



Call To Order - 7:05pm General and Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Group Norms and Agreements: We are all volunteers and we try our best

Everyone is treated with respect.	Participation is encouraged – everyone's input is valuable
Only one person speaks at a time. Speak only for yourself	It's OK to disagree respectfully, Keep it polite
In addition to our usual group norms, <u>Please keep your MIC ON to encourage participation.</u>	

Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome ALL participants to the TJ PTA Meeting. Thank you for being part of the community and donating your time this evening to making TJ the BEST PLACE it can be.
Attendance	Please be sure your name is correct on ZOOM, so that the secretary can take attendance HERE .
Minutes	<p>Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from MAY, as published on Facebook and the TJ PTA Website..</p> <p>Motion - Beth S</p> <p>2nd - Jen H</p> <p>Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from MAY Change Over, as published on Facebook and the TJ PTA Website.</p> <p>Motion - Pinaki P</p> <p>2nd - Lindsay WS</p>
Mail (Jen A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you notes from teachers from last year Checks from restaurant nights: Tap House, Capannari Ice Cream and Portillos Costco Membership Renewal Check from Box Tops Yearbook cash, checks and a bill
Treasurer's Report BUDGET 23-24 LINK	<p>Before we can approve the BUDGET for this year, we need to approve the AUDIT. The audit of the 2022-23 year took place July 12, 2023. The Audit Committee this year was: Sandy Cicinelli, Lisa Lucht, Alan Succari</p> <p>Lisa Lucht presented the Audit and Notes from the audit committee.</p> <p>AUDIT LINK</p> <p>Motion to Approve the 22-23 TJ PTA Audit - Beth S</p> <p>2nd - Bri L</p> <p>BUDGET 23-24 LINK</p> <p>This year's budget committee was:</p> <p>Co Presidents : Anne E and Jessica W</p> <p>Secretary: Jen A</p> <p>Ways and Means: Kim M and Beth S</p> <p>Treasurer: Adam B</p> <p>General member: Becky I</p> <p>General Member: Sandi C</p> <p>The meeting took place in person with a zoom option on July 31, 2023</p>



	<p>Adam B presented the budget and notes from the budget committee.</p> <p>Please continue to use this link for check requests. https://airtable.com/shrAew8rTLc7Jh0gD</p> <p>Motion to Approve the TJ PTA 23-24 Budget - Kaitlyn B 2nd - Becca E</p> <p>Income - Membership and Interest Disbursements - Welcoming Committee, AIM, Teacher Reimbursements, Start of School Signage and Tax Filing</p>
Principals' Reports Dr. Sasso/ Mr. Olson	<p>Dr. Larry Sasso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently focusing on student expectations and practicing routines and establishing relationships. • We will be working with students on a Legacy Garden. They will be planting flower bulbs so students can come and visit and see the flowers they planted when they come back for middle school. • The construction is going well. The track and area around it will be ready soon. They have the sod laid and are watering so the kids will be able to use it soon. • Favorite color - Purple <p>Mr. Jack Olson - 1st Year - Welcome Mr. Olson!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The community is so awesome and has great pride. It's a pleasure and honor to be part of the team.
TJ Staff/Teachers "Report"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers will be coming in as grade levels again. But for this week, we asked them to focus on our kiddos, and rest whenever they can. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Future meetings we ask them to give us their NAME, Favorite treat, and something FUN about themselves. • Mandy Wise, our new music teacher, has 16 years in the district and will stay for middle school. She is really excited to be here and wants to learn everyone's name so they remember her when they come back for middle school. She will be starting chorus for 5th and 6th grades in a couple of weeks. Their first performance will be at the Wolves game on Sunday, November 19th. This will be an optional performance for the kids and they will get a free ticket if they choose to participate. Family, friends and the TJ community will need to buy tickets for the game. They will perform a patriotic medley before the start of the game. There is a potential for musicals and grade level performances. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PTA looking into making the Wolves game a TJ Family event. • Alessandra Kennedy, 5th grade. They celebrated the 5th day of 5th grade today. It's so great to see everyone again.
President's Report .	
District 15 NWSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Position: VP Programs and Committees: SPARK, Reflections, Hospitality, Health & Safety, Bilingual



