

Johnston Middle School PTO

Meeting Minutes

October 04, 2014

Opening

The regular meeting of the Johnston Middle School PTO was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 04, 2014 in the JMS Library by Melanie Rosen, PTO President.

Present

A roster of attendee names and contact information was collected and is available from the PTO upon request. 20+ parents were in attendance.

Open Issues

- Welcome by Melanie Rosen, President
 - Reminder that November PTO meeting will be a morning meeting, during School Choice Week
- Nicole Lewis, Treasurer
 - Treasurer's report is given
 - Uniform shirt sales have been strong
 - Reminder that Ms. French is selling uniforms in the front office year-round
 - Aftercare program is expanded over last year and income is up
 - Updated membership numbers are given
- Discussion of school store needs, possible build out of cafeteria space to house store/inventory
- Ms. Dineen, School Librarian, speaks
 - JMS is planning an "all school read" of a novel in verse, All the Broken Pieces
 - Dates given for Cool Brains Imprint Series events
 - JMS hosts event 10/19, 3pm in auditorium for Roland Smith, author of Mutation
 - Books Between Kids will accept donation of used books appropriate for PK – 5 at the Imprint event, per Anne Guerra
- Cynthia Chaves, Box Tops Chair, speaks
 - Box tops contest is underway, raffle prizes for each house will be given
 - Collection buckets are located in library and cafeteria
 - Prize is movie pass for raffle winners (1/house)
 - Other labels to collect/submit:
 - Labels for Education
 - Tyson A+ for Education
- Melanie Rosen leads discussion of SPARK Park/Landscaping
 - History of the SPARK space is explained by past president, Michelle Maislin
 - Landscaping contact, Mr. Hutchins, has offered contract price to upkeep landscaping for \$300/month

- HISD does not maintain JMS baseball field (PTO purchased a lawnmower for baseball coach in the past)
- Elizabeth Shaw will coordinate the SPARK Park beautification efforts
- Discussion/Questions from the Floor
 - Question about why the picnic tables are flipped over
 - Mr. Sanders believes it was done during summer construction and confirms that he will have them righted
- Subha Balasubramanian, 2nd VP, speaks
 - New PTO communication tool will be MySchoolAnywhere site
 - This program will also create a school directory
 - Includes option for Parents to sign up for volunteer events
 - Initial invitation to join the site will be sent to the 400+ PTO family contacts we currently have with the next two days
 - A link to MySchoolAnywhere will be placed on the PTO website
 - Michelle Maislin, Directory Co-Chair gives further information and clarification regarding sharing of information between HISD and PTO groups
- Anne Guerra, 1st VP, speaks
 - Meeting/walk-through 09/26 with HISD's Derrick Sanders, General Manager of Construction and several Magnet instructors; awaiting response from Derrick Sanders
 - Discussion of needs in auditorium, band room, choir room, magnet hallway bathrooms
 - Goals are repairs to: auditorium house lighting and ceiling, stage rigging system and backdrop, enclosure for sound equipment/booth
- Steve Martin, JMS parent, speaks
 - GoFundMe site has been created to help fund various JMS projects: www.gofundme.com/evzx28
 - A DVD is planned to show the school needs and will go out to potential donors
 - Mr. Martin needs information of specific needs from teachers
 - Business cards with a QR code linked to the GoFundMe site were created for passing
 - The GoFundMe site is also linked through Facebook
- Raffle was drawn for gift cards
 - Winners: Nellie Diavolos and Ellen Tagtmeier

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by Melanie Rosen, PTO President. The next general meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on November 6, 2014, in the JMS Library.

Minutes submitted by: Regina Puccio, PTO Secretary