

Annual PTO Board Meeting at JC Booth - Minutes from March 30th, 2021

Location: The Gym at JC Booth Middle School

Attendees:

PTO Board : Shannon Sylvester, Angie Keisling, Susan de la Cruz, Christine Shanus, Misty Ottenberg, Grainne Flanagan

Administration: Mr Greene, Ms. Seabolt, Ms. Ivey, Ms. Starr

Parents : Cindy Kyslinger, Stacey Helse, Leigh Cooper, Kathleen Waters, Carmen Zinn, Rich Helse, Lysha Wood, Kenon Flowers, Catrina Reid, Joy Flowers, Teodoro P., Jennifer Schopbach, Aimee Shaver, Krista Davis, Chase Brainard, Diane Benz, Sierra Chumbres, Hitlam Inndorf, Amanda Reiss, Reyna Gordoza, Margarita Austin, Dong hyeon (Ryan) Bang, Martin Mercier, Kimeri Akins, Kirstin Carlstrand, Kelly Timken, Serena Patel, JoJo Mekolichick, Mariez Kehmeier, Cara Lempka, Jason Poeffel, Brittain Kruse, Kim Arnzen, Vladimir Salazor, Syeda Khan, Janyl Poeffel, Jason O'Brien, Will Kling, Lisa Peavy, Shenee Jones, Emily Kulas

Welcome by Shannon Sylvester (President of PTO Board)

- Welcome and Introductions of the board and Mr Greene, Ms Seabolt, Ms Ivey and Ms Starr

Shannon

- Calendar review
 - Staff appreciation during the week beginning the April 12th
 - PTO offering something different each day
 - Tuesday (13th) will be the staff Luncheon
- Booth 101 – this is still TBD
- Camp Warrior will be on the 10th – 12th May
- Minutes from last meeting – last meeting was a coffee talk, informal setting and questions asked so no formal minutes to present.

Misty

- Presented the budget – which is included below.
- TCBY – on sale now one day a week in the cafeteria, averages \$130 a week
- Spirit night @ Moe's – we have just had one and will be having another one on May 18th
- Spirit Wear can be ordered online and will be delivered to your school.
- Camp Warrior is happening and can also be paid for online.
- 8th Grade celebration is happening and will put a dent in the budget but it has had a great response.

Shannon

TCBY

- happening every Friday with just the one person doing it so not too many people in the school.

Academic Recognition

- First one happens in the Fall. It is a goodie bag and the kids loved it.
- First one is only for 7th and 8th Graders as the PTO have no information of the 6th Graders grades from last year.
- The second one is a luncheon, and it serves all grades in the school.
- This year the luncheon was for 359 students.
- These student all have 90% and above in all of their subjects.
- Says a lot about the academic ability and success of JC Booth as a school.

Kindness Week

- Mahaffey Orthodontics sponsored and donated for this event.
- This year was different to previous years.
- Supplies were bought and the PTO partnered with Piedmont hospital in Fayetteville.
- The children made cards for staff & patients and the cards were dropped off and distributed to staff & patients.

Lost and Found

- This takes place once a month.
- Not as many items being lost this year as in previous years.
- Please tell your child to go check the lost and found section.
- They are allowed to look through all the items in order to find their own.
- If not collected the items are then donated to BLOOM.
- The items leave the building and are gone, so please get your children to look through Lost and Found.

8th Grade Celebration Banquet

- This will be a meal and a fun event for the 8th Graders.
- There will be a DJ and it will be happening in the Gym.
- It will be the last major event for the student to take place in the Gym before moving to the new school.

Camp Warrior

- Typically this happens in July.
- However this year the school will be shut for the summer for renovations so the new pupils won't be able to come in.
- Therefore Camp Warrior is now happening in May.
- 10th May will be for the Kedron Pupils
- 11th May will be for Crabapple and Peachtree Elementary pupils

- 12th May will be for the Huddleston pupils.
- It will be an evening event and you will get a tour time.
- There will be a Locker stop and demonstration.
- It will also include visiting the Media Centre, 6th Grade pod, Cafeteria.
- Ms Starr will be there and you will get to go by her office
- Ms Seabolt will be holding a fashion show to demonstrate what is acceptable in Middle School. Strappy tops and shorts that were acceptable in elementary, may not be acceptable in Middle School.
- This is a fun event and explains the dos and don'ts visually to the pupils.

