

March 2019 PTA meeting

## **Meeting opened 7:10pm**

Welcome by Ericka

### **Minutes**

Approval of February 2019 minutes tabled for next month- Kelli Cooper

**Principals report-** The good news is that we have been almost a week without snow. Kicked off Parent Teacher conferences this week. Today is the evening conference day. Thank you PTA for providing lunch/dinner for today, the staff really appreciate it. Also during conference time, doing elpa (sp) testing for English language learners. Last Friday we had an author visit. Ericka Young thought the presentation was fantastic, author was very engaging even at the K-2 level. Ericka was really impressed. Bruce received great feedback from staff as well. Casanova was instrumental in writing the grant to get the author here to speak. Dr. Maxwell and Roberta Kramer have been working really hard to get Kamiak staffing finalized. Maxwell, Roberta, Mincks, and Tiffany Moler met with teachers that were interested in transferring.

- K- 3 sections at JES next year- Corbin/Boone moving to Kamiak
- 1st - 3 sections at JES next year- Jill Brockmeir (30 years she has been at JES) and Stephanie Horn moving to Kamiak
- 2nd - 3 sections at JES next year- Bree Gibson, and Kelly Pollstad moving to Kamiak
- 3rd- 3 sections at JES next year - Brian Supowit (currently on a 1-year contract, so we are hopeful that we can keep him in the psd family somewhere)
- 4th - 2 sections at JES next year - Janet Adams moving to Kamiak
- 5th - 2 sections at JES next year - Abbie Bliss moving to Kamiak

There may still be some shuffling due to extra openings that become available in the coming months. Just started the planning for the welcome night for NEW JES families April 23rd, Art show will be on April 25th 5-6pm Art Show, 5-6:30p. Art will also be displayed at Artwalk again this year. We wanted to reserve a night for the new families so they wouldn't be bombarded by current families. Trisha Doumit will be assisting with getting Student Council involved, Ericka came with several great ideas to make the night an adventure for new students and families. Question was raised regarding specialists- will specialists travel between all 4 schools next year? There is currently a committee looking at how many total sections for specialists we will need next year to figure that out. More information to come. Sunnyside and Jefferson will be doing their Welcoming night on April 23rd 6-7, Franklin's will be on the 25th.

**Budget report-** Minimal expenditures in March, most of which was covered by income. Last bills will be paid out to the OLL. We have paid out about 2500 thus far, and we have 9,000 left to pay out. We have about 14,000 in account now so we can cover some expenditures for upcoming events. After OLL is paid out, budget will be tight to finish out the year.

## **Committees**

**Art Docent-** Parent volunteers have been covering classrooms, WSU volunteers will be coming in April.

**Art Fair-** same format as last year with the black paper and teachers can get classroom art up as it comes in. Heather will be in throughout the month to make sure that each student has something up on the wall.

**Book Fair-** June 5-7th. No other update at this time

**Box tops-** no update, Brandy is not in attendance

**Chess Club-** last one was last Friday March 1st, finished up right at 5, everyone got a medal and the kids who won the trophies really enjoyed them.

**Destination Imagination-** Regional tournament last Saturday, 5 teams, 2 teams won high awards in instant challenges, Improv and Random Guess won 1st place and will continue on to the State tournament. In the past, PTA has covered the cost of attending, but because of current budget crunch, teachers will not be requesting assistance with travel and registration costs will be split between students, which works out to about \$15 per student. Meeting will be skipped. Bruce shared an email from Sonia Bringham. "Jill and I were very supported by PTA, Parent Volunteers, and DI parents and we are very appreciative"

**Drama club-** Had about 5 or 6 kids at our last meeting. We also had a WSU volunteer and the kids played drama games. We are also going through the box of props and organizing in preparation for next year.

**Green Team-** date change for assembly due to being snowed out. We plan to make our own paper for our Science Fair entry this year.

**JES T-shirt-** no update

**Movie Night-** about 30 people at the last one showed Inkheart. Still working on picking out a movie for March but will likely be something "sciency"

**OLL** - continuing looking for grants and donations to fund it. PEF grant presentation was canceled due to snow and has not been rescheduled but we do have a verbal confirmation that they are interested in funding but we are not sure at what level yet. District update, looking at what they can do to help complete some of the elements of the project so labor would be covered. District has asked for more info from designer for amphitheatre and shade structure specifically. Placards available for donating \$100 or more. We will keep you posted on how all of this goes.

**Playground equipment-** no update

**Silverwood Reading-** Hard deadline of this Friday March 8th for the reading logs

**Science Fair-** March 28th @ 6 pm - 7pm, Brenda has “everything under control” but she will probably need help the day off

**Staff Appreciation-** Casseroles today and it looks like they got eaten. PI day is next week so we will also be doing a PIE Day on March 14th. We'll also have something in April (Spring Cleaning and popcorn) and May (Teacher Appreciation Week and finger foods and Thank You cards) for sure. The plan for June is to help pack up the break room in anticipation of it moving back to its original location.

**Yearbook-** No update. Orders will be done after spring break, photos can be taken from Class Dojo and Facebook.

**End of Year BBQ-** June 7th. Ericka will be reaching out to currently listed chairs to see if they still plan to help with this

**New Business-**

Esther has asked for us to start planning for next year. Esther is leaving at the end of the year :(

Can something be sent home or provided for new parents regarding available activities?  
Commitment time? Volunteers needed? What does each club/activity involve?

**Adjourn 8:21pm**