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9/5 is next meeting and 9/20 is General Membership meeting - will need delegates to attend• Items that are needed for the beginning of the year.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Last year's financial audit - in GiveBacks (formerly Memberhub) .◦ Budget◦ Sec of State incorporation - in GiveBacks◦ IL 990 tax form - in GiveBacks◦ Insurance - in GiveBacks◦ Membership dues - State due 10/1 and NWSC due 11/15• D15 Superintendent report provided update on summer construction, summer school & training, nutrition services (Quest Nutrition Consultants) and transportation (StopFinder)• Reminders that NWSC, IL PTA and National PTA are here to support us - there are plenty of resources and training opportunities if we know where to look• Bins for POC donations at each school - would like to split the district into “territories” and rotate who is responsible for collecting and bringing to donation center• Regional Awards 10/16 - we need to nominate ourselves by 8/28• The district would like us to collaboratively work with schools that we will be realigning to as the year goes on.
Future PTA Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PTA Meeting - <u>WEDNESDAY</u>, September 13-Meeting begins at <u>7:00pm</u> and we try to keep them under an hour, based on need.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ looking fwd, February meeting will be on Valentines day, would you rather us move it to Tuesday or Thursday? (Tuesday was chosen)• TJ Back 2 School Fall Fest - Friday, September 29 @ 4pm <p>Consider importing the TJ PTA Meetings & Events calendar to your calendar of choice using this link: https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0?cid=OGIwYWU3ZjE3ODk5MGM5MTkyNGNkNTViNWZkNTY1YWJkYjE2ZTVmNGQxZTIwZWJhN2UwZDBlMzliMTE2ZEBncm91cC5jYWxlbmRhej5nb29nbGUuY29t This calendar has the meetings for the year and Back 2 School Fall Fest and we will add any additional events as they come up (Donuts with Grown-ups, TJ carnival, etc)</p>
New Business	
Zoom Account	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ZOOM LINK, will be the same link every month.
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please consider joining a committee.• Please reach out to Jes or Anne if you are interested in a committee or would like more information. <p>Committee Chairs Summary of each Committee</p>
On-Going Business	



- Dr. Sasso's Flower Bulb Project - The PTA will look to assist with purchasing bulbs for the student's to plant. There was a concern that our garden will be safe from construction but Dr. Sasso has a spot picked out that will be well cared for. These bulbs will need to be planted during the fall before the first ground freeze. Potential for students to start planting during the Back 2 School Fall Fest.
- Anne's Volunteer day/hours Program - TJ is looking for parent/grandparent volunteers for an hour once a week to help the teachers during staffing issues. Volunteers will lend a hand to make copies, laminate materials, cut out activities, etc. More information will be posted on the TJ Facebook page and TJ PTA website. Watch for more information including a sign-up genius with opportunities including the potential for help that can be provided remotely.

Committee Reports

Back to School Picnic/Fall Fest (Kim M, Beth S, Jen A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday, September 29th 4pm - 7pm• 2 food trucks booked and working on a 3rd (Bricks on Wheels, Pierogi Rig, Dog n' Suds?)- Possible preorders to help with lines.• Kona Ice booked from 530-7pm with 25% fund raising• Working with the train and bounce house vendor• Planning to have vendor tables, photo booth, DJ and a bunch of fall activities again• Working with the park district on when Pine Park will be available
Staff/Teacher Appreciation (Lindsay WS & Ashley M)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We had a kick off call earlier today and ideas are always welcome.• We plan to really appreciate our teachers this year with it being our last TJ Elementary year.• We will be setting up a snack table tomorrow for the Parent Orientation Night.• Next Friday we will provide an appreciation breakfast.• Calling all people that have donation contacts. Please reach out to Lindsay with ideas. lindsaywallsuccari@gmail.com
Welcoming/Play Dates (Jen A & Hollie)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome emails have been sent to all new families as of 7/26 and the attendance line magnets have been mailed.• Play Dates were a huge success this year with record breaking attendance.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Due to the construction at TJ they were hosted at parks in the neighborhood.
Dinner Night Out: (Katy L)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inquiries are out to local eateries and we will be looking to have our first opportunity in early September.• Open to suggestions for restaurants you would like to eat at.
6th Grade Events (Priti P & Kelly G)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are in the early stages of planning.• Teachers have collected T-shirt sizes from the students for us.• Jes to send t-shirt contact and other details from last year to repeat success.
5th Grade Events (Liz B and Becky I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Looking for additional help with planning so please reach out.



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Membership (Amanda Flahive)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Link to Join: https://tjpta.memberhub.com/store?limit=21&live=true• Potential to add an option for donations when families sign up for membership.
Spirit Wear (Bri and Melissa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teachers are talking about doing grade level shirts in an online store that the students can purchase.• They will be getting in contact with Dr. Sasso to set that up and help make it happen.
Room Reps (Jen H)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email has gone out requesting room rep volunteers and there has been a ton of interest.• Please watch for an email with additional information.• Teachers will be looking to collect \$5-\$7 per student to support the Valentine's Day and Halloween classroom parties. Please plan to bring cash (small monies) to the orientation tomorrow.
Yearbook (Dana)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our current vendor is raising prices due to the current cost of paper. This updated pricing will mean that the cost of the yearbook will increase \$1-\$3 this year.• Do we look for a new company, or maintain this price? We will stick with the current vendor this year and switch next year when the books are bigger in middle school.• She will be creating a 2023/2024 shared folder for room reps to dump pictures from class parties and other pictures throughout the year.
TJ PTA Website (Mike A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The TJ PTA website has been updated.• Please check it out at www.TJPTA.org and let Mike know if there is something you would like to see added or updated.
Phone Directory (Mike A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Targeting to have the electronic directory out to PTA families as soon as possible after membership sign-up closes.
Book Fair (Mandy M and Pinaki P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Book Fair will be held the week before Thanksgiving break.• More details to come.
Hospitality (Becca E and Liz B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are in the process of planning.• timing isn't for sure yet but we are looking at late October or early November for our first Donuts with a Grown Up.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We call the event with a Grown Up to be inclusive of our TJ community.○ The grown up can be a parent, grandparent, older sibling or anyone the parent/guardian appoints to participate.○ There are typically 2 events a year, one in the fall and one in the spring.