Spirit Packs

- The PTO's aim is to get the items ordered back to you by the beginning of May so that you will have them before your tour of the school and you can wear them for your last month of Elementary
- All items will be sent back to your Elementary school for you

Camp Warrior and Spirit Packs can both be paid and ordered for online

Deadline for Camp Warrior booking is 3rd May

Deadline for Spirit Packs is 16th May

If you have any queries in relation to either please email Misty

Fine Arts

- There is lots of opportunity to volunteer and help run the Booster Clubs for the fine Arts.
- Band, Chorus and Orchestra all have Booster Clubs and all will be delighted to have parents volunteer some time to help with these.
- There will be a video presentation to the rising 5th Graders so that they will know about the Fine Arts.

Shannon handed over to Mr Greene

Mr Greene

- This has been a challenging year.
- PTO also do appropriations for the school and this input and support is very important and much appreciated.
- Starting the New School Year should be more normal than last year, although not as normal as previous years.
- School Council meeting was yesterday (Monday 29th March) and the plan is for the new school to be completed in December 2021 is still on track.
- There will be an Orientation/Open house of the new school building.
- It is based on Bennett's Mill Middle school. This is the youngest school in the county and it was built 12 years ago.
- There were discussion as to what after 10 years in the building would you change or rearrange

- Therefore the plan for the new Booth is a good one
- The band and Orchestra rooms are much larger and much nicer than at present
- There will be 2 Technology labs
- The Gym is much larger. Booth was built in 1978 and Gym's are much larger now so that is good.

Mr Greene then opened the meeting up to questions from the floor.

Q. How do we get to the new School?

- School Buses will be using the Stagecoach Road. The school will have to maintain that road.
- At present it is not paved but there is a possibility that it will be paved in the future.
- Especially as the School Buses will be using it to maintain the buses and prevent wear and tear on them.
- Cars will use the other entrance on Carriage Lane.
- Virtual Students will more than likely be a centralized model for the coming year.
- County working towards having a virtual school which will not be at the Booth. This was the plan before covid and it could happen within the next 5 years.

Q. What is the plan for virtual students next year?

- If Booth has enough virtual students they will stay as they were this year.
- 2020/2021 has a full team of students per year who were virtual. Therefore the teachers got to stay in the building and teach online to the virtual students.
- If there are less than 50 students choosing virtual then it will be difficult for the school to have a separate team per year as they did this year.
- There is constant planning with teams.

Q. Is there an Honor Team or "team of best students"?

- Although the Teams are called A, B, C and D they could easily be called Red, Green, Blue and Black or 1, 2, 3, 4. There is no streaming of children with regard to their grades from elementary school.
- There is no upper stream of children in just one a team. However due to the finite resources of teachers for special needs these children tend to be on the same team. Also ESOL students who will need extra attention will be looked at to ensure they get this in their team.
- In sixth grade there is one gifted subject offered and Accelerated math. Team A might have most of the gifted English students and Team B might have most of the gifted Math students etc. Although that might not be the case. It depends on how many gifted teachers there are in a team and at which grade level they are in.
- For example in 8th Grade there is also High School Physical Science but that we will talk about next year when your children are in 7th Grade.

Q. What are the connections?

- In elementary school they are called Specials. In high school they are called electives. In middle school they are connections and they are with everyone.
- Students will be in connections with students from the other teams in their grade.
- Connections are a 9 week class schedule, except for the Fine Arts which is a yearlong commitment.

- Connections are Art, Drama, Spanish, Technology, Broadcasting, Family & Consumer Science, PE, Project Adventure, Health. Support classes are also offered in Reading and Math during the connection periods.
- 6th Graders will have two connection period during the day.

