

## JLPA Minutes- 09/12/17

Present: Thomas Ford, Christine Gerardi, Melissa DiPietro, Colby Fraschilla, Chris McInvale, Cathy Thiel, Christina Collin, Loretta Zupnik, Helen Putnam, Stacy Allen, Danielle Traves, Theresa Weimann, Sarah Jane Dailey, Betsy Girgenti

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Call to order: 6:30PM

1. About the JLPA:
  - **MY SCHOOL ANYWHERE.** New Parent Portal: **Add your family's information!**
    - \* **LINK:** [www.myschoolanywhere.com/join.a5w](http://www.myschoolanywhere.com/join.a5w)
    - \* **ACCESS CODE: JLPA2017**
  - Christine Gerardi has been President for the past 5 years
  - Informal meetings
  - Free to join and attend
  - Provide Updates/Information
  - You don't have to volunteer
  - Pay for all resident artists – main fundraiser
  - Help with field trips/busses
  - Currently post minutes on district website; May be able to post through new website
2. PaperHouse Productions/JLPA:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Graders are able to join. Kids make friends from other area schools.
  - Several different types of parts: chorus, stage, non-talking , special interests
  - Main contact: Mark Dionne. Website: Paperhouse Productions
  - This year's performance: "Mulan". Dates: 2/16 – 2/18. Snowdates: 2/23-2/25.
  - Registration: After 9/17, register by mail. Fills up quickly. Or email the form, located on the district website as a community flyer.
  - Fee \$120
  - Paperhouse profits 90%, while the JLPA profits 10%. Guaranteed at least \$1500 (last year's profit was \$2500)
3. 2017-2018 School Year Start – Thank you for Hospitality: Nina Healy. Parent Orientation: Thank you to the McInvalles for talking with parents about Corn Booth and having sign up for My School Anywhere available.
4. Stop & Shop/ Price Chopper/ Shop Rite: Earn money for John Lyman through purchases: sign up through My School Anywhere website.
5. Mr. Ford Updates:
  - Thanks to those who came out for the meeting tonight! Excited for this year.
  - Thank you for all the work the JLPA does to provide for our kids and families.
  - Thanks to Hospitality Committee for opening day of school – refreshments for all to enjoy.
  - So far, everything's running smoothly.
  - Busses have been clearing at the time they typically do throughout the year, so that's good.
  - Great group of Kindergarteners joined us this year. They're doing great!

- Look for Updates through School Messenger. Trying to communicate as much as we can electronically to cut back on paper. Started using tool last year. Improving with use of it this year. Powerschool as well – can be challenging to log in each year.
- Starting as a district of taking advantage of the Ecollect system. Strong uses it a lot.
- If you have any questions about the info sent home today – please call the office. 2 things parents are asked to complete.
- Community Fliers – started using link last year – same system used this year. The email today just reminds us all where to find. Brings us to Google Drive – posting the District Facebook page. Link on the webpage easier to navigate. Posting things from the town websites too.
- This year JL moving into 21<sup>st</sup> century to electronically sign up for conferences! Will be able to sign up at home online. Brewster teachers tried a tool last year – Memorial uses something else. We'll be researching to see what will work best for us.
- REMINDER: No school next Friday for Durham Fair.
- School Calendar – two types of early dismissal: Regular early dismissal days (i.e.: before holidays) vs. Professional Development early dismissal days.
  - \* Professional development days: 12:05 pm dismissal.
  - \* Regular early dismissal days: 1:30pm dismissal.
  - \* First early dismissal is Thurs 9/28. We will have lunch – just shortening lunch waves. Might do easier type of hot lunch like grab and go. More info to come.

6. Updates on Resident artists:

- 3rd & 4<sup>th</sup> start with Carole Glynn – theater and story telling goes with Native American theme.
- Funded ENTIRELY by JLPA. Committee went Friday to “Arts for Learning” showcase to see if there was anything else we might want to add this year.

7. Fundraising Ideas:

- Open to other ideas too.
- Some fundraising we do doesn't raise a lot of \$\$ but is good for the kids (i.e. Square 1 Art).
- Movie night is one idea, or a fall theme day (i.e.: harvest fest).
- Also, doing the Spook Fest again this year – run by the Park and Rec. Plan to do more food and fewer desserts this year, and be more prepared now that we know what to expect. Plan to ask volunteers to sign up to bring things like we do for the Durham Fair. Use grill for hotdogs, etc. Get the word out early enough so we have more volunteers.
- Colby to reach out.

8. Open Slate of Officers: Christine's email is on the district website if interested

9. My School Anywhere:

- The website has been a big help.
- 105 families signed up so far.
- Very easy to sign up, and then you get email alerts.
- Right now it says John Lyman School – we're going to switch it so that it says “JLPA” .
- Minutes will be sent through My School Anywhere website. If you haven't signed up – please do. There's a link to sign up for Corn Booth as well.

- Will not have to register with My School Anywhere every year – once you’ve registered once, you’re all set.

#### 10. Corn Booth Updates:

- Need volunteers to co-chair corn booth
- My School Anywhere doing great for help with sign ups.
- Had some great help from volunteers this week.
- Tent is up and cleaned.
- Friday more volunteers to help rake mulch.
- Doing well with water. Need 15 more cases. Need 30 of 70 pounds of butter still. Gloves etc. are covered.
- We usually have a supervisor position for the corn booth. Which we’re having difficulty filling. This position usually requires a more seasoned person incase the other volunteers in charge need to leave. Also this volunteer is used as an extra shift if someone doesn’t show up for his/her shift. Supervisor can FILL any position.
- REMINDER: Volunteers must wear a hat in all stations while volunteering.
- Volunteers can bring kids – they are not allowed near the cooking and money, but they can sit in the area where the corn is being shucked etc. Just not where there’s anything hot. Kids can hand out corn samples, wear corn costume – need volunteers please!
- Saving \$\$ on fridge that was being delivered from MA. Now being ordered from North Haven. Found a cheaper propane supplier. Don’t have to pay for fire extinguisher this year. Someone is donating it.
- Muffins – getting 20 dozen this year. Any questions just ask Christine.
- Military Day Sunday –free admittance to fair. Our booth gives a free ear of corn to each Vet as they show their military ID. Chris to put together info for a VA flyer.
- Corn pricing: \$3.00 a pc. or 2 for \$5 – same as last year.
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING SHIFTS:
  - \* Sunday night Take Down: need 3-4 more people. Bare – 8 people per shift.
  - \* Friday: 5 spots in afternoon and 5 in evening.
  - \* Sat: 5-8 shift and 8-11 no one signed up – we will need to close the booth if no one signs up. Get in for free if you have an opening shift.

11. Facebook: JLPA has a Facebook page – please “Like” us.

12. Spook Fest at Peckham Park – trunk or treat: 10/28: 5-6:30pm. Free admission – but we charge for food. We’ll sell food items (i.e. mac and cheese, hot dogs, turkey chili, popcorn, chips, hot cocoa, cider, etc.

Call to Adjourn: 7:30 pm