

GD Jones PTO Meeting November 16, 2015

The following people present. Robin Kordus, Justin Sorenson, Kristin Puleau, Kerri Radtke, Jeff Smart, Kristinia Smart, Britta Mushinske, Cassie Talwar, Devanne Skalitzky, Sarah Finer, Erica Schuster, Kim Hoffman

Meeting was called to order by 6:00 PM

We elected a New President Justin Sorenson replacing Stephanie Wiesenberger who stepped down. We also elected Kristin Ruleau as our Vice President. No one at this time expressed interested as a secretary and we will try to advertise the open position.

Spirit Shirt update from Justin. Sales went pretty well selling 89 Pieces. We did invest money to purchase an extra 100 gold short sleeve shirt. We also had 4 donated t-shirts and Robin will be checking into distribution of the shirts. We discuss the possibility of a special 5th grade t-shirt as a sign of remembrance of their time at Jones. The 5th grade will design the shirt and planning could start right after winter break. Maybe just a date and classmate signatures. This would be a great idea for May 20th for the Water park trip and the last week of school for the Kickball game.

Bingo Night was very successful in attendance in October but our November was low. We discussed the idea of what might have caused the low attendance. We discuss making sure our events are not competing with our district events. The idea of changing the meal option from Hot dogs to bbq or hot ham was explored. Robin will check if we can prepare the food on our own or if we need a district employee if kitchen. Our January bingo night is set up for our 4th grade Madison trip and a possibility of the 5th grade run the February bingo. Large amount of soda left and we still can profit.

Box top competition ended with a profit of \$555, and envelopes were returned to classes. We let teachers know that they can start collecting now and place them in their envelopes.

Community based fund raising. We have been in contract with two business and will be setting up dates. The Panda Express is a non-volunteering event we would just need to advertise. 10 Percent of sale would go to the school. They accept request on line and Justin will be trying to set up a date in December. Pizza Ranch will also do a Night for us Monday thru Thursday and we would like to pursue a date in January. This would also require advertisement and 5 to 10 volunteers. We would get a 20 percentage on sales and any tips made that night. Volunteers would be bussers and would need to be 16 years or older.

Devanne Skalitzky Spoke of the PBIS celebrations. They are still looking for a parent representative, volunteers for the upcoming celebration and assistance in running the school store during school hours. Volunteering opportunities are available for the Saverage hunt on December 2 (2:20-3:20) in the halls and the matrix walk on January 5th & 6th (1:20-2:20). Again supervision of student. A suggestion was made to include these opportunities on Volunteer one and Kim Hoffman will be setting this up.

Family School dance would be set up for Friday February 12th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. This would require an adult to be present and also we will be looking into a theme. We can obtain the services of a dj for about \$250.

A possibility of a school movie night was suggested and after discussion it was tabled at this time.

On April 8th we will try to host our first ever talent show.

April 19th will be our school spring concert and April 26th was scheduled as our school Art show. We agreed to provide the Ice cream for a social to encourage participation at the art show.

We are still looking into a major fund raiser.

A meeting was set up for November 19th at 6:30 with the " juggler with the yellow shoes" He is a \$1000 a night performer but will discuss a way of him coming for free.

We will also be looking into a dinner like other PTOs have had for many years. Huge success has been shown by other pto's in the district. Kristin talked about Stettin PTO pancake freed. Special raffles.

Read-a-thon instead of a product sales

Spirit sticks as a fund raiser as an option for school spirit. Product can be obtained through spirit monkey.com

Scholastic book fair will be scheduled along with spring conferences. Option to use the library will have to be discuss with Laurie.

Meeting adjourned.