

## JLPA Minutes- 11/14/17

Present: Thomas Ford, Christine Gerardi, Melissa DiPietro, Colby Fraschilla, Kelly Fuller, Christina Collin, Loretta Zupnik, Helen Putnam, Maya Liss, Carolyn Janis

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Call to order: 6:33 PM

1. Mark: Play updates:
  - Going smoothly. Plenty of volunteers. Most items needed have been donated.
2. Ways and Means Dance:
  - Family winter dance (in the gym)
  - Here at school 6-8pm Friday night with DJ - Austin Daily and Red Supreme Productions are donating their time (light show, dancing, photo booth )
  - Asking for donations instead of charging entrance fee.
  - Community gathering and fundraising through donations
  - Website set up already for donations: YouCaring.com – can also send donations into school with students. Or bring money that night.
  - Providing light snacks and drinks (not dinner)
  - Lyman's might donate donuts etc. – need to follow up.
  - Siblings may attend, not open to whole community this year. We'll see how it goes. Right now just JL families
  - Popcorn, juice boxes and water bottles (some leftover from Spookfest)
  - Encourage families to eat dinner before or after the event. No tables available for dinner
  - All children should be accompanied by an adult.
3. Community roundup:
  - Every JL student will get a coupon for ice cream in the cafeteria. Also, (5) \$10 GC offered to participating teams
4. Colby with budget updates:
  - Spookfest: \$1406 earned this year – triple what we brought in last year. Donations and extra help in the kitchen helped out immensely. \$106 was donated by the Middlefield Republicans.
  - Corn Booth: \$8000 earned.
5. Halloween Spook Fest updates:
  - Very successful
  - Thanks to Chris McInvale, Christina Collins, Mrs. Beara and friend helped watch the kids.
  - Almost sold out of everything
  - Donations and extra volunteers were a huge help. Got very busy
  - Good idea to have food tickets. It was helpful. Need different color tickets or larger tickets. Need to tweek a little next year.
  - Have extra juice boxes and water
  - Maybe combine booth with Brewster PTO next year to make it more about community
  - Feedback for P&R: Needs better lighting, events were slightly disorganized, very long lines
6. Corn Booth updates:

- Thanks to everyone who donated, volunteered time, went to corn booth
- Chris and Melissa have done a great job keeping our costs low and setting things up
- Need to tweek a few things for next year:
  - \* New idea: Street corn (aka Mexican Corn) – take it off the cob and mix it in with cilantro, lime juice, hot sauce, etc.
  - \* Corn is too hot (need solution)
  - \* Chris to talk to Durham Fair Committee regarding why there was competing Corn Booth allowed this year (down by bus drop off).
  - \* May also discuss new location for our booth – not a lot of traffic (maybe down by the busses drop off/pick up or the Co-op booth – maybe consider having more than one vendor there...not all the space is being utilized and it's a big space.
  - \* Corn muffins went well. Thank you to Melissa's school's assistance with baking them.

7. Mr. Ford Updates:

- Next week with Thanksgiving – first 1:30 early release day – next Wednesday
- Thanksgiving 11/23 & 11/24 school district closed
- “Sign-up Genie” feedback for Conferences – easy to use, working well. Email reminder 2 days in advance. Teachers get an email showing the parents who have signed up too.
- 11/29 & 11/30 Conference day – Reg. 1:30 early release days. (W&TH)
- 12/01 Friday – School Dance night 6-8PM
- 12/06: 12:05 Early Dismissal
- 12/22: 1:30 Early Release before the Holiday break
- Early March – new type of Family Share Night – Learning Fair. Possibly March 1<sup>st</sup>. Interactive, hands on, across the curriculum. Drop in mode with different activities going on.

8. MySchoolAnywhere:

- Seems to be working well – easy way to share Minutes too
- Make sure you sign up if you have not.
- Yard Goats: Discounted rate, portion goes to the school. Volunteers have to run their concession booth – guarantee at least one whole section of the place. Checking it out.
- January:  $\frac{3}{4}$  Chorus Wolf Pack Game – with Mr. Meurs.

9. Cultural arts update: (Kelly and Maya):

- Carol Glynn worked with Gr 3& 4 on Native American Origin Stories – completed, and completely funded by JLPA. Went really well.
- Theater artist. K-2 working with Derron Wood with colleague Victor – artist from Flock Theater - working on light and shadows with grades 1-2. K – working on character development with Super Hero Reading Powers. Three of the  $\frac{1}{2}$  classes covered by Hot School. JLPA covers the remaining  $3\frac{1}{2}$  classes and the K. Starts in December and carries into January
- Related Arts Residency Field Trip to The Hartford Symphony (10:30AM) for entire school! Early March. Appropriate for K-4 Audience. Completely JLPA funded, parents won't be charged. Already in the budget!

- Looking to bring back the Lolly Pop Opera – quite popular program. Fractured fairy tale type program. Trying to bring in diversity in the types of arts experiences that we bring in for the students.
- Thanks to Maya and Kelly for their help in finding these programs

10. Brewster Main Upcoming Fundraisers:

- 12/10 Paint Night with Loved one – ages 5+ at Brewster School. \$35pp/\$65 for pair.
- Disney on Ice Jan 14 \$25
- Wolf Pack -Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> 3pm
- [www.groupmatics.events/Brewsterelementary](http://www.groupmatics.events/Brewsterelementary)

11. Ski Club:

- This Friday, last day for sign-up
- Check out RSD13 website. Grades 3-4
- Powder Ridge has agreed to keep cafeteria open until 9PM this year

12. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> BOE meeting coming up at CHS

- State Budget was processed and impacts towns directly.
- Educational Cost Share Money that towns receive from state, got significant reductions.

Call to Adjourn: 7:42 pm