

JFK PTO MEETING
April 6, 2011

In Attendance: See attached

Meeting called to order at 7:06 by Linda Marchesini. Jackie Prince recorded the minutes.

Jackie Prince moved to waive the reading of the February 8, 2011 minutes and to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded. The motion passed. The February 8, 2011 minutes were approved as written.

Officer's Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Denise DeSimon
- **Co-President's Report:** presented by Linda Marchesini and Risa Rizzo
 - ❖ The PTO Council meeting was held last week with the interim superintendent.
 - ❖ The PTO Council needs a person to chair the PTO booth for Wayne Day on June 5th.
 - ❖ The school budget vote is on April 27th, a Wednesday. The PTO Council has voted to accept the budget as proposed by the Board of Education.
 - ❖ There is a Board of Education Candidates' night, tonight, April 6th.
 - ❖ The Wayne Alliance Basketball game is on April 29th.
- **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** presented by Tammi Borchard
 - ❖ We received thank-you notes for the great job that was done with the TREP\$ program this year.

Principal's Report: Presented by Mr. Erck

- **Schedule of Upcoming Events**
 - ❖ School will be closed April 11-15 for Spring Break.
 - ❖ Earth Day Celebration is on April 18th. The theme for the day is the Lorax by Dr. Seuss and the children will be planting trees in honor of earth day. In addition a plaque will be commemorated in memory of Debbi DiFerando, a retired JFK faculty member. All students are asked to wear green.

- ❖ The Wayne Alliance basketball game against the Harlem Magic Masters will be on April 29th. Miss Mandarino, Miss Gultz, Miss Shea, and Mrs. Caruso will play for JFK.
- ❖ NJASK testing will be conducted the week of May 9th. Third and Fifth grades will have testing Monday through Thursday. Fourth grade will have science testing on Friday. Parent booklets will be sent home shortly showing test samples.
- ❖ Field Day is June 3rd with a rain date of June 6th.
- ❖ The Art Show is June 9th.

- **Technology**

- ❖ Thank-you for the funds to purchase the Neo-2's. Four teachers (Mrs. Tagliamonte, Mr. Wagner, Mrs. Lignelli, and Miss Mandarino) have received training. The technical staff will set up the carts and train other teachers.

- **Multicultural Week**

- ❖ There was a lot of excitement at JFK during Multicultural week. Children boarded at "Gate 1310" with flight attendants and a captain and simulated leaving the United States for other countries.

- **After School Programs**

- ❖ TREP\$ was exceptional this year. The TREP\$ Marketplace was a fantastic night and it is great to see the teachers and the parents work together on this event.

Teacher's Report: Presented by Mrs. Scornavacca

- TREP\$ was fantastic. Kids learn by doing and when they have a proactive, hands-on program like TREP\$ they learn more. All the children were happy and excited to participate. BRAVO to the PTO for bringing this program to JFK. It is very meaningful to the educational experience.
- Multicultural Week celebrated the diversity of JFK and the world. The lessons learned really help the children understand global education and economies. It is a lot of work and time for the teachers but well worth it. Mrs. Indomenico and Mrs. Kopacz did a wonderful job setting up the program. The children "left" JFK on a simulated flight on Monday that used a combination of technology and acting. Then each class researched a different country and the children presented posters to their classes about the different countries. This provided them a chance to practice public speaking. This program was something the children will always remember. Lots of credit should go to Mrs. Kopacz who worked so hard.

Committee Chair Reports

- Linda Marchesini stated that there are a few committees for next year that are in need of chairs. Please contact Linda if you are interested in volunteering.

Old Business

- **Spirit Wear:** reported by Tammi Borchard. The spring order was just placed and is expected to arrive the week after vacation.
- **Comedy Night:** reported by Linda Marchesini. It was a nice night for all who attended.
- **TREP\$:** Jennifer Zeiger reported that the TREP\$ marketplace was a big success and thanked everyone for their assistance.
- **Read-A-Thon:** reported by Jodi Jenkins and Linda Marchesini. The read-a-thon went well. The assembly theme was bulk up with books.
- **Sleepy Time:** reported by Margaret Westphal. This year was very successful and more children attended than in the past.
- **Chinatown:** reported by Linda Marchesini. JFK raised \$345.00. The night was a big success. Thank-you to everyone who came out and supported the event.

New Business

- **Snack Sale:** Linda Marchesini reported that the snack sale is scheduled for Friday, April 8th.
- **Wayne Alliance:** reported by Linda Marchesini. The Wayne Alliance basketball game is on April 29th. The PTO is going to donate a basket worth \$150.00. In past years we have purchased lottery tickets for the basket. It was decided to do the same thing again this year.
- **Plant Sale:** The plant sale is scheduled for May 6th.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** Teacher Appreciation week is the week of May 6th
- **Spirit Day:** Spirit Day is scheduled for May 6th.
- **NJASK Testing Week:** reported by Linda Marchesini. Volunteers are needed to help out during testing week. There will be two shifts, from 9:00-10:30 and 10:30-12 pm. Parents are needed to monitor the hallways on both floors. Parents cannot volunteer to monitor the hallway for the same grade that your child is in. Four volunteers are needed each day but only two are needed on Friday. An e-mail will be sent out shortly providing details.

Announcement of Candidates and Election of Officers for 2011-2012 JFK PTO Board

Jennifer Zeiger made a motion to accept the following slate of candidates for the 2011-2012 JFK PTO Board on behalf of the JFK PTO Nominating Committee:

- Co- President: Tammi Borchard
- Co-President: Barbara Paul
- Co-Vice President: Denise Hammer
- Co-Vice President: Suzzanne Farulla
- Treasurer: Denise DeSimon
- Assistant Treasurer: Francine Cuciti
- Recording Secretary: Jodi Jenkins
- Co-Corresponding Secretary: Linda Brooks
- Co-Corresponding Secretary: Gayle DeNicola

The motion was seconded. All were in favor. The slate of candidates was accepted as presented. A voice vote was taken and the full slate of officers was unanimously elected.

The 2011-2012 JFK PTO Officers are:

- Co- President: Tammi Borchard
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Installation of the officers will take place at the June, 2011 meeting and the officers will assume their official duties on July 1, 2011.

Volunteers of the Month

- The following were named volunteers of the month by Linda Marchesini:
 - Jennifer Zeiger for TREP\$ and Margaret Westphal for Sleepy Time.

Open Discussion

- Linda Marchesini requested that the May meeting be cancelled since the slate of candidates was approved and elected making the May meeting was no longer necessary. All were in agreement. The next meeting is scheduled for June 8th, 2011.
- Tammi Borchard suggested having a movie night for a fundraiser. Most favored doing an event of this type on a Saturday morning. The PTO will look into sponsoring this event for this spring.
- Tammi Borchard presented the idea of a holding a mother/daughter themed fundraiser at a Nail Salon.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Attendance for April 6th, 2011 Meeting:

Linda Marchesini
Risa Rizzo
Denise DeSimon
Tammi Borchard
Francine Cuciti
Jackie Prince
Jodi Jenkins
Barbara Paul
Gayle DeNicola
Denise Hammer
Suzanne Farulla
Margaret Westphal
Richard Erck
Mrs. Scornavacca