

## October 4, 2011 JLPA Meeting Minutes

**Call to order 7:03. Present:** Nina Healy, Daniela Kowal, Tara Jay, Tracy Wickwire, Cindy Nick, Patrick Bufford, Mark Dionne, Sarah Aceto, Susan Johnson, Andrea Kupec, Donna Weronik, Suzy Balay, Evelyn Kearns, Paula Pietruszka, Krista Lobo, Karen Brimecombe

### **Welcome**

**Approval of Minutes:** Donna and Andrea make motion and second, respectively. All in favor.

### Executive Reports

**President:** No report.

**Principal Report:** Halloween will be on the 31st. AM kindergarten parade in am. Afternoon assembly. Everyone dresses! Announcement will be in Wednesday Envelope about expectations. JLPA does cider and donut holes.

Discussion: Evelyn has explored asking local Dunkin Donuts to donate munchkins but they would not. She has drafted a letter to request a second request.

Karen: Peaceful Bus Program discussion got positive feedback from teachers and students. Some names of buses may be revisited. Karen will write to all bus drivers to meet with students for more discussion and community building.

We are awaiting further clarification on mikes and lights. We are working out monies and logistics.

Discussion: Could we have a bus driver appreciation day later in the year?

Discussion: Afternoon kindergarten, middle of the day run still has new drivers and is training folks. Karen will look into it. How do they calculate the 45 minutes? From the time the bus leaves, not the end of the school day. Also- sometimes buses will be quicker when many students are involved in after school activities or are picked up.

**Vice President:** Stop and Shop Program. Mark wants to be sure we want him to register our school. Stop and Shop cards earn points and get money for school. This raised around \$490 last year. Feedback is positive. Mark will sign us up and put announcement in the newsletter and on the JLPA bulletin board.

Any committee chairs that want a list of volunteers may find extra copies in the JLPA drawer in teacher's work room.

**Treasurer:** Andrea Reports: Corn Booth- Outstanding expenses still exist on gas, and still awaiting deposit return on trailer. Budgeted for \$5,000, came in at \$4,500 profit. Maybe next year we'll buy less corn with some on standby. No other activity to report.

Discussion: Find out who Chris Sullivan is; he has a Target card which donated \$130 to us. Who is he? Susan will look into who that is.

**Secretary:** No Report.

**Ways and Means:** Quiet now. Donna reports. Waiting for results of Innesbrook returns. T-shirt contest will be starting, which will lead to t-shirt sales. Next in the works is Yankee Candle and alternative fundraising option (AFO). Donna has a draft of letter that will be sent out to families.

### **Cultural Arts**

Dates for 3/4 grades with Tom Lee and Mike Cachuba will be in the fall not spring. They also need to reserve museum for that trip.

Tom and Mike are eligible for grants. Who is our grant writer? Position is open. Patrick would be glad to do it although he hasn't done it. Karen has the forms for the application and could pass them on to Patrick. Kristen Gilbo also willing. There is also a CLORAX grant we could look into. Other grants may come up later. Cindy and Suzy are available to help give information. Can we get old copies? Karen says we have a grants notebook in the office.

Looking for part of an orchestra; Mike Meurs is researching. Motion 360 will come to 3/4 grades; Drumming is also coming in perhaps the spring. Won-lei Paye is also coming.

### Committee Chairs

**Corn Booth-** See treasurer report above.

**Newsletter-** Cathy reports through Susan that deadline is Nov 5th for Integrated Update.

**BKPTA:** Daniella Cowell is taking over and Paula is relinquishing. We will have an Indian Springs sledding time with hot chocolate with Lyman, Korn, and Brewster. This will be a weekend event. First meeting with planners will be in late October or early November.

**Nature Trail:** Paula reports that Daniella will help. It is a mess since Irene. They walked on it last week with Mrs. Nowack and others. There are many fallen trails, leaves covering trail, dead plants; signs on the tree are broken. Rob Francis will make a decision to see if clean up should be Ken Jay or district staff. Eagle Scout, Boy Scout,

and Girl Scout troops may be interested in helping. Margo will get back to us after outdoor educators make a decision and send a report to Francis for him to make a decision. Will eventually accept 12 students to be the nature crew- after they write application letters.

**Go Far:** Daniella also helping, especially on Wednesday. Digitized the notebooks! Prizes are little lego feet. Starts Friday. During both recesses. M, W, F at 12:15-1:15. Would be an option to go five days a week if we had enough volunteers.

**Wrapping Paper:** Tara updates. Last year at we had 140 orders, 89 orders only so far. \$5,000 off from last year. Ships November 11th. Orders can be done online until Nov 4th. Last year, most sales came after the sale ended. Letter going home and kids could win prize basket for all families who order. Want to coordinate with Yankee Candle. Will put off another week. Andrea will notify Darleen.

**Garden Committee:** Susan reports of first meeting last Friday. Produce collection was limited to only one this year due to weather and timing. Margo Nowak is the faculty member who gets donations from a local farm. We deliver to Middlefield and Durham elderly housing. Date: November 4 for fall clean up with rain date TBA. Parent volunteers along with students and classes are used. Fall the 3/4 students do the job and Spring is 1/2. Students love it. Currently assessing garden areas and what might want to do. Maybe shrubs in front of front sign?

**Yearbook:** New representative named Beth will be sending out a new contract. Tara plans to get the committee going early, especially to get parent pictures in earlier.

#### New Business:

Tracy is helping with box tops. Many Campbell soup cans are often thrown in. Maybe someone could take that on? Maybe students need an awareness campaign? Could we set a goal to inspire participation? In the first years we made over \$1,000. Maybe an announcement in Integrated Update?

Discussion: Could we put a box top collection up at Library and post office? Could we include it with an article for the Town Times? Mark suggests putting a picture of the box top with the article. We could remind parents to cut to shape and then bag in groups of 50. Need to find out who is the box tops person at other schools.

Paula moves to adjourn. Paula. Seconded by Patrick. All done! 8:20 pm.