JMST PTO General Membership Meeting

March 4, 2020

Call to order and Welcome.

Secretary’s Report: February minutes were reviewed. Jeanne Takeda made a motion to approve the minutes. Gina Braznell seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Principal’s Report: Ms. Hastey welcomed everyone. She explained that at JMS the main focus is instruction and teachers and administrators are reviewing data and individual student’s needs to maximize instruction success. She thanked the Global Education Focus Group volunteers for their help. The site visit was a success and JMS is ahead of the expectations for a school one year in to the program. The areas of strength include having a safe, inclusive, welcoming community; a multi-tiered system of support and intervention for student success; a systematic approach to assessment; and using data to inform instruction and decisions. The areas of growth include publicizing the Global Education program at JMS, developing opportunities for students to collect and reflect through the use of a portfolio, developing a formal system of support in adult and student relationships (an advisory system), and broadening the global learning school-wide. The district has provided JMS with the Chinese program again, which shows their support of our school. Please fill out the SEQ, the School Evaluation Questionnaire, because JMS wants honest feedback. The Sailing to Success sheets also went home last week with your student’s diagnostic data.

Ms. Hastey also had several celebrations to share. The student council raised over $1300 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma society. Band had an incredible pancake breakfast, and the eighth grade Social Studies teachers put on an amazing Pan-Africa day. They are looking at a Hispanic Heritage program too. The PDD day on February 28 was a success for teachers to work on their continuing education. There were content area sessions, technology, sessions, and sessions related to self-care. The girls soccer team had a great game yesterday. The girls basketball team is undefeated and the cheerleading team is outstanding. The boys basketball team had a great win yesterday too.

In regards to safety, the district sent out a statement about coronavirus and you have received the same information as the administration. At JMS, they are encouraging elbow bumps and hand washing. The school bathrooms are being closely monitored to be sure they are stocked with soap and paper towels. Sanitizer has been ordered for every classroom and for the cafeteria and other communal areas. If you student is out sick, please fill out a handwritten note in the front office. Also, the Jupiter police has been contacted to request that the crossing guards stay a little later.

President’s Report: Pam welcomed everyone and shared that the Mariner Market is providing some JMS shirts and materials for Ms. Strein to take on her Global Education trip to Peru this summer. Next month, PTO will have its first of 2 meetings on next year’s budget. Also, thanks to the volunteers that helped with the Pan African Day.

Treasurer’s Report: PTO has about $49,116 in the account.

Committee Reports:

Volunteer Coordinator/ Communications Secretary: Nancy Wilkes thanked all the volunteers for their help. Suzanne Rothman will be taking over the Volunteer Coordinator for next year.

Five Star: Please keep signing in the VIPS system in the office to record your volunteer hours.

7th Grade Dance: The Pajama Jam was a huge success. Thanks for all your hard work!

8th Grade Dance: The dance will be May 15 at 7:00 at the PBG Marriott and the theme is Mariners.…Night of Stars. Since the hotel is charging more, PTO is looking for sponsors to keep the ticket price at $35.

Valentine Grams: PTO sold close to 400 Grams. Having one option things much simpler.

Staff Appreciation: Cindy gave all the staff small bags of snacks for Valentine’s day. She also gave them to the bus drivers. Mr. Marino has asked if we can give each bus driver (27) a JMS shirt. Pam will look in to that for staff appreciation. Also, Cindy raised the idea of adopting another school. Howell L Watkins Middle School has no PTO and she wanted to take one day to help teachers there. Perhaps other Jupiter schools could take other days and they can have a week of appreciation. Cindy made a motion to adopt Watkins Middle School for a day of appreciation. Jeanne seconded the motion and the motion passed. She is hoping to have a room service day on March 18 or 19 to deliver snacks and drinks to teachers. Administration will help deliver.

Business Partners: FPL has an outreach program for Surge Protection that could be a fundraiser for JMS. JMS would receive money for every sign-up after we send the flyers home with students. This idea was tabled for future discussion. FPL is becoming a school business partner and could help provide lighting grants for when the district provides improvement funds. FPL also has a volunteer army that is willing to help with projects if we have any. It was suggested they could help with improving the courtyard if we get a plan together.

Spirit Nights: JMS Spirit Night for March is every Thursday at Luca’s Italian Restaurant. We are looking at Culvers for an April Spirit Night.

Mariner Market:  The market is stocked and preparing an order for staff shirts and lanyards for next year.

Honor Roll Breakfasts: The dates are needed, but our final breakfasts will be in mid April.

Liza Gonzalez had previously expressed interest in chairing this next year.

Beautification Committee: No sprinklers on campus are working. There is a backflow valve problem and an order has been submitted with the district to have it repaired. The 4 zones of sprinklers are on well water.

New Business: Chairs are needed for several positions for next year. Voting will take place starting in April. Please consider joining the PTO board for any of the following positions:

Vice President – Alison Kaphon volunteered

Social Media Secretary – Emily Jones volunteered

Volunteer Coordinator – Suzanne Rothman volunteered

Co-Treasurer (Deposits) -

Campus Beautification -

Next meeting is April 1, 2020.

Meeting adjourned.

Members Present:

Lisa Hastey Alyssa Brown Pam Dei

Jeanne Takeda Gina Braznell Alison Kaphon

Nancy Wilkes Karen Zudans Cindy Basen

Nawal Grayeb Karin Slazinski Leanna Collazo

Kimberly Morgan Keila Ortiz-Rolon Maria Nord

Mary Murillo