

JRMS PTA October meeting via Zoom  
October 1, 2020  
9:15am-10:25 am

Board members: JD, JN, DB, GT  
JRMS staff: Jesse Shallet, Dr. Amroi, Darlene Wallin  
Approx. attendance: 15

President's Report (JD): pushing membership drive. We can't do traditional fundraisers and need membership and donations to fund our operating budget. \$0.88 of every dollar is going into the programs we offer. Teacher grants are already in progress and being funded. Once the operating budget is covered, we are hoping to fund an outdoor project. COOL (Creating an outdoor oasis for learning) project. We will engage students, staff, families, in the process of figuring out what we need and then running a drive to fund it. Programs benefit every student.

Principals report (Dr Amori): starting to feel normal in school. The kids are so happy to be back. Phase one of the hybrid model has gone well. Google classroom platform presents differently for teacher vs student so they are trying to make it easier by putting the homework calendar on the learning hub. Each cohort/ group has different needs and teachers are aware and trying to make the best of it, get it right. With all in, they will be using 2 lunch rooms- adding the community room as an additional space. Creating a sign up to allow children to have lunch with their friends in the same room.

Presentation by Jesse Shallet about strategies for students:

- Routine is really important for students. Particularly for cohort c
- Look at how the student learns best
- There is not a one size fits all for this learning situation
- Anxiety rates are really high even, before Covid
- Communicating with children is huge
- Kids have been hesitant to ask questions online. Something Jesse is trying to figure out best ways. Can always email the teacher the question
- Kids have a lot of questions about expectations
- Be there for the kids, be rock solid for them and be honest
- Counseling staff is available
- Email counselors if kids are staying up too late, feel like it's too much work. They will talk to the teachers
- Math 20-30 minutes of homework. Similar in other subjects.
- If they are working the whole time, set a time limit.
- Have kids do their work in a common area to make sure they are on track
- Encourage students to think about how their time is being allotted and have control over it
- Speaking with high school for the transition plan
- High school counselors usually come beginning of feb to make recommendations for students, particularly in math and science

- Additionally other schools will be coming in via zoom--tech schools etc

PTA is collecting masks-- handmade or purchased-- if people would like to add to that

November meeting not yet set, keep an eye out for more details.