

## **HSA Meeting 8/12**

In attendance: Mr. Croyle, Toni Holstine, Stefanie Muldoon, Tara Schmucker

### **I. Updates**

- Current balance reported from Stefanie: \$5520.37
- Briefly summarized that even though we do not have a president, we will all pitch in and work together to make this a successful year.
- Theme this year is: LEADER IN ME, the school will focus on what it means to be a leader and how to be a leader
- Recess and specials will be back to "normal" in terms of location and time
- Students will continue to sit facing the same direction
- In the cafeteria, students will also be facing the same direction and have assigned seats
- The Health and Safety Plan which was approved by the school board does not require contact tracing and communication to parents regarding COVID cases in classrooms
- There are 18 virtual students at Jamison and Mr. Croyle will continue to do the announcements until those students are back or the district ends the virtual program
- small group instruction is permitted
- field trips and ropes courses are all back, some times might have to change as there is a shortage in drivers
- Mr. Croyle will ask teachers to find homeroom parents this year, but what that will look like as well as parties is to be determined.
- Jamison will no longer have an extended Kindergarten program
- Many changes to the number of classes for different grades and more changes to come (example: first grade now has 5 teachers/classrooms)
- Jamison will now have 3 low incident and 1 high incident autistic support classrooms (previously 2 low and 2 high)

### **II. Upcoming events:**

- **Kindergarten Orientation on 8/23**, two sessions 9:00 am and 10:45 am
  - Mr. Croyle learned on 8/16 at an administrators meeting that he can do the orientation
  - Mr. Croyle asked if one or more of us could be there and perhaps say a word or two to welcome parents and explain how they can get involved if interested, Toni and Tara will be in attendance
- **New Student Orientation on 8/26** at 2:30pm
  - Stef and Tara will be there to represent the HSA and pass out 100% JET handouts, feel free to come
- **Meet-N-Greet on 8/26** to follow at 3:30pm
  - Mr. Croyle will be sending an email regarding this event. The focus needs to be for students to find their classrooms, meet the teacher and drop off supplies. It is important that everyone be mindful of the different perspectives and concern in the community. Mr. Croyle is providing this as an option especially to relieve the anxiety of new students, but again safety and respect are imperative so we are asked to be in and out.
- **Staff Breakfast on 8/24** at 8:00am in the library
  - Tara will be taking the lead on this roughly 50 staff members
  - Food will be set up in the faculty room and the meeting will take place in the library, decorations will be put in both
  - Budget should not exceed \$500, goal is to aim for \$300
  - Tara will be in touch regarding what we will need by early next week

- **No picnic** this year
  - While agreed that the event is positive for students and families, we need to be mindful of the reaction of the community and all the uncertainty and varying opinions at this time. Full agreement to wait another year on this event.
- **Back to School Nights on 9/1 and 9/13**
  - 9/1 will be PEN at 5:30pm, 4th grade at 6:00pm, Accelerated Math at 6:30pm, 5th grade at 6:45pm and Pre-algebra at 7:00pm, 6th grade at 7:30pm
  - 9/13 will be Kindergarten at 5:30pm, 1st grade at 6:00pm, 2nd grade at 6:45pm, 3rd grade at 7:30pm
  - The HSA can come and have the 100% JET handout
- **First JET Assembly on 9/28**
  - Mr. Croyle will have to split the grades for the assembly (mindful of Covid and space) so the times have not been determined
  - All the people who were involved and helped in the new autistic support playground (30 plus volunteers) will be recognized
  - The presenter will be Ben, who is 23 and is on the autistic support spectrum. He has a job with the Philadelphia Eagles, has been on Ellen and he wants to be a public speaker for his career
  - The HSA board members are permitted to attend the assemblies
- **Hayride on 10/8** from 6-9pm
  - Froelich's Farm will be the venue and the \$100 deposit has been paid
  - There is plenty of time to change or cancel if necessary due to Covid

### III. 100% JET

- Agreed this will be the main fundraiser as in the past
- Mr. Croyle will be revising the form and sending it to the board to review
- The form will be at the Meet-N-Greet, BTSN, and on the website and newsletter
- Stefanie will speak with Mrs. Bradley about printing the form on the envelope to help expedite the process

### IV. New Playground

- Mr. Croyle took the group outside to see the new enhancements and work done on the Kindergarten playground. The playground equipment itself was new last year and now donated autistic support play areas have been created. It was on the local news!
- For the autistics support students there is turf, sensory sections for their feet, doormats with textures on the wall, painted rocks donated from the Renee Ford family, a Ford Fountain, a tree of shoe prints from all those who helped in the project
- There were many donated flower pots, plants, benches and Mr. Hottenstein made beautiful benches
- There are more phases, like music areas coming in the future
- Also, Mr. Croyle showed some new benches added around the pavilion

### V. Future Meetings

- Looking at Tuesday or Thursday at 9:30am for the monthly HSA board meeting
- General Membership Meetings will most likely be in October (AM), January (PM) and May (AM)