



**WA Johnson Elementary School General PTA Meeting Minutes**

**August 29, 2019 Innovation Lab**

Meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm by Samantha Ramirez. Quorum met. May 2019 minutes approved by Missy Bagarz and Meredith Demma.

The principal's report was given by Missy Baglarz. Missy stated that this year is off to an amazing start. We are getting a lot of newly enrolled students. To date from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school, we have 37 new students. Teachers and students have been very welcoming to the new students and everyone is adapting very well to the changes. Over the summer, teachers Carla Vazquez and Mary Balducci worked on updating the PBIS program. The PBIS program is now tied in with SEL. Students may now earn "roars" to replace spots. The new matrix now reflects a little more inclusion and taking care of others. Missy stated that curriculum night was a huge success and she is looking forward to our annual fall fest.

Treasurers report was given by Naila Fonseca. We started July off high with a balance of \$8967.03 but we did have a few big checks to come out. We are starting off the year with an amazing starting balance of \$3955.59. This is not including McTeacher night and the spring carnival. End of year audit has been completed. Over the summer, the board members and the chairs met to construct a 2019-2020 budget. Naila reviewed the budget and Missy Baglarz and Meredith Demma approved it.

Samantha Ramirez stated in her president's report that Claudia Kiley, our VP of assemblies and membership committee has resigned. Claudia has moved out of the district and will be missed. Claudia has done a lot of volunteering for our school.



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Membership committee update was given by Samantha Ramirez. New membership forms are going out in the 8/30 Friday folder. Corisa Agosto will input all new members until we fill the membership committee position.

Assemblies was talked about as a group. Ms. Baglarz stated she would like to see an author visit for sure again this year. We are working on bring back Wheel of Wisdom and the Rainforest. Samantha mentioned that if we host an evening with the Rainforst, the assembly is free during the day. Samantha said that we can possibly add in an additional author visit if we have extra money left over from the first three assemblies. We are hoping that the author visit price will go down because it was very expensive last year.

Committee updates;

Terina Siekierski and Sara Kovich are the chairs for fall fest again this year. They are having cake walk, jail, games, rope maze concessions. They would like to bring back the hayride, but the tractor is down from Fisher farm. They are looking for someone to donate some time and tractor rather than pay. Terina and Sara will be possibly planning a pie eating contest. Missy said that she isn't sure how much of the staff will be interested in participating. Bakers square was mentioned which sparked more interest.

Spirit wear will be lead by Sonia Marin and Crystal Bernero. Sonia will be looking into having the screen printer possibly do our field day shirts.

Trunk O Treat is chaired by Naila Fonseca and Laura Schwartz. Naila is working on having the Dance team from Fenton come and perform Thriller for the people getting off the bus. Ms. Baglarz suggested we keep the event indoors and skip the trunks all together. The group agreed that this will be the best option. It is not known if Blackhawk Jr High will be participating this year due to the issues we has last year with behavioral issues on the bus and at the event. We need volunteers to set up a trunk or a table. If candy is needed, Laura Schwartz has extras to donate.



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We do not have a chair or a teacher contact for the Reflections program previously lead by Ms. Demma. Missy will talk to the fine art teachers to see if they are interested. Halloween parade was discussed and suggested that the PTA comes to participate to fill in the gaps. We were thinking of passing out items to promote the PTA and get new volunteers. Samantha suggested we do bowl for family night. She spoke to the bowling alley and they have a candlelight bowl or something more family orientated. We agreed that a 50/50 raffle will be done if we go with bowling. We would like to see the families get together.

Samantha Ramirez went over the new business. Heritage night and Nations night will be combined. Chairs needed for the events. Halloween class parties was discussed. The PTA will collect volunteer forms for class parties and assign room parents. PTA will provide the snacks for Halloween and Valentines day. Donations are okay to collect for parties if it goes to the school NOT the classroom. Teachers will plan the parties and the room parents will help, not plan. The parents are only there for a helping hand to assist the teacher. Bags are in the PTA closet for the parties. Missy will sit down with Samantha to discuss verbiage to the donation request forms.

Samantha requested 4 or 5 max more parents to help with picture day on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Corisa Agosto will volunteer to help.

Open forum didn't have anything to discuss.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm