

Jensen Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes—August 30, 2016

Alley Hobbs called the meeting to order at 6:00pm in the Jensen Media Center

Introductions were made. Board members were present. Principal Paul was present. Attendance sheet was circulated.

- Mr. Paul addressed the group and introduced himself.
 - Mr. Paul comes to Jensen from King Elementary where he was Dean of Students
 - A goal of Mr. Paul's is to grow Jensen pride and community involvement
 - Jensen teachers appreciated the gift cards distributed by the PTO. Gift cards were given to each teacher for Target in the amount of \$125.00 each.
- Robin, Treasurer gave a report:
 - Starting balance as of *August 1: \$23,802.71*

1267.38 is for healthy snacks*

Spent 2875 for teacher startup Target gift cards

90+ for teacher first day of school breakfast

Remaining balance: \$20,835.08

*Fifth graders will begin selling healthy snacks in a few weeks. Sales will be in the morning between the first and second bell on Mondays and Wednesdays. Money raised through sales will be used for a school wide party at the end of the year. Snacks are \$0.50 each.

- Homecoming: September 19-23rd
 - Students can dress up each day:
 - Monday: Pajama Day
 - Tuesday: Favorite Team Day
 - Wacky Wednesday
 - Career Day/Super Hero Day
 - Urbandale Spirit Day
 - Homecoming Assembly on Wednesday or Thursday. Mr. Paul is lining up a few high school athletes to participate.
 - Parade Float
 - Parade is September 22nd at 6:00pm
 - Jensen will have a float this year for anyone who wants to participate
 - We will contact three student senate representatives about participation requirements: Amy Brown Luke, Abby Veenstra
 - We will probably make one Jensen sign to carry
- PTO By Laws

- By Laws are out of date
- Separate meeting will be scheduled to discuss amendments to PTO
- Teacher Request for PTO funds
 - Field Trip requests forms have been received
 - Some were approved by vote, Alley will follow up with a few
- Popcorn Days will be Thursdays
 - Popcorn will be donated by Wynnsong
 - Popcorn is \$0.25 per bag and will be handed out at the end of the day
 - Volunteers will be needed to pick up popcorn at 2pm from Wynnsong and bag the popcorn
 - Dates: September 29th, October 27th, November 16th, December 15th, January 26th, February 23rd, March 30th, April 27th, May 18th
- Bingo Night will be October 21, 2016 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.
- Book Fair
 - First Book Fair will be November 9-16th
 - Book Fair Training is September 13 and 14 at Johnston Library
 - Candice has run the book fair but needs to train someone to take it over
- Chick-Fil-A Partnership
 - Chick-Fil-A opening on Merle Hay Road has contacted Mr. Paul about partnering with Jensen. Very exciting! Chick-Fil-A will meet with Mr. Paul on September 23rd to present a Book House.
- Parent Advisory Counsel
 - Formed by Superintendent
 - School Improvement Advisory Committee
 - Three Year Commitment
 - Contact Mr. Paul if interested
- Jensen Shirts
 - Robin has scheduled a meeting with a tshirt printing company to research prices and options
 - Objective is affordable shirts that can be recognized in the community and worn to school events
 - Probably will offer hooded sweatshirts and t-shirts
 - Shirts will be offered to students and families at cost (not as a fundraiser)
- Fall Fundraiser will be through Club Choice
- Child care provided during PTO meeting through "silvercord" high school volunteers. Three volunteers were present during the meeting.

- Next PTO Meeting: September 27, 2016, 6:00pm