

JGW PTO Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 13, 2020
6pm-6:55 pm

Members present: Amanda Murray, David Habib, Tim Betty, Jen Rubera, Corinne Cooper, Corinne Mahoney, and Jon Newell

Topic: JGW PTO Meeting
Time: May 13, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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I. Welcome

- Attendance sign in sheet
- PTO Updates
- Upcoming dates for PTO meetings: June 10th

II. Principal's Report

- Questions about remote learning vs. brick and mortar learning.
- Locker cleanouts have been happening and distribution will happen next Monday and Tuesday.

III. Treasurer's Report

- **Ending Balance: \$9,493.43**

IV. Request for Funds

- Julie Deblasis: request for PTO to purchase 10 yearbooks (\$150). *Please see e-mail requesting funds.
- The PTO voted unanimously to purchase yearbooks for every 8th grader.

V. Fundraising Ideas for This Year

- Calendar Raffle (Sell tickets in March/Drawing to be held during the month of April).
 - \$10 a ticket, 3 for \$20 deadline is the 31st; if people submit after this date, they will miss out on winning for those days **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSING**

VI. PTO Events/Initiatives

- Library Committee Share Out
 - Amazon approved us for tax free purchases; we also have tax free purchases from Scholastic. The certificate we have stating that we're tax free is good for ten years.
 - Update on Library Subcommittee proposal
- STEM Closet Committee Share Out
 - Jen will send an e-mail to the science teachers about getting a list with vendors to submit to Raytheon.

VII. New Business

8th Grade Promotion:

Ideas for Ceremonies that Allow for Social Distancing

- Hold 5 smaller promotion ceremonies for each color group...possibly having a parking lot ceremony/drive through
- Live stream performance to watch the ceremony
- Kids want the dance and have the dance at a later date
- David Habib makes a proposal to purchase year books for all 8th grade students and the leftover funds allocated for the 8th grade promotion will go towards a cookout at a later date. Corinne Cooper seconds that motion. Unanimous vote to purchase raffle tickets.
- Jen Rubera proposes to put the library and stem committee work on hold to save money. David Habib. Unanimous vote to put the committees on hold.
- Possible idea to have sponsor make signs for the 8th graders. Corinne will contact Maura to look into this.
- 8th Grade Promotion Dance Committee
 - Maura Tucker and Hillary Oosting will co-chair.
 - Maura's e-mail: MauraMacc@gmail.com
 - Hillary's e-mail: hillaryoosting@comcast.net
 - Erin Sadek will help out as well.
 - The date is Tuesday, June 16th as of today.
- Planning for 2020-2021 School Year
- Open House
- Back to School Bash

VIII. Old Business

- MCAS Pep Rally/Event: Anne Lees and Jamie MacDonald will develop a proposal/plan for the MCAS Pep Rally/Event and present it at the March PTO meeting.
 - Hold a rally to help students get pumped up for MCAS.
 - Thinking of holding the event the Friday before MCAS starts.
 - Students can receive a bracelet with a positive message or word to motivate them.
 - To lessen the stress/pressure of the MCAS, we want to host an event to make it motivating
 - Update: Grade levels for responsible for hosting their own event/rally
 - **CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSING**
- Follow Up for Outdoor Equipment (Early donation to school)
 - Mr. Early attended the Site Council meeting. He will be purchasing 4 outdoor benches and installing them as well as 4 new basketball hoops. We will also be purchasing sports equipment boxes and raised garden beds/rain barrels.
- Sports Banquet: Jeff Harris
 - Last year, it was put on by sports parents. There were food donations, and desserts were made and purchased by the coaches. Tablecloths were purchased at Dollar Tree.
 - First hour was for eating, and the second hour was for presentations and “Poet Pride” Awards.
 - Each person that attended got cinch sacks. Money for the sports banquets was raised during concessions.
 - Possible gift ideas: Phone “pop sockets”, water bottles, etc.
 - Mr. Betty will include a post in his notes about a volunteer to coordinate the sports banquet. Jeff Harris the JGW staff member who can help. Dave Habib and Christine Beckwith are also able to help.
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- We also need a new scoreboard for the gym.
 - Can we get an estimate for what a scoreboard costs?
- Member of the team of volunteers that takes care of the Walnut Square School Clock. The team is looking to retire & would like to pass the torch to Walnut neighborhood families that may be interested.
 - Lisa DeMeo from the Walnut Square Clock Foundation organized to get the clock up and running, and there are 4 people who run it and are looking for others to step in and take it over.
 - Monthly maintenance that someone comes in to take care of. It is a matter of maintaining and managing it.
 - There is an endowment, so there is no need to fundraise.

- Everything is set up and runs well, we just need to maintain it.
- September 19, 1998 the clock struck and started running and it has been running ever since.
- If anyone is interested, please call Lisa DeMeo (978) 771-3779
lisad59@comcast.net.

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