

JAC PTO Virtual Meeting

November 5th, 2020 @ 7:30am

Attendees:

Principals: Sharon Kennelly and Scott Middlemiss

Teachers: Tracy Maher, Lisa Boyle, Laurie Oliver

Parents: Lynn Lamburn, Kim Koehr, Jessica Paxton, Alysha Glazier, Doretta Wright, Denise Butler, Dawn Swanson, Jen Carberry, Jennifer Galasso, Yang Shou and Janine Jones

Minutes: Approved September/October 2020

Principal's Update – Sharon

- Enrollment Update – Total number is 349. Will be getting some additional students (most likely) in the next few weeks due to move-ins at the Hanover apartments
- New SAC Member – Melissa Higgins (who has a 3rd grader @ JAC)
- New Community Meeting Format – First 2020/2021 community meeting has been recorded and ready to share with ALL students at same time on Friday 11/6 @ 11:10am. As a YouTube link, the teacher can present their screen to the whole class (Both Pods) and everyone can watch together as a classroom community. Hope to login to different classroom meetings and join some meetings after the students watch the recorded meeting. By having everyone logging in at the same time will be a great start to building community. Goal is to work toward a live version which is being explored using Google Meets and Zoom.
- Crazy Hat Spirit Day – Took place on 10/30. Many fun hats were seen at school and in the virtual learning spaces.
- Virtual Learning Day for Professional Development – WPS staff participated in this on 11/3. There were many choices to learn about technology and tools/programs (SEL, Flipgrid, Pear Deck, Google Breakout Rooms, etc), priority standards and team/collaboration time.
- District Wide K-5 SPIRIT Lessons – Will continue to build Common Core Values (Safety, Perseverance, Inclusion, Respect, Integrity and Teamwork). The library TAs are teaching the SPIRIT lessons on the asynchronous weeks for students. They are incorporating literature books that address each common core value.
- School Improvement Plan 2020/2021 Planning – SIP 2020/2021 draft reviewed. As a district (PreK-12), they are working on a common SIP for our schools focusing on the Reopening plan created by the district. Each school has created the same goals with similar action items
 - Operations/Hygiene – Incorporates safety
 - Teaching & Learning – Incorporates professional development
 - Social Emotional Learning – Incorporates panorama survey data, trauma sensitive classrooms and transitions for all grades
 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Budget Update – Kim

- Revenue to Date for October – Received money for Square 1 Art, Spring conference dinner & interest
- Spending to Date for October – Remaining art funds, teacher appreciation
- Teacher Appreciation spending was over by \$44 – funds likely to be used from PTO appreciation or Principal funds

AEP Update – Jessica

- No AEPs until at least January
- Third Grade AEP –
 - Sarah Giles (author) – very positive experience and affordable (\$125/class x5)
 - Weatherman (Kevin Lamanowicz) has agreed to come; is doing “free” virtual presentations. Tracy will reach out directly for scheduling
- Fourth Grade AEP –
 - Wingmasters – 2 virtual options, both cost \$475.
 - 40-min LIVE program for entire grade followed by 15min Q&A sessions with each of the individual classrooms
 - 2 separate pre-recorded videos that were filmed May 2020 in an outdoor setting followed by the 15min Q&A sessions for each classroom
 - Discovery Museum – a few virtual options, each costs \$250 per workshop per class
 - Many topics available. No sound waves program but do have a “Sound” program which is the basis for sound waves
 - Field Trip on Tour – provides students with individual kits of materials allowing them to engage in hands-on exploration. Price is not set yet.
- Fifth Grade AEP –
 - MOS – Focusing on grades 4-12 with specific programs for each grade focusing on 4 content areas (Life Sciences, Earth/Space Science, Engineering, Current Science/Technology) with a goal of mixing live and asynchronous programming
 - Rob Buyea – 2 available options for virtual visits
 - Informal Q&A session - \$100 for 30 minutes
 - Formal Presentation (about 60 minutes with time for Q&A) similar to what is done in person including slides and pictures (screen sharing) – cost \$500
- All School AEP – Rob Surette on hold (paid half) and hopefully will be rescheduled

Teacher Appreciation:

- Pre-boxed lunches came from Evivva last week; used Spring conference dinner money
- Looking to do a monthly or bi-monthly token of appreciation for teachers and staff
 - Lynn found a plaque/ornament/coaster item that says “KIND” – art work to be done by a Crisafulli alum – cost about \$200.
- Sharon will be coordinating another “grab & go” snack pack; teachers/staff really appreciated

Other:

- Apparel Store is now open! Mostly Westford items but there are some Crisafulli specific one. Crisafulli store will open later this week. Amy Chervin coordinated (thanks Amy!). Store will be open thru 11/15 with items available for pickup prior to holidays.
- WEPTO name change - Officially Westford PTO (not Westford Elementary PTO). Blanchard and Stonybrook Middle Schools are now part of WEPTO.
- Scholastic Book Fair – Online option without cash payout. Sally Rosenthal has offered to chair the bookfair; looking for some help. Alysha is chairing at Robinson. Dates are 11/19 – 12/2
- Teachers should be looking at items for the supply closet and let Dawn know. She can add to the Amazon Wish List as well.
- PTO Meeting Dates – 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3

Next Virtual PTO Meeting is Thursday December 3rd @ 7:30am!