



JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
PTSO MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2011

Welcome

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Co-President Tasha McIntyre. A vacancy has occurred in the former PTSO President position, so with this vacancy, the Vice-President and President positions were re-titled as Co-President positions, and a process to fill the other Co-President position will be discussed later in this meeting.
- 2011-2012 PTSO Board introductions included: Linda Paladino, Treasurer and Jennifer Turpin, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

- The Treasurer's reports were presented by Treasurer Linda Paladino. As of July 31, 2011 the balance was \$7,733.23 and as of August 26, 2011 the balance is \$7,733.82.

Minutes/Correspondence

- Minutes from the June 2, 2011 meeting were distributed and approved.

Reports

Student representative from NJHS, Megan Naglich

- Bagel sales to benefit the Hope Drive will be held on Friday, September 23. The cost is \$1.00 per bagel.
- Spaghetti dinner will be held in the Fall to benefit JMS Hope Fund
- On October 16, 2011 at Bethel Lutheran, students and volunteers will package non-perishable goods for the needy

Teacher Representative, Mrs. G. Bowman welcomed everyone back to school and is looking forward to another successful school year.

- Teachers have been busy acclimating students to JMS

Principal, Mr. Lavender, presented the Principal's Report informing parents of the following:

- As a way to encourage family involvement Mr. Lavender provided information about the JMS Giving Garden.
 - The Giving Garden is the start of an urban farm that creates a garden and uses the harvest to provide food to the community and get people connected in a positive way.
 - Project Science is an extension of JMS Science program, headed up by teachers Mrs. S. Bowman and Mrs. Beckman. These teachers are helping to head up the Giving Garden project through Project Science to get JMS students involved with planting, growing, and harvesting the garden.
 - A local Boy Scout Eagle project is being reviewed that will enhance the Giving Garden by erecting a fence and building planter boxes in the area around the green house.
- Construction throughout the school continues. To date two classrooms have been built that were designed with state of the art technology, new vehicle lanes were developed and it seems to be helping during drop off and pick up times, a new staff lounge & bathroom constructed, and 8 new tennis courts were built. Administrative Staff, including Principal, Vice-Principal, Secretaries, and Counselors, are sharing the former computer lab during construction and look forward to new offices in December.
- JMS instituted a Boot Camp to start the 2011-2012 school year. The themes support the Positive Behavior System (PBS) program. They include topics such as how to be a successful student, good hygiene practices and the importance of good nutrition. These programs have already shown to be successful by the actions of students and staff has commented on good behavior being shown in hallways.
- The Hats for Hunger fundraiser is being held on Friday September 23, 2011 to raise money for the Kids for Hunger project. Students may wear a hat during school, on Friday only, if they make a \$1 donation to purchase a pass.
- NWEA will be held the week of September 19, 2011, which is the first of three NWEA tests given throughout this school year. The assessment will focus on the areas of reading, language usage, and math.
- Mr. Lavender discussed the state of Michigan annual yearly progress requirements and Lakeview schools progress. The top to bottom list published in local news outlets refers to the percentage of growth change from one year to another. Mr. Lavender stated JMS has consistently scored well, with not much change from year to year.
- MEAP testing will occur in October. Mr. Lavender explained MEAP benchmarks and state of Michigan expectations.



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Old Business

- The student picnic sponsored by PTSO the last full day of school in June was a huge success. A lunch of hot dog, chips, water, banana, and cookie was provided to 1,000 students and staff. There was plenty of food for all in attendance and the picnic costs were under budget.
- JMS Giving Garden is supported by the PTSO with \$1,650 being set aside to support the Boy Scout Eagle project. When the Eagle project plans are finalized and implementation dates are determined, the PTSO membership will be notified. And information about the Giving Garden will be provided in the coming months.

New Business

- PTSO Co-President position will be filled by an election process. Nominations for Co-President will be accepted during the October 13, 2011 meeting and an election to fill the Co-President position will be held during the November 17, 2011 meeting.
- Chairpersons are needed for the following PTSO sponsored 2011-12 school year activities:
 - Market Day
 - Fall Event; also looking for ideas & support to hold this event tentatively scheduled for October 21, 2011.
 - Spring Event; also looking for ideas & support to hold this event tentatively scheduled for May 4, 2012.
 - Spirit Wear Co-Chair is needed
- Suggested events for fall/spring include: Movie day/night, Talent Show and Dodge Ball tournament.
- Spirit Wear fall sales will include sweatshirts, sweatpants, aluminum water bottles, decal stickers, and t-shirts. Look for a flyer to be posted on the school website and sent home in the coming weeks.
- Poker night volunteers are needed for 3 hour shifts October 30 & 31 and November 20 & 21. This fundraiser is being held at Sunnybrook Lanes, 17 mile & VanDyke, is facilitated by state of Michigan authorized Schwin Poker, and raised over \$2,000 for the JMS Hope fund this past summer. Funds raised from these events will continue to support JMS and Relay for Life team fundraising. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact April Ferrari, PTSO Volunteer Coordinator, and complete a Volunteer Sheet that can be turned into the school office.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the JMS Media Center.