

JAC PTO Virtual Meeting

February 4th, 2021 @ 7:30am

Attendees:

Principals: Sharon Kennelly and Scott Middlemiss

Teachers: Tracy Maher, Cara Parker, Laurie Oliver, Lisa Boyle

Parents: Lynn Lamburn, Kim Koehr, Dawn Swanson, Jen Carberry,
Jessica Paxton, Denise Butler and Janine Jones

Minutes: Approved January 2021; approved by Sharon; 2nd by Tracy

Principal's Update - Sharon

1/27/2021			
	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Classroom 1	23	23	20
Classroom 2	22	22	18
Classroom 3	22	19	20
Classroom 4	21	23	21
Classroom 5	23	18	18
Classroom 6	n/a	18	22
Subtotals	111	123	119
Total # of student enrolled @ JAC			353

We are adding a new 4th grader as of March 1 which will take our number to 354.

We will hold our third Community Meeting during the week February 8th, focusing on Perseverance. We will share the book Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream by Deloris Jordan and Roslyn M. Jordan. The story focuses on how if you work hard, practice and believe in yourself, you can do great things!

Mr. Middlemiss and I have continued to visit the classrooms. It is one of the best parts of our days when we have the opportunity to connect with our students. We have made some great connections and learned a lot about our students. It is always a pleasure to be in the classrooms.

The band students under the direction of Ms. Gately are preparing for band or their upcoming living room concert (LRC). Not only have students been practicing their songs but they are also prepping all other details that go into putting on a concert, like invitations, concert program, and dress rehearsal.

The teachers are utilizing lessons from the Panorama [Playbook](#) to support Social Emotional Learning within their classrooms.

Last month we participated in the [Great Kindness Challenge](#). We had two spirit days (Hats off to Kindness and Tied Together by Kindness), five video read alouds by Crisafulli staff and during daily announcements we included kindness quotes and kindness challenges for each day.

Many students shared ways they could brighten someone's day. They shared they could hold a door for someone, make a card for someone, give someone a hug, share a smile or sit with them on the bus. It was the highlight of our week to so many great acts of kindness at Crisafulli each day and we look forward to celebrating them with our community.

➤ **Lobby Flag Project**

We are working with the SAC to review survey data to purchase flags to update our Lobby Hall of Flags to represent all our community members.

➤ **Updates from Leadership -**

○ **DESE Time-On-Learning Requirements:**

We were very excited to increase the amount of live time with students beginning on January 19th. Please click [here](#) to review Superintendent Olsen's email regarding structured learning time (SLT). More information specific to your student's class will be communicated by the classroom teachers.

○ **Budget** - Superintendent Olsen presented his budget to the School Committee on January 25, 2021. This was the initial presentation and there are scheduled follow up meetings on 2/1, 2/8, 2/9 (presentation to Select Board) 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/25 (Fin Comm), 6/12 (Town Meeting)

○ **COVID19 Updates** - The COVID Committee meets every 2 weeks. WPS continues to monitor statistics very closely.

Budget Update – Kim

- Received \$65 from Boxtops after split with Robinson
- Received \$275 from online apparel sale
- Spent \$2950.00 on Amazon gift cards and mailing
- Shared a rebudget if we don't do any fundraising and continue to spend. Our account would go down to \$7700 to start next year. We usually like to rollover \$11K to support AEP. We could lower to \$8K rollover thinking AEP will still look different next year.

AEP Update – Jessica

- Would like to start pre-booking dates at this time
- Third Grade AEP –
 - Sarah Giles (author) – Ready to go to for April or May.
 - No having weatherman this year as he wanted to do one large group and it's not practical to have all of 3rd grade on at one time. Looking into a possible video instead.
- Fourth Grade AEP –
 - Wingmasters (Jim Parks) – Watching videos this week. Lisa said the videos are great quality.
- Fifth Grade AEP –

- Rob Buyea – Will book for April. Scott said to just book a date and they will try to work MCAS around it.
- MoS – trying again. We missed out on the 1st round but will try again. Programs are going first to districts who are more in need. Still no fee for these programs.

Book Fair & Crisafulli Reader:

- We earned \$195.17 in Scholastic dollars to spend on books. These will replace the ones that we will distribute this year.
- Crisafulli Reader – March
 - Various ways were discussed to “send” in forms and to distribute books. Amy Dulong created a new form, updated for this year. This will be submitted electronically via google forms. Kim suggested creating a google doc for students to choose their own books when they win. This will be equal for those students in school and in RLA. RLA students will have to pick their books up from the front lobby and in school students will receive theirs.
 - Crisafulli Reader will be announced on February 26. Forms will be due every Friday (3/5, 3/12, 3/19 & 3/26). Winners will be announced on Tuesdays (3/9, 3/16, 3/23 & 3/30)

Teacher Appreciation:

- Lynn presented an idea for February locally made, individually wrapped heart shaped cookie. \$150 for 80. There was concern for food allergies and some staff is not in school next week. Sharon said she would come up with a teacher appreciation treat for February.
- Sharon & Scott will cover March with traditional “March Madness” treats

Other:

- Fundraising ideas were discussed. We decided that it’s time to fundraise if we want to continue to spend. Lynn thinks this is a good idea so we can continue to support our teachers.
 - Ideas discussed are: No Fuss (aka Invest in Your Child), Read-a-thon, Restaurant take-out.
 - We decided that a No-Fuss fundraiser is the way to go, probably in March. Kim is sorting out our PayPal access so it’s easier for families to donate. We also decided not to “suggest” a donation amount and let families contribute as they choose.
- PTO Meeting Dates – 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3

Next Virtual PTO Meeting is Thursday March 4th 2021 @ 7:30am!