

JFK PTO MEETING
June 15, 2011

In Attendance: See attached

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Linda Marchesini. Jackie Prince recorded the minutes.

Jackie Prince moved to waive the reading of the April 6, 2011 minutes and to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded. The motion passed. The April 6, 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. Excess funds cannot be rolled over into next year's budget unless they are assigned to a specific budget item.
- **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** presented by Tammi Borchard
 - ❖ We received thank-you notes for Teacher Appreciation Week and Field Day from faculty and staff.
 - ❖ We received a thank-you note from Eva's Village for our donation.
 - ❖ We received a thank-you note from Risa Rizzo for all the support offered to her after the passing of her mother.

Principal's Report: Presented by Mr. Erck

- **Schedule of Upcoming Events**
 - ❖ June 16th is the first grade trip to Liberty Science Center.
 - ❖ June 17th is the fourth grade trip to Liberty Science Center.
 - ❖ Fifth grade moving up day will be on June 17th.
 - ❖ The first grade awards are on June 20th.
 - ❖ June 20th is the last full day of school. June 21st and June 22nd are minimal days with dismissal at 1:15 pm.

- **Plans for September, 2011 at JFK**

There are a number of planned changes for the fall of 2011:

Grade Level Sections and Faculty

- ❖ Pre-School: Mrs. Littman will remain full day. We will also be adding another half-day pre-school program and there will be an AM session and a PM session.
- ❖ Kindergarten: There will be 3 sections. Mrs. Carusso will remain. At present Mrs. Agrati will be back, shared between JFK and AP Terhune. If needs at AP Terhune change then Mrs. Agrati will be there full time and JFK will interview for another teacher. At present registration is at 49 students.
- ❖ First Grade: There will be three sections, Mrs. Bellusci, Miss Shea, and Miss Lynch.
- ❖ Second Grade: There will be three sections; Miss Keugler, Mrs. Sedecino, and Mrs. McClane
- ❖ Third Grade: There will be three sections; Mrs. Viola, Mrs. Perle, and Mrs. Sponenburg.
- ❖ Fourth Grade: There will be three sections; Mr. Wagner, Miss Gultz, and Mrs. Lignelli
- ❖ Fifth Grade: There will be four sections; Mrs. Indomenico, Mrs. Klein, Mrs. Tagliamonte, and the fourth teacher has been interviewed and will be announced after Board of Education approval.
- ❖ Special Education: Previously we had three sections (Mrs. Rhea for grades 1 and 2; Mrs. Scornavacca for grades 3 and 4; and Mrs. Landy for grades 4 and 5), next year there will be two sections, Mrs. Rhea for grades 1-3 and Mrs. Landy for grades 4-5. Many students would leave JFK after completing grade levels with Mrs. Rhea and sometimes have to switch schools again. The adjustment in the classrooms was made to prevent the need for the children to switch schools.

Class Travel Program

- ❖ Travelling between classrooms will not be the same as we currently know it. At all schools the program will be changed due to the new literacy program. The potential to travel for science remains but depends on scheduling.

Resource Center

- ❖ We will have one full time teacher, Mrs. Niederline. We will also be adding a second ½ time teacher (our numbers don't support more than 1 full time position).
- ❖ There will be in class support for science and social studies. The resource center children will not be pulled out from their classrooms but instead the resource room teacher will come to their classrooms and work with their teacher.
- ❖ Mrs. Nussbaum is leaving and interviews will be conducted shortly to find a new reading specialist. Although we don't always have a long-term faculty member in this position we have always had very good faculty.

Retirees

- ❖ Mrs. Scornavacca; she has served not only in special education during her tenure but also in regular classrooms.
- ❖ Mrs. Liss; she has been a nurse in the Wayne Schools since the 1980's and has been our nurse at JFK for about 18 years.
- ❖ Mrs. Gigli; served as a para-professional.

- Thank you to all the PTO volunteers, committee chairs and executive board members for their service. Thank you to Linda Marchesini and Risa Rizzo for being the Co-Presidents and especially for finding their replacements for next year.
- Thank you to Mrs. Scornavacca for serving as the PTO Liaison for 13 years and especially for all the "nights out" during that time.
- Thank you on behalf of every child at JFK because if we did not have the PTO we would not have all the special things like the Connected Classrooms, and the Neo 2's that we have.
- Have a great summer and make sure your child participates in the summer reading program.

Teacher's Report: Mrs. Scornavacca was not present. No Teacher's Report was presented.

Committee Chair Reports

- Karen Marron reported that Moving Up Day is on Friday, June 16th. Three fourth grade parents have volunteered to set up. Depending on the weather the refreshments will either be served out on the black top or in the multi purpose room. This year the fourth grade will be out of the building on their field trip so the indoor option is available, otherwise refreshments would be in the classrooms and parents and grandparents could not attend.

