

Jacob Wismer PTO
Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2010

Welcome and Introduction: Robin welcomed us and we began at 7:02pm. There were nine people attending.

President's Report: Website remake is still in progress. Content is now under review. Format will be emailed out to key people. Officers will help with the writing details in sections. It will need to be in a word document when you return your responses. Robin explained in more detail the links and improvements that will help us with communication.

Joyce Richard award nominations are available in front office. The selection committee has been changed this year to improve the process. Deadline is May 5th for forms. Award to be giving on May 19th at the Volunteer Tea.

Approval of March Minutes: Brenda motioned to approve with minor changes. Jana seconded. Motion voted on and passed.

Principal's report: BSD has to cut 12 million for the next school year. However, they are not cutting days, but cutting staff. Reductions will be at JW and across the board at all schools in the district. Staff has been informed about this already. This will affect class size and staff workload. They will try to do it by staff retiring and staff leaving and then not replacing those spots. Our projected enrollment for 2010-11 is 699. (It was 685 originally.) The magic number is 700 to get more staff, but the BSD demographer will not change the number. Joan has gone to bat for us using the addition of full day kindergarten, but things did not go up much. Debbie Starr added that she has seen the BSD cut lots of extras at the upper levels and everything is now at bare bones. Also, she added that cutting days is ludicrous in her opinion. Staff members will not know their assignments until late July. We might lose our student supervisor, 3 staff and a half time support person. We have already lost our counselor to ½ time. Joan will fight the battle for us, but it is hard to know for a while what things will look like. She also knows lots of schools who have class sizes at high 20s and we are not really there this year. There is a class size committee at JW and they will do their best to make things reasonable, but with less staff, it is likely to be bigger in every grade. There were lots of questions for Joan. Right now we are 704 today. This year we've been below 700, then back above that number. There will be the form going out to ask parents what their plans for next year. Joan will keep us posted on the status of things. She is going to lose her "help" (student supervisor), and feels she can't work many more hours than she already does. It is tough. Kindergarten will be 2 full days at this point and the deadline is tomorrow for the form. We might have 2 half time classes too. Not sure if we will need a lottery or not yet for full time. Geralyn asked Joan if parents can influence class sizes at all, what we can do to help (write letters or call someone?) Joan replied that since this is district-wide and everyone must make cuts, there is not much we can do. According to Debbie Starr the JW class size committee does a very good job trying their best to make things as reasonable and equitable as possible.

VP Fundraising report: Jog a thon is May 27th, pledge envelopes out April 30th. New ideas are needed to inspire kids and motivate them. Also, it was decided that the monies will be spent on technology, after funding our budget. Godfather's is donating pizzas, but needs some emails to send promotions to our community. Anyone interested should sign up their email on the volunteer computer.

VP Community Events: Variety Show is this Friday at 6:30pm, rehearsal after school Thursday.

Art Infusion Team: The artist in residence program is going well. Tobey added a funding request from Pam Edens and read a letter about the drying racks she is currently using. It was a comical narrative on how items are hung to dry in the art room. Pam requested that PTO purchase Art Drying racks, 2 large, 2 small. It is a total of request \$1219. (Large \$385 x 2, Small \$220 x 2 with shipping and handling)

Robin wanted to table to this request due to \$935 author visit funding request and discuss both together later. There was some discussion about asking parents for paintbrushes and “specialty class needs” in the summer when school supplies list come out.

Volunteer Coordinators Report: Sujata, chair of Science Expo spoke and preparation is in full swing. The event is next Thursday the 22nd. Staff has helped a lot with ordering tables. 60 K-2 optional participants have signed up. All 3-5 graders have to participate. Set up 21st from 6-8pm for the tables. Kids then bring their boards in the morning of the 22nd to the gym. We will need volunteers for that morning.

Volunteers have logged in 6608 hours so far for the year. We are doing well in recruiting. Only need 2 major chairs, Carnival and Nametags are the big ones...

Nominating Committee will have the slate complete by April 30th. Slate will be voted on at May meeting. Still really need the 2 Volunteer Coordinators and we are trying all avenues to recruit someone.

Member at Large: Staff appreciation week being planned for May 3-7.

Treasurers Report: Budget is in good shape. Some misc. income in, but overall we are in the positive \$790. Grade level committee asked via Joan, why school supplies receipts must be turned in December? There was some discussion as to how/why it is set up this way for the reimbursement. March 1st will be the deadline for next year’s money allocation and the reimbursements. It makes it easier for staff to buy what they need.

Site Council / LSC: Site council is doing a survey to parents and staff. Would PTO like to be included on survey with our activities? It would be a rating for our activities, fundraisers, etc. The PTO would like to participate and Robin will be the contact to get the information.

LSC established rules for field and rules are posted. Things have slowed down. Building requests are going to be coming in for next year.

THPRD is reluctant to use our field due to the size. They say it is too small. Bud Moore is trying to help us work it out. Right now we have no IGA (inter governing agreement). Scott Brucker is the man at THPRD that is creating the hold up. Anyone is welcome to contact him with their thoughts.

Grade reports: All staff says thanks for breakfast and the track!

K- Emergent books, comprehension and fluency, PBIS

1st- Geometry, working in the garden, field trip to Big Buddies at Stoller

2nd- Weather, insects, visit from Bruce Sussman of KOIN, zoo field trip

3rd- Measuring unit, science expo, cause and effect, sequencing

4th- music program, science inquiry, state testing

5th – biz town preparations, science expo, measurement, keeping students engaged

JW Choir sang at on April 12th at Westview and will be singing on May 4th at Portland Beavers game.

PE

1st –juggling

2nd- basketball

3rd- Tennis

4th- Music program practice

5th-District fitness testing

PE Showcase – Went well. It was fun. It was fun to see ideas and what other schools use equipment for activities.

Art

1st- Watercolor

2nd-Painting, read aloud

3rd-Painting, cool/warm colors

4th-castles, identifying main setting

5th-poems, painting, tints

New business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.