

JRES PTO General Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2008

I. Introduction of new board members. Amy Cutt welcomed the attendees and introduced the 2008-2009 PTO Board. The Board consists of:

Amy Cutt	President (amycutt8@gmail.com)
Becky Ponich	Vice Pres. Fundraising
Liz French	Vice-President Teacher Liaison
Julie Eihausen	Treasurer
Craig Eroh	Secretary
Stephanie Lassig	Publicist / Historian
Mikki Barton	Volunteer Coordinator

Amy then introduced Principal Shawn Kuennen.

II. Principle Shawn Kuennen. Shawn discussed his background. He started his career teaching English to middle school students in Salt Lake City. He served as an assistant principal in Salt Lake and then moved to Park City. Shawn served as the assistant principal at Treasure Mountain Middle School for 4 years before becoming the Principal at JRES. While spending much time in middle schools, Shawn said he had a desire to work in an elementary school.

During his time at other schools, Shawn had a positive experience having parents come into school during the lunch hour. By having the parents around during lunch he reported a marked improvement in student behavior. This is not accomplished through disciplinary action but by encouraging positive behavior. Parents are able to pass out gold slips for good behaviors in the lunchroom and at recess. Parents wishing to participate should contact Mikki Barton at mpbarton@msn.com. Shawn also announced that there would be a 15-minute minimum that kids need to stay in the lunchroom before going outside. This year a new group comes in every 15 minutes. This should alleviate some of the problems we've had with the lunchroom in the past.

III. Fundraising. Becky Ponich reviewed plans for this year's Innisbrook fundraiser. She is looking for volunteers to help get the folders together from 9-12 on Wed. Sept. 17th and Fri. Sept. 19th. The kickoff assembly will be held Wed. Sept. 24th. This year each child will receive its own sales folder. The theme for this years campaign is "Go Bananas Over Innisbrook." The fundraiser will run from Sept. 24th to Oct. 10th.

Sun Pavilion. We did not receive the grant that we applied for last year. We currently have restricted funds of approximately \$21,000 for the Pavilion. Due to increases in costs, we are looking at approximately \$28,000 to complete the structure. We are talking to the teachers to see if they have any items that they would like. At this point, some teachers are requesting digital video cameras but no large items have been requested. We are looking into the possibility of having Basin Recreation or possibly the School District contributing ½ of the cost of a Sun Pavilion. A motion was made and passed to lower the restricted funds for the Sun Pavilion to \$15,000 and release the other approximate \$6000 for grants.

IV. Budget. Julie Eihausen presented our current budget. Please see attached budget and balance sheet (available at the JRES PTO web site). The budget was passed. We will need to raise \$16,829.50 to cover this years budgeted items.

V. Chair reports.

Fall Fun Festival – Tammy Aguire/Dawn Molinaro. The Fall Fun Festival will be held Fri. Sept. 26th from 4-7 pm. We need volunteers for publicity and the Cakewalk. Wendy will be doing the Spook Alley. Construction will start on Thurs. Sept. 25th after school and they will finish on Fri. morning or afternoon. Wendy is looking for volunteers and older children are welcome to help out. Incidentally, we get all the money from the Cakewalk and Spook Alley. We get a percentage of proceeds from all the other games and concessions.

Masterpieces in Art – Brenda Mercer/Sara Edgar. There is a new curriculum for Masterpieces in Art this year. The new curriculum will focus on concepts rather than specific artists. Different projects will be available to the volunteers and they are looking for MIA volunteers. You do not need to be artistically gifted to volunteer.

Book Fair -- Susie Turnland. Susie will be chairing the Book Fair this year. There will be a safari theme. If you have any safari related items to lend to the Book Fair, they would be appreciated. The set-up this year will be Wed. Oct. 15th and the Book Fair will run from Oct. 20-24. Events this year will include the “Look and Lunch” on Wed. Oct. 22nd and “Build a Book” and Thurs. Oct. 23rd. Susie is looking for volunteers for the Book Fair.

Ski Program – Kerry Morgan. This year we are looking at offering more than just skiing. The Winter Sports Alliance will be providing ski jumping and other activities at the Winter Sports Park and there will also be a cross-country program at White Pines as well as the traditional skiing and snowboarding at The Canyons.

Newsletter – Tyffanee Fugate. Tyffanee (and Harry) will be doing the Newsletter this year. If you have anything you would like to include, please email it to Tyffanee@xmission.com. Please have submissions in by Oct. 1st.

Box Tops/Printer Cartridges – Amy Cutt. Amy reviewed the Box Top Program up to \$20,000 is available through this program. She is looking into ways to develop the program. She has recruited several organizations to assist with the trimming and packaging of the Box Tops. Please continue to bring in the box tops and used printer cartridges.

Bank Program -- Heidi Baumann. Heidi will be administering the banking program this year. Look for more information soon.

Lost and Found – Ragen Labrum will be organizing the Lost and Found this year. In addition to getting labeled items back to the proper classroom, she will have lost items on display during Parent-Teacher conferences.

VI. Upcoming Dates.

Sept 24-Oct. 10

Sept 26 4-7 pm

Oct. 2

Oct. 16-17

Oct. 20-24

Oct. 21 9:00 am

Innisbrook Fundraiser

Fall Fun Festival

Make-up picture day (PTO members please come for pictures for new badges before 1:00 pm

UEA No School

Teacher Conferences and Book Fair

PTO Meeting

Meeting Adjourned.