



PTA's mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

Meeting Minutes

Marion Jordan PTA, General PTA Business Meeting

Date: January 22, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: MJ Resource Center

1) Call Meeting to Order – President

- Establish a quorum-8 of 9 Executive Board present

2) Guest Speaker: Laura Swanlund- Understanding Assessment Data

Dr. Swanlund discussed the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) test and the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

References:

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/IAR-Score-Interpretation-Guide.pdf>

<https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit>

<https://www.illinoisreportcard.com>

3) Reports and updates from Officers, Executive Board and Committee heads:

- VP of Legislation- Jenny Bartkus:
 - Nominating Committee: Slating for the 2020-2021 PTA will be taking place soon. Kathy Czink will be the nominating committee head. If anyone has any desire to serve on the board, or on any committee, please reach out to Kathy Czink or any member of the PTA. There is no nomination needed- there are plenty of spots and ways to be a part of the PTA. All positions are available and we welcome everyone who would like to be a part of this team.
 - Fun Fair- Family fun event sponsored by the PTA. We hope you can join us on 2/7. We will have a parking attendant this year to help guide safe parking. Tickets and food can be purchased on Membership Toolkit. This year, Teacher Treasurers will be an online bidding at the Fun Fair instead of a Parents Night Out function. More information will be communicated closer to the event. We need lots of help, so please consider signing up on the Membership Toolkit. We look forward to seeing you there!
- VP of Ways and Means- Robin Cohen:
 - Bingo- 99 students signed up. We raised \$4200. The kids had a great time. Thank you to our sponsors as we could not have done this without your support.
 - Holiday Spirit Wear raised \$72- thank you!
 - No Stress Fundraiser- currently close to \$15,000. We are down compared to last year- we are making another push via backpack mail to help us meet our goals.

- VP of Education & Cultural Awareness- Gena Livaditis:
 - Reflections update: 2 students have made it to the state level! Congrats to Malavika Pisharody and Abhishek Sriram on their accomplishment.
 - 6th Grade service projects and events have been planned. Please watch for information on these fun events. Please reach out to Jodi Franzen with any questions.
 - 1:15-2:15 Valentines Day parties. 9:30-10:30 for AM K. PLEASE NO FOOD!
- VP of Community and Family Events- Liz Starman:
 - Talent Show- 3/19 6:30pm. Get your groups together and showcase your talents. Contact Erika Baum with any questions.
- VP of School, Teacher and Staff Support- Kathy Czink:
 - Teacher Holiday Lunch was hosted by the PTA. Thank you to Laura Ranieri who has chaired this event for years. It was a beautiful event. Teacher Appreciation is next on the calendar coming up in May.
- VP of Communication- Stephanie Goodall - No report
- Secretary Report- Kelly Beverly:
 - 153 PTA members- 33 faculty members- Printed directories have been distributed via backpack mail for those that ordered a printed copy.
- Treasurer Report- Jodi Servino
 - Time to amend and evaluate the budget. A reminder that we will always have the budget posted in the PTA workroom.
- President's Report- Tracy Callahan- Pesavento:
 - Thanks to everyone who has helped support our PTA goals and events this year. We are looking for help for the teachers that are retiring this year. We also hope that everyone considers joining the PTA. There are many ways to be involved- volunteer their time, donate funds or any way they can to help us meet our goals.
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- Principal's Report – Jenny Grosch:
 - 5 essentials survey is valuable, so please take time to complete it if you have not. The Feedback is used to help identify strengths and areas of opportunity within Marion Jordan. Currently 23% of our student families have completed it. Our school nurse has left to pursue other opportunities, so we are actively looking for a replacement. Access testing for 2nd language students testing for listening, speaking and writing is happening in the upcoming weeks. 6th grade students will be having a new topic that raises awareness around signs of depression. New lunchroom program has been rolled out. The “share table” has leftover food served through the hot lunch program. Students may leave unopened food items they do not want and share with others that want it. This is an effort to reduce wasted food.
- Faculty Representative Report – Elizabeth Falkenberg:
 - Thank you for the holiday luncheon and for everything the PTA does for the staff. Teachers participated in Institute Day. 4-6 focused on Math and ways to encourage Math learning. K-3 focused on Reading. Social and emotional learning lessons done every month share healthy

stress relief methods. Check out the new bulletin board by the music room that focuses on a special social emotional lesson. School store will be held again in February. We are looking for a parent volunteer to take over Box Tops. We are also looking for a parent to help take over raising money for PBIS.

- 4) Unfinished business, questions, or ideas
- 5) Parking Spot Raffle= Anasuya Mohan

MARION JORDAN PTA UPCOMING EVENTS in 2020

02/07- Family Fun Fair

02/14- Classroom Valentine's Day Parties

03/04- General PTA meeting- Speaker: Scott Arnieri- Digital Citizenship and Technology Safety

03/19- Talent Show

Attendees:

Kelly Beverly, Robin Cohen, Jodi Servino, Anasuya Mohan, Jason Shy, Ashok Uppturi, Lizzie Falkenberg, Tracy Callahan-Pesavento, Lisa Folkers, Lori Bayne, Jenny Bartkus, Kathy Czink, Erika Baum, Nancy Lang, Liz Starman, Gena Livaditis