Q. Can friends stay together?

- Requests are not taken for friends to stay together.
- Neither are requests taken for students to be assigned to special teachers.
- There is a rubric that the 5th Grade teachers use to put children forward for accelerated Math etc.

Q. Is the Rubric from the Milestone testing or not?

- Not sure where the Milestones will feature this year in the Rubric. The middle school does not have the rubric being used so this can be answered in more detail by the elementary school teachers. Testing is shorter this year. CCRPI requirement has been waived by the Federal Government.
- The school would like the students to test this year especially as it is not a High Stakes Year as the requirement has been removed. It is a year when the student can take the test with no pressure.
- Schools are aware that pupils will probably not score as well as they may have previously. This is because of the shutdown and virtual learning that started last March. Because of this there is no pressure on the children to perform as there might previously have been, however it is a good year to get the student back into the mind frame of testing, without the stress of testing.

Q. What is happening to this Booth?

- June 2nd School is shut for renovations.
- Electricians are already in the building starting work in the evenings/after hours in preparation for the summer.

Q. Why are we doing Camp Warrior tours at this Booth if the children have to start in the new building?

- Camp Warrior will be held in the current Booth building as the students will start the year here. They will attend this building until December 2021.
- There will be an orientation / open house of the new building for all students in all grades when it opens.

Q. How do the children find their way around, especially as in previous year's children in fifth grade changed classrooms and now this year they don't move. Instead the teachers move between the classrooms? How will they be able to adjust to that and get it right?

- The 6th Grade teachers are very aware that moving between the classrooms might be a worry or concern for some children.
- Yes some children will know within a day how to get from one class to another and some children it will take a little longer.
- On the Camp Warrior Tours the students will see how close all the classrooms are to each other. Some are simply across a corridor from each other.

- The 6th Grade pod is quite contained and therefore easy for the students to navigate.
- First week is mostly about operations. Teachers do spend a lot of time two helping students get to where they need to go.
- The 6th grade teachers are very kind, one of the reasons they are in 6th Grade.

Q. Is there a way to request a lower locker if you are vertically optimistic?

- Yes there is, please email and request that. Also if your child is very tall and the lower locker wouldn't be suitable please email.

Q. What sports can the 6th Graders do?

- 6th Graders cannot take part in sports however there are Intramurals.
- Intramurals are for all 6th graders and they are once a week after school.
- The PE, Project Adventure and Health coaches run Intramurals.
- They introduce a lot of sports to the children over the course of the year, all in a fun way.

Q. Who do we email if we have a problem?

- You should encourage the children to figure out how to solve their problems on their own.
- However should you need to email a teacher or if an issue isn't resolved please do email.
- It is good to get the children used to communicating with their teachers to resolve any issues, it prepares them for high school.

Q. What happens when they can't get their locker open?

- There are teachers who can help open lockers, especially in the first few weeks.
- Should you child forget their code please email the front office and Ms Seabolt will be able to help.
- Lockers sometime do stick and the children need not worry there is always someone to help.
- Also lockers can be reset by Ms Seabolt so the children shouldn't worry.

Spot Prizes

Shannon collected the bowl with the attendee's names within. Spot Prizes were then distributed to names drawn from the bowl.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was closed and adjourned with the premise that if anyone thought of other questions then please do email them to the PTO.

March Treasurer's Notes

Bank Reconciliation:

Current Bank Balance (March 30, 2021): \$40,096.50

Pending Debits: \$110.00 (TCBY)

\$64.00 (M&R- Re: 6th grade spirit packs)

Current PTO Balance: \$39,922.50

(Withheld previous two TCBY weeks, \$221, to serve as change for sales at upcoming events)

Monthly Matters:

TCBY: Averaging \$131 in weekly sales

8th Grade Celebration: Great turn out. T-shirts ordered (~\$900) Leaving us with ~\$4,000 to plan the event. (Majority of the money has yet to be transferred from webpage ecommerce site to our bank)

Upcoming Earning Events:

Moe's Night- May 18th. Order now!

Sixth Grade Spirit Packs- order forms delivered to feeder schools

Camp Warrior- Order forms to go out to feeder schools soon.

Booth 101- TBD