JMST PTO General Membership Meeting

February 5, 2020

Call to order and Welcome.

Secretary’s Report: January minutes were reviewed. Nancy Wilkes made a motion to approve the minutes. Kimberly Morgan seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Principal’s Report: Ms. Hastey welcomed everyone and gave some details about safety at JMS. She explained that there was a video posted of two students throwing down a third student. A nearby teacher reacted quickly, the victim was attended to immediately, and severe consequences were given. However, the social media video didn’t show all those consequences. This is not a regular event at JMS and administration takes them seriously. There is increased administrative supervision, but kids make poor choices at times, so please let the school know if something happens so it can be addressed. Also, please be the voice of reason on social media. The Positive Behavior Support Team (PBS) looked at discipline data at JMS and most issues are classroom issues. They are working to hold kids in class but also keep them accountable. Also, Stop the Bleed was on campus yesterday training adults to help students from bleeding out. While an unpleasant topic, Stop the Bleed’s goal is to save as many students as possible and was used in response to the Parkland shooting. JMS also works on emotional safety with their great counselors. This week is School Counselor Week and JMS has six counselors, one for each grade level, an ESOL counselor, Behavior Health Specialist, and a DATA counselor. The administrative team also meets weekly to check in on student issues. On March 2nd, Suite 360 training sessions start for students. These are mandated by the state and are an annual requirement. Students will attend a human trafficking assembly on March 19.

For instruction, diagnostic assessments are complete and the information is being used in planning. The subject areas staff are working on many different approaches to target low areas. There will be a Global Education site visit on Feb. 17-18 and visitors will meet with parents, teachers, and students. Also, the 8th grade is having a Pan African Festival on February 24. Mr. Santiago took a group of students to the District Math Competition yesterday and 7th grade ELL students went to Tallahassee to see government in action. Ms. Quigley hosted a debate tournament and the robotics team went to a competition this past Saturday. Also, JMS just attended the Science and Engineering Fair. The Run Club just participated in the Classics by the Sea 5K. The girl’s volleyball team made the playoffs, and the boy’s soccer team made it to the Championship game. The Judges Award for School Gardening was given to Ms. Carr and Mrs. Zern and Ms. Strein just went to Washington DC as a Global Education Fulbright Teacher. Thanks also to PTO for the amazing Honor Roll Breakfasts.

Finally, for personnel, there is a new ESOL teacher, Ms. Valente. JMS is projected to have 1501 students next year and course selection sheets will look a bit different this year. JMS is adding more sections to reduce level variabilities in class. This will allow teachers to better meet the needs of students.

President’s Report: Pam welcomed everyone and shared that anyone can contact her with school concerns as well, in an attempt to address issues directly and not spread gossip. Thanks to Kimberly Morgan for supporting the Honor Roll breakfasts. Candy grams are on sale in the cafeteria during lunches. Distribution will be Feb. 14 and many volunteers are needed to help. The 7th grade dance is this Friday, Feb. 7 and will also need volunteers. Thanks to those planning the dance. Thanks to Jeanne for getting donuts every morning for the Honor Roll breakfasts as well.

Vice President’s Report: None.

Treasurer’s Report: PTO has $50,899.56 and began the year with $34,341. The PTO budget for the year is $29,375 and we have $7,697 remaining to use for the rest of this school year. PTO will need about $30,000 in the bank for next year’s budget. Mariner Market has had a profit of close to $39,000 this year. Also, PTO Today is having a one-day conference near Orlando on April 7 is anyone is interested in attending. The cost for the conference is $5 per person.

Committee Reports:

Volunteer Coordinator/ Communications Secretary: Nancy Wilkes thanked all the volunteers for their help. Emily Jones volunteered to take over the Communication Secretary position for next year. Please see the Sign-Up Genius since there are many needs for volunteering right now.

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

7th Grade Dance: 97 tickets have been sold thus far for the dance. Tickets will be available until Friday, the day of the dance. There will be a photo booth, games, scavenger hunt, popcorn, and prizes. Anyone willing to donate gift cards or money for the prizes would be greatly appreciated.

8th Grade Dance: The dance will be May 15 at the PBG Marriott. Since the hotel is charging more, PTO is looking for sponsors to keep the ticket price at $35. Line Drive Indoor Baseball has sponsored the DJ for $500. Nancy is considering having a contest with the students for decorations. Students are voting on theme today. Anyone who would like to help with decorations, please let Nancy know. Teachers and staff chaperone the dance. Parents only help with set up and clean up.

Staff Appreciation: Cindy has many ideas, but she will be considering the budget. 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: Anyone who knows of anyone interested in becoming a business partner, please contact Jeanne. Bahama Bucks is interested and wants to meet with PTO representatives.

Spirit Nights: JMS will have a Spirit Night at the Jupiter 5 Guys on Feb. 27 from 4-8. Please show them your JMS flyer. PTO is also looking at Culvers for March 18 or 19 and will talk with Luca’s Italian restaurant.

Mariner Market:  The market is stocked and has some Valentine gifts. PTO is also working on the online store. PTO is considering outsourcing the shirt orders to a company that would be in charge of shirt inventory, take orders, and fulfill them for $1.50 a shirt.

Honor Roll Breakfasts: PTO will need a chair next year for the breakfasts as well. Thanks to Kimberly Morgan’s business, Do All Things with Joy, LLC, for sponsoring the last breakfasts. Anyone else interested in sponsoring the next breakfasts contact Gina Braznell. Thank you!

Beautification Committee: The front sprinklers are not working properly so a specialist is coming to look at the system before plants are put in. Ms. Hastey will contact the school district for sprinkler repair as well.

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 Co-Treasurer (Deposits) Social Media Secretary

Campus Beautification Volunteer Coordinator

A new fundraising idea was to host a flea market in the school parking lot on a Saturday. PTO would rent spaces to the community, artisans, or even school clubs for selling. It would not be a lot of work for the PTO and could benefit PTO and several other school groups. Concerns were raised over insurance, leasing, and food sales. PTO is considering April 4 for the Flea Market.

Funding Requests: The PBS team has requested $250 for a students of the month reward for a field trip to play mini-golf. Nancy made a motion to approve the money for the PBS team. Jeanne seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The Media Center has requested $100 for gift cards to be used during Literacy Week as incentives for all students. Pam made a motion to approve the $100 for the Media Center. Nancy seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Reminder: Please sign up to volunteer for the Pan African Festival through the sign up on the weekly eblast.

Next meeting is March 4, 2020.

Meeting adjourned.

Members Present:

Lisa Hastey Alyssa Brown Pam Dei

Jeanne Takeda Gina Braznell Kathleen Malecka

Nancy Wilkes Karen Zudans Cindy Basen

Nawal Grayeb Karin Slazinski Leanna Collazo

Kimberly Morgan Keila Ortiz-Rolon Maria Nord

Dorothy Splendario Mary Murillo Liza Gonzalez