

JSSVPA BOARD MEETING - October 20, 2021

Attendance:

Board Members: Jen Riefe, Eleanor Husman, Amy Hannus, Julia Peterson, Nora Jewett, Stephanie Joyce, Kathy Ambrosino, Sarah Hallack, Beth Ottsen, Jennifer Dixon, Kristin Pilant, Bridget Pennise, Betsy Kilroy, Valerie Gaines

Attendee: Kate Tarbert

1. Approve September 15th Meeting Minutes: Beth motioned to approve the minutes, Amy and Jennifer seconded. The minutes were approved.

2. Principal/Superintendent Report: Kate Donegan and Stephanie Helfand were unable to attend this meeting, due to a priority at the school.

3. Presidents Report: (Beth filled in for Robin) A reminder that Board members are required to volunteer for events, as much as possible.

4. Treasurers Report: (Valerie) Class party reimbursements are happening and 80% of parents have paid their dues.

5. VP of Sub-Committees: (Beth):

a) Book fair will take place the week after Halloween (Nov 3rd - 5th) and students will go with their classes. Parents are only allowed after school, 3:15-5:00, not with your child. Kids can put books on hold, for parents to purchase after school. Options to buy books: 1. Send money with your child 2. Go after school in person 3. Set up an e-wallet for your children, and there is a spending limit attached. This is one of the biggest fundraisers for the school. Sign Up Genius is coming out for volunteers. Beth will look into option of creating a 'wish list' for teachers and our library, that parents can donate to. Money raised through the Book Fair goes back to our library to purchase books and use for e-subscriptions.

b) Halloween - kids can stay for lunch or go home, then return in costume for the parade, and finish the day with grade level party. Only room parents are to be in the classrooms.

c) Enrichment: is going well. Jr High hasn't done any field trips yet, as getting busses are an issue, with Covid cancellation policies.

- d) Creative Dramatic: Chess and debate are going along well
- e) Lost and Found: 16 hoodies need their homes! Items will be donated after Halloween.
- f) Picture Day: retakes can be scheduled with Pamela Norris, by Friday, October 22. Order pictures by Oct. 22nd, for free shipping. If your child did not bring home their order sheet, you can go on Stuart-Rodgers to view photos.
- g) Veterans Day (Mindy Kelly is chair) - identified 5 veterans to participate and a service project is being worked on for the kids (ie: writing letters of gratitude, or putting together toiletry kits). A zoom call with a veteran speaking with the students is being worked on, as an option.
- H) Bernie's Books - Beth will check into this to see if this is going to run this year.

6. VP of Inclusion: (Sarah and Beth filled in): We had our first winners of Common Threads (bingo game) and 14 students had cookies, cupcakes and lemonade with the Administration. Tables of 8 was held on Oct. 16th - 6 dinners were held and feedback continues to be positive. We are now a Unified Champion School for Special Olympics. More to come on how this will be implemented into the curriculum. Initial event may be Polar Plunge on the blacktop.

7. VP of Green (Heritage Tree Program): (Julia) Bake sales are wrapping up, and they were wildly successful. The goal of each grade being to donate a large canopy tree is going to happen. We have raised more money than initially anticipated. Bike/Walk to school - 200 kids - 2nd grade class won

8. VP of Community Relations: (Jennifer)

- a) Park District - K-3 house league basketball is looking for parent volunteer coaches.
- b) Cubs - registration is open, with next session beginning on Monday, October 25th.
- c) Last food Truck is Oct. 25th
- d) Pumpkin Carving is Sunday, on Oct. 24th, from 10:30 - 12:00. Registration is required.
- e) Village Update – They wished to thank Julia for the efforts around the Heritage Tree Program. 67 trees have been planted, towards the goal of 125.

- f) Focus Groups through the Village – the community is encouraged to attend the Village Board meeting about the future of Kenilworth Business District. October 25th is next meeting to discuss
- g) School board - next meeting is Nov 8th
- h) Boy Scouts - are beginning their popcorn sales, online and they have completed some camp outs.
- i) DEB - trying to gauge parent community on different ethnic, cultural diversity, socio economic diversity, sexual identity. More details are in the DEB email and the next meeting is October 26th.
- j) Outdoor Mural - working with administration, early stages
- k) New Trier: 8th grade Nov 13th is placement tests. The test is comprised of writing assessment, reading, math, comprehension, with 210min of total test minutes.
- l) Family Action Network - no liaison yet. On Oct. 26th a college admissions process event is coming up. Please reach out if you know of anyone who is interested in this role. Suggestion was made to add this request to the newsletter.
- m) Alliance for Early Childhood - Kyra Nelson is the new rep. Let's Play event in Glenview on St Nov. 15th

9. Booster: (Kathy and Amy)

a) Homecoming: Kick ball was big success with 75 participants. 30 kids participated in pep squad and the future goal is for pep to continue at upcoming school sporting events.

The kids were highly involved, and a huge key to success. The Administration want to keep the momentum going, and make it better and better next year! It was a highly collaborative event between families, students, alumni, and administration. A Class of 1950 member stayed for all the tours, stayed for kickball and bought some spirit wear - he said he is looking forward to next year and "I'm reliving my youth". The gentleman sent an email after with some great feedback, and this will be shared with extended group. Feedback is most welcome and appreciated, so we can continue to evolve this

b) Spirit wear sales are coming up - closing on Nov 6th, for holiday arrivals. Online shopping is available and preferred. Next one will come in the Spring, to offer items for the summer.

- c) Turkey Trot - week before the holiday week and the kids will use their PE time.
- d) Food drive will return for this year, for the New Trier Food Pantry. Goal last year was 1000 cans, and we achieved 3000 units of food, \$760 cash donations.
- e) Sports Exchange Equipment: The Sport Shed is an organization that supports under-funded schools. Waiting to hear more specifics, with a target of January to run first collection. Looking to have the kids involved as much as possible, collect it, inspect the equipment for repairs that are needed, before passing it along to Sport Shed.
- f) Survey: part of the goal of Booster is to get kids moving. We are creating a survey to receive feedback on what parents/kids/teachers would like at recess, then match this with what the school is able to supervise and manage at recess time.
- g) Booster group has many items that have been acquired for events and they will make a list of items, to share for other areas to use.

Amazon Smile: is still underway and information will be sent out to new families, as to how to participate in the program. Funds raised will be communicated to the community, so all are aware of what is being raised for the school.

Giving Tree: \$11,800 has been raised, from 132 families. This will cover holiday gifts, but we have only reached 50% of total year goal. A banner outside the school will be added in November, and newsletter communication to promote this initiative.

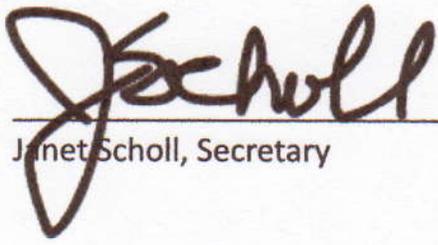
10. Adjourn: Beth motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sarah and Betsy. Motion to adjourn approved.

NEXT MEETING: November 10th, 2021 at 8:20am

Respectfully submitted by:



Beth Ottsen, Vice President



Janet Scholl, Secretary