down drill. Staff doing a good job talking to students and reading books.

Exciting stuff happening in classrooms: puppet shows, compare and contrast. Ewing's class

deconstructing and identifying theme of a song while turning it into a math problem. Teachers are stressed and exhausted with everything going on with negotiations. Teachers working to rule. Lori helping to control mindset at school.

Student Council met for the first time this week. Pep rally scheduled on 10/27 at 12noon.

School Site Council Update [Lori]

Reviewed data and talked about lack of PE teacher. We still have one sub PE teacher. Re-interviewing for PE teacher. Educational services acts as principal/boss as PE teachers, as opposed to the actual school, therefore, Lori does not have control over it. Lori follows up daily via email or phone asking for when the interviews will take place. Campus supervisor role is still in limbo. Dung heard from parents that there was some concern about losing the second supervisors and wants to ensure supervisors are available to ensure safety, especially at drop off and pick up.

Teacher Rep Update [Lori on behalf of Krier/Jakubowicz]

Teacher morale is at an all-time low, district-wide. Negotiations are not going well. It has caused increase stress for the teachers. At upcoming staff meeting (11/6 at 3pm), Saba proposed that PFC can arrange something for the teachers. Impass filed on Tuesday, coming together to bargain without mediator is futile. No negotiations happen until PURB determines they agree we are in Impass or that something else can be done. Strike could happen as early as right before December break or later in January.

Debrief of Past Events and Upcoming Events:

Room Parent Meeting: Decent turn out; new room parents learned about what it means to be a Room Parent. Questions were answered.

Kinder Hand Washing Campaign: Lori confirmed it was another year of it being a huge success. Always a fantastic event. Need someone to shadow Kanchan next year on how to plan the event.

Gator Gallop: Overall, feedback was that it was great. We have not raised as much as we hoped. \$38K current totals (including 9 business sponsors). Expenses \$7K+. \$23K of net funds. Kim to update Chiao with updates on t-shirt cost recouped. Lori to send a reminder. Pledge Star to remain open to accept funds. We will have to manage budget closely this year due to lower amount of donations from Gator Gallop. Awards ceremony scheduled on 11/6. Kim needs to order more prizes. Kim thought it would be a good idea to recognize kids in the specialized classes. Lori agreed. Lori also looking for ideas on what she can do as Principal (e.g., wear costume, kissing a pig, dance party, etc).

Red Ribbon Week: Catrina Waugh to chair. All set for week of 10/23. Kanchan to have flyer updated with Wednesday's spirit wear (NBA jersey). Saba to send updated information to Lori to include in Sunday email/newsletter.

Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat: Lili chairing the event and on top of planning. Keeping a close eye on the budget. Current budget is \$10K. Still need more volunteers (only 50% slots filled). Dung to send out Fall Festival flyer into teacher's inbox on 10/19 to give to students. Dunk tank will be cancelled. Tickets are only for Cake Walk. Entry fee/wristband covers carnival games. Fall festival link needs to be updated on website and order form needs updating (removal of dunk tank).

Family Art Night: Saba mentioned that 11/8 does not work for several parents; looking for additional options for date. Event will be rescheduled to Spring 2018.

Kids Against Hunger (11/30): Lori requesting a task list to prepare for the event. Requesting to set up assembly right before Thanksgiving break (11/14 or 11/15). Lori agreed by doing two grade levels at a time. Each assembly is approximately 50-60 minutes. Blurb to be included in PFC Newsletter. Teachers requesting that a more kid-friendly video is shown, if possible. Gloria looking to make it a volunteer event for Oracle employees, but will still need parent volunteers to help with the event.

Hour of Code: TBD; pretty straight forward event. Will discuss more in November meeting.

Cocoa with Santa: still need to confirm Chair for this event. Kanchan to follow-up. Kim can offer to assist other parents with the event.

Event Proposal: California Math Festival [Gloria]

Recommended by parent in Fremont School District. It will be a new program for John Green. Propose to have a daytime event (for students) and evening event (for families). Total requested amount approximately \$2900 (for both day time and evening event). To take out of existing STEAM budget. Gloria made the initial motion to approve proposal, Dung 2nd the motion; all in favor, none opposed, none abstained. Gloria to inform PFC on proposed date(s).

Event Proposal: 5th Grade Social Studies Books

Lisa Kern proposed to purchase social studies books for 5th grade level as an extension of social studies program. \$1028 (including tax, not S&H fees) to cover 90 books for 5th grade teachers to broaden social studies curriculum. Provides additional background, quizzes, maps, etc. Lori commented that our social studies books are old so this proposal may be beneficial. Lori made the initial motion to approve proposal, Gloria 2nd the motion; all in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Event Proposal: CPR and First-Aid Certification for Up to 25 Staff Members

Lori proposed to have PFC sponsor certification of 25 staff members to become CPR and First-Aid certified. \$70 (includes first aid, CPR with AED training, and CPR card) for a total of \$1750. Certification lasts 2 years. Required to be certified before getting credentialed but it's not

required to maintain. Saba made the initial motion to approve proposal; Cheryl 2nd the motion; all in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

Treasurer Document Updates [Saba]

Inform of final budget. No need to review/discuss.

Teacher Expense Tracker [Saba]

Changes made to spreadsheet based on discussions from September meeting (see meeting minutes). Saba reviewed updates to team. Master copy kept by Pinal; teachers fill it in and send to Treasurer to update master copy. Lori informed of misspellings on teacher stipend report. Saba to update master copy. First page is top-level summary and each individual sheet is by grade level.

By-Laws Updates [Saba]

Back in April 2017, the John Green PFC Board conducted a review of the organization's by-laws and recommended amendments to the general membership. The PFC Board voted to reduce the number of minimum required authorized Directors on the PFC Board from 5 to 3. Since a vote was not requested from the entire PFC membership, it was concluded that the changes proposed and voted on April 19, 2017 by the PFC Board or null and void and therefore the PFC Board reverts back to the existing By-Laws with an effective date of March 28, 2014. These By-Laws are posted on the PFC website.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM. The next meeting will be on November 15, 2017 starting at 5:30PM for the board members and a general meeting at 6:30PM.