

## JLPA Minutes- 03/7/17

Present- Alison Gaffney, Chris McInvale, Christina Collin, Thomas Ford, Mark Dionne, Colby Fraschilla, Kelly Fuller, Christine Gerardi, Melissa DiPietro, Jennifer Wells DiPentima, Maya Liss,

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Call to order: 6:38PM

### 1) PLAY UPDATES: SHREK 4/21-4/23:

- Play Bill next to complete – Dave Wray to design
- Ticket sales will start soon with parents: likely April 1<sup>st</sup>. Show Tix system used for selling tickets. Ticket prices=\$7 for tickets (same as last year). Offering 2 Complimentary tickets in advance again for each kid in the cast (physical tickets).
- We have a Square that can be used now for credit cards for those businesses that want to advertise in play bill ...Small fee associated with it, but worth it for the sales.
- Will invite VIPs: Board of Selectman, music teachers, principals, etc
- Practices have been going well – Sunday feedback welcomed: mixed reviews regarding Sunday practices. Many like Sunday practices, some do not like it...have had some families do just Fridays who can't do Sundays. Sundays seem a little more focused ...Fridays kids are a little burnt out. Volunteers have mentioned they prefer Sundays.
- Some items needed for the props: old bed sheets, etc. Mark will send list to Christine and we'll get it on the FB page. Also will send leftover pictures for the photo wall. Mark will get full cast list to Colby.
- Theater camp summer session discussion – 2 sessions going to be offered this year: one for older, one for younger kids. Alice Wonderland Jr. for kids entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up; Teen theater: kids entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

### 2) Mr. Ford Updates:

- No school this Friday.
- Conferences coming up (3/22 & 3/23). Early Release Days - reminders have gone home and/or will be going home this week.
- Sally Rogers (resident artist) working with Kindergarten classes starting this week. Great feedback from 1/2 classrooms.
- Related arts teaching residency coming up in the spring. Art/music collaboration to go out in the courtyard – whole school project to work on in May. Nancy Fishell – teaching artist.
- Thanks to JLPA for the cultural arts presentations that have happened recently.
- 3/24 Author/Illustrator, JL alumni: Brendan Wenzel - full day visit.. Whole group assembly at the end of the day for all students. Great example for the kids.

### 3) Hospitality – March Conferences: Thank you to staff for the refreshments last meeting...brought as a thank you to the JLPA. Hospitality -March conferences: Perfect Potluck.com to sign up for making a contribution.

### 4) CRHS Scholarship committee: From JLPA to a graduating senior - \$250 scholarship. The scholarship committee will pick out the person, to make sure it's someone who hasn't already received a scholarship. We've done this the last few years. We ask that they consider giving it to a JL graduate. Committee to give away the award in May 2017.

- 5) VP to have slate for officers for next year: Let Christine know if anyone is interested in not returning to their position for next year or would like to volunteer for another position. All Executive Board members are up for re-election: President, Vice President, Treasurer. Ancillary Committees need assistance:
  - Yearbook committee needs more helpers! Need photos of concerts, assemblies, etc. from parents/teachers
  - Ways & Means (needs co-chair).
  - Corn Booth, Reading Counts (daytime position).
- 6) 4<sup>th</sup> Grade t-shirts: Looking for design ideas for t-shirts. Property of JL on the front. Colby will get a copy of the 2017 and a 17 for us to review and decide what we'll have on the back.
- 7) Box Tops – we get quite a bit of money from them. Please encourage friends/family to send them in.
- 8) Volunteer Spot: Melissa McInvale – there'll be a volunteer spot to sign up for needed materials to help with putting together the SHREK photo wall.
- 9) Board of Ed Budget Discussion: Going to be a challenging budget season. State Budget - Redistribution of ECS funds – due to state deficit. Most towns are losing a big chunk of their ECS funding. Will likely have an impact on communities like ours. Shifting some responsibilities from the state (i.e. teacher retirements) – to the towns. Towns are concerned about their own budgets. Superintendent Budget put forward a couple weeks ago. Proposed elimination of middle school sports; add fulltime preschool; (some pushback). Superintendent's budget came in with a 3.43% increase. Kindergarten will be down to two sections due to decreased enrollment.

Adjourn: 8:00pm