Adjournment - 8:19pm

*** Next meeting - Wednesday, September 13th**



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Date	Event
Thurs, Aug 24, 2023	Parent Orientation
Mon, Sep 4, 2023	No School - Labor Day
Tue, Sep 5, 2023	NWSC President's Meeting
Wed, Sep 13, 2023	PTA Meeting
Wed, Sep 13, 2023	BOE Meeting
Wed, Sep 20, 2023	NWSC General Membership Meeting
Mon, Sep 25, 2023	SPARK Event
Fri, Sep 29, 2023	Back 2 School Fall Fest
Mon, Oct 2, 2023	NWSC President's Meeting
Mon, Oct 9, 2023	No School - Columbus Day
Tue, Oct 10, 2023	No School - Teacher Plan Day
Wed, Oct 11, 2023	PTA Meeting
Wed, Oct 11, 2023	BOE Meeting
Mon, Oct 23, 2023	SPARK Event
Fri, Oct 27, 2023	Progress Reports (7-8)
Mon, Nov 6, 2023	NWSC President's Meeting
Tue, Nov 7, 2023	Half Day - Teacher Institute
Wed, Nov 8, 2023	PTA Meeting
Wed, Nov 15, 2023	BOE Meeting
Fri, Nov 17, 2023	Progress Reports (1-6)
Mon, Nov 20, 2023	No School - Parent/Teacher Conf.
Tue, Nov 21, 2023	No School - Parent/Teacher Conf.
Wed, Nov 22, 2023	No School - Non-attendance day
Thu, Nov 23, 2023	No School - Thanksgiving break
Fri, Nov 24, 2023	No School - Thanksgiving break
Mon, Nov 27, 2023	SPARK Event
Mon, Dec 4, 2023	NWSC President's Meeting



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Wed, Dec 13, 2023	PTA Social Event
Wed, Dec 13, 2023	BOE Meeting
Mon, Dec 5 - Fri, Jan 5	Winter Break
Tue, Jan 9, 2024	NWSC President's Meeting
Wed, Jan 10, 2024	PTA Meeting
Fri, Jan 12, 2024	Progress Reports (K & 7-8)
Mon, Jan 15, 2024	No School - MLK
Tue, Jan 16, 2024	Half Day - Teacher Institute
Wed, Jan 17, 2024	BOE Meeting
Mon, Jan 22, 2024	SPARK Event
Mon, Jan 29, 2024	NWSC Reflections Showcase & General Membership Meeting
Tue, Jan 30, 2024	Half Day - Teacher Institute
Mon, Feb 5, 2024	NWSC President's Meeting
Mon, Feb 5, 2024	District Spelling Bee
Tue, Feb 12, 2024	PTA Meeting
Wed, Feb 14, 2024	BOE Meeting
Mon, Feb 19, 2024	No School - Presidents Day
Tue, Feb 20, 2024	No School - Teacher Plan Day
Mon, Feb 26, 2024	SPARK Event
Fri, Mar 1, 2024	Progress Reports (1-6)
Mon, Mar 4, 2024	NWSC President's Meeting
Wed, Mar 13, 2024	PTA Meeting
Wed, Mar 13, 2024	BOE Meeting
Mon, Mar 18, 2024	SPARK Event
Mar 25-29, 2024	No School - Spring Break
Mon, Apr 1, 2024	NWSC President's Meeting
Fri, Apr 5, 2024	Progress Reports (7-8)
Wed, Apr 10, 2024	PTA Meeting
Wed, Apr 10, 2024	BOE Meeting
Mon, Apr 22, 2024	SPARK Event
Fri, May 3, 2024	No School - Teacher Plan day



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Mon, May 6, 2024	NWSC Spring Fling & General Membership Meeting
Wed, May 8, 2024	PTA Changeover Meeting & Recognition
Wed, May 8, 2024	BOE Meeting
Mon, May 20, 2024	NWSC Changeover Meeting
Thu, May 23, 2024	Last Day (no emergency days); Progress Reports (K-8)
Mon, May 27, 2024	Memorial Day
Mon, Jun 3, 2024	Last Day (all emergency days used)
Wed, Jun 12, 2024	BOE Meeting