

## JLPA Minutes- 05/9/17

Present- Thomas Ford, Marie Greco, Christine Gerardi, Melissa DiPietro, Colby Fraschilla, Chris McInvale, Jennifer Wells DiPentima, Brian Dreyfus

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Call to order: 6:38PM

- Marathon Fundraiser:
  - 5/21 2pm. Already \$895 raised.
  - Brian Dreyfus: 2 weeks away – website this year. Would like it posted on the JLPA FB page, also through school messenger.
    - Next Wed – send message out, if you can't participate, please help with donations (i.e. contribute a small amount in honor of your children or friends to support the school).
    - Announce at Assembly next week. Mention that whatever kids run is counted toward their go far miles. Try to get the word out more.
  - Chris to bring Popcorn machine to Brian's house. There will be other food.
  - Right now about 30 or so kids. Jump Rope for heart too close to this race...families feeling over solicited with fundraising. Not getting the interest we wanted. Last year we raised \$1500.
  - Austin Daly asked to DJ, but has other commitments.
  - Talk regarding finding a different time of year to hold the marathon...potentially fall after Durham Fair would be better...or to have a dance in the fall as a fundraiser.
- June Meeting: Chris to run meeting, Voting on slate of officers, possible proxy vote: Tuesday 6/6.
- Mr. Ford updates:
  - Thanks to parents for helping with staff appreciation week.
  - SBAC testing went well.
  - K size for next year: Looking at 2 K classes (1 less than this year). 6 sections  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 5 sections  $\frac{3}{4}$  - same as this year.
  - Pink calendar with important dates went home. Some highlights:
    - 1-2 Special persons day this Friday.
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parent band info night 5/15 at Brewster.
    - Field day 5/26 Friday – early dismissal day...busses bring kids directly to/from Peckham. In event of inclement weather, raindate Tuesday 5/30. Raindate full day of school – field day would still be a half day, busses would bring kids back to JL for the day. Show the school play the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the day.
    - JL/Memorial band concert : Thrs 6/1: 2:30/6:30pm.
    - K-6 Share Fair : Thursday 6/8.– date switched to 6/14 Wed. (drop-in event between 6-7:30).
    - 4<sup>th</sup> grade recognition assembly Fri 6/16 (Let school know if parent is unable to attend).
    - Step up day Monday 6/19.
    - Last Day of School: Tuesday 6/21.
- Play Updates:

- Mark Dionne will come to June mtg:
- Production week went really well, great help from volunteers.
- Almost 1600 people came to the show.
- Still some reimbursements to return – final report coming in June.
- Any questions please don't hesitate to ask him.
- There were some microphone issues.
- Note board went really well – big thank you to Chris and Kristy Crouch for help setting it up. Thank you to Stacey Allen who worked the weekend and Colby Fraschilla.
  - Profited \$790 from the notes.
- Teacher appreciation: Cookies in lounge: Thanks for Making our kids such smart cookies: love the JLPA
- Field Day: Still looking for volunteers. JLPA only hands out the food.
- Yearbook: Going well. Please send more pictures! If you didn't order for a yearbook, we'll still take last minute orders.
- Gardening Committee:
  - Putting planters out for Specials Persons day.
  - Related Arts residency with Nancy Fishell starting. Going to create an outdoor learning/nature/garden outside art room. Each class will have a role in helping to develop this. Starting next Monday 5/15. Memory Garden to get a facelift. All the Poison Ivy will be removed. Country Flower Farms donating seedlings – looking for volunteers in helping to deliver the trays.
  - Summer garden care sign-up for families if they want to sign up to weed over the summer around JL.
- Chris McInvale: Fundraising idea: SAVERS will do a fundraiser for your school. Set up place for people to donate – people donate, SAVERS gives money back to the school. Chris and Christine to check into, to make sure other schools in the district don't already do this fundraiser.

Call to Adjourn: 7:50pm