Old Business

- **Jackals Game:** reported by Risa Rizzo. The game took place and the seats were very good. Everyone who went had a good time.
- **Plant Sale:** reported by Linda Marchesini. Plants that don't sell will not be taken back next year so this needs to be kept in mind when orders are placed.
- **Family Fun Nights:** Tammi Borchard reported that next year we are looking to add movie night, bowling, and more things at the school.
- **Art Show:** reported by Linda Marchesini. The art show was excellent. Mrs. Kopacz did a great job.
- **Field Day:** reported by Linda Marchesini and Tammi Borchard. It was a great day. The weather was perfect. We were able to save some money on the pizza order. The teachers weren't sure if they could eat the pizza or not so next year we need to make it more clear to them they we do provide pizza for all the children, teachers, and adult volunteers.
- **Teacher Appreciation:** reported by Linda Marchesini. There was a really nice luncheon for the teachers.

New Business

- **Carnival:** Linda Marchesini reported that we will have a Carnival on September 9, 2011. The license and insurance are taken care of. The carnival will be held on the field outside JFK. The rain date is September 16th. There will be meeting about the carnival directly after this PTO meeting.

A motion was made to take the excess funds from this year and put them towards the Carnival on September 9, 2011, the amount being approximately \$2,000.00 to be adjusted when final budget numbers are presented. The motion was seconded. The motion passed. ***The excess funds from this year's 2010-2011 budget will be applied towards the Carnival in the 2011-2012 budget.***

- **Ice Cream Social:** The date for the ice cream social is on August 30, 2011 with a rain date of August 31, 2011.

Volunteers of the Month

- The following were named volunteers of the month by Linda Marchesini:
 - Peggy Serek and Tammy Gotian for Teacher Appreciation
 - Anna Batelli for Family Fun Nights
 - Nicole Feit for Field Day

- Diana Guirales for Wayne Day
- Karen Voight for the Art Show

Open Discussion

- Linda Marchesini mentioned that at the carnival the plans are to have a rock climbing wall, a double slide, an obstacle course and some sort of bounce house for the younger children. Mr. Erck reminded everyone that we need to also think about the pre-schoolers because we will have many more of them at JFK in the fall.
- Denise DeSimon requested that any outstanding expenses be turned in so that checks can be issued.
- Karen Marron thanked Denise Hammer for all the work she did for the art show.
- Karen Marron requested that we vote on waivers for the committee chairs who will be serving as committee chair for more than two consecutive years. Linda Marchesini read the following list of volunteers who will be serving as committee chairs for their third or more consecutive year:
 - Box Tops; Anne Cilvik
 - Chinatown; Linda Marchesini
 - Baskin Robbins Night; Ruthann Ferguson, Anna Batelli
 - Cultural Arts; Mary Katz
 - Plant Sale; Paula Halpern, Jeanne-Anne Tulpan
 - Family Directory; Amy Friedman, Francine Cuciti
 - Field Day; Dina Hulbert, Nicole Feit
 - Food Drive; Anna Blumenstyk
 - Toy Drive; Anna Blumenstyk
 - Sleepy time; Margaret Westphal
 - Allergy Awareness; Margaret Westphal, Caroline Mastres
 - Kindergarten Orientation; Ruthann Ferguson
 - Planners and Folders; Caroline Mastres
 - School Pictures; Dina Hulbert, Jenine Long
 - Media; Jenine Long
 - Summer Reading; Tricia McCall
 - Talent Show; Linda Conte, Karen Marron
 - Teacher Appreciation; Tammy Gotian
 - TREP\$; Karen Marron, Jen Zeiger, Leslie Fischgrund

A motion was made to vote on the waiver of the two-year maximum for chairing a committee for all members as presented by Linda Marchesini. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Installation of the 2011-2012 JFK PTO Executive Board

Mr. Erck formally installed the following as members of the 2011-2012 JFK PTO Executive Board:

Co Presidents: Tammi Borchard and Barbara Paul

Co Vice Presidents: Denise Hammer and Suzanne Farulla

Treasurer: Denise DeSimon

Assistant Treasurer: Francine Cuciti

Co Corresponding Secretary: Gail Dinicola and Linda Brooks

Recording Secretary: Jodi Jenkins

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Attendance for June 15th, 2011 Meeting:

Linda Marchesini
Risa Rizzo
Denise DeSimon
Tammi Borchard
Francine Cuciti
Jackie Prince
Jodi Jenkins
Barbara Paul
Gayle DeNicola
Denise Hammer
Suzanne Farulla
Karen Marron
Richard Erck