



Call To Order - 7:02 General and Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, September 13, 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.																																																																																
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Minutes	Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from AUGUST, as published on Facebook and the TJ PTA Website.. Motion - KIM M 2nd - Beth S																																																																																
Mail (Jen A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you note from Mrs. Alberts (2/3 LEAP)• Advertisement from Chicago Wolves to host a Family Night• Classroom Party Funds																																																																																
Treasurer’s Report BUDGET 23-24 LINK	<p>Please continue to use this link for check requests. CLICK HERE</p> <table><tr><th colspan="4">TJ PTA, Monthly Treasurer's Report</th></tr><tr><th colspan="4">08/22/23-09/12/13</th></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Beginning Balance @ 08/22/23</td><td>\$</td><td>17,308.11</td></tr><tr><td>Income</td><td>Membership</td><td>9/8/2023</td><td>\$15.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Membership</td><td>9/1/2023</td><td>\$90.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Interest</td><td>8/31/2023</td><td>\$0.16</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Membership</td><td>8/25/2023</td><td>\$85.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Fall Fest - Venmo</td><td>9/12/2023</td><td>\$372.80</td></tr><tr><td>Disbursements</td><td>Teacher - Fischer</td><td>8/28/2023</td><td>\$87.99</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Teacher - Jensen</td><td>9/1/2023</td><td>\$96.32</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Teacher - Valdez</td><td>9/12/2023</td><td>\$100.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Membership</td><td>9/1/2023</td><td>\$152.00</td></tr><tr><td colspan="4">Classroom</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Magrowski</td><td>\$</td><td>100.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Meyer</td><td>\$</td><td>100.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Buthod</td><td>\$</td><td>100.00</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Alberts</td><td>\$</td><td>96.88</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Fischer</td><td>\$</td><td>87.99</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Jensen</td><td>\$</td><td>96.32</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Valdez</td><td>\$</td><td>100.00</td></tr></table> <p>To date-</p>	TJ PTA, Monthly Treasurer's Report				08/22/23-09/12/13				Beginning Balance @ 08/22/23		\$	17,308.11	Income	Membership	9/8/2023	\$15.00		Membership	9/1/2023	\$90.00		Interest	8/31/2023	\$0.16		Membership	8/25/2023	\$85.00		Fall Fest - Venmo	9/12/2023	\$372.80	Disbursements	Teacher - Fischer	8/28/2023	\$87.99		Teacher - Jensen	9/1/2023	\$96.32		Teacher - Valdez	9/12/2023	\$100.00		Membership	9/1/2023	\$152.00	Classroom					Magrowski	\$	100.00		Meyer	\$	100.00		Buthod	\$	100.00		Alberts	\$	96.88		Fischer	\$	87.99		Jensen	\$	96.32		Valdez	\$	100.00
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Principals' Reports Dr. Sasso/ Mr. Olson	<p>Dr. Larry Sasso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction Update: Track will open on Monday so the intermediate students will be able to use that area. The focus area will be inside the track, which is a large green area.• Johnson- has been pulling kids into the gymnasium to help give the students extra space to play• Giant Crane in place to start placing steel beams to go across the roof.• Side walls are almost completed, with exception of the North wall,• A little noise on the second floor recently, for connections, but we hope that the noise is minimal or over. <p>-MAP testing is complete and those benchmark assessments are used to help guide the instruction that is happening at TJ. (we are 2nd highest for math and reading across the district)</p> <p>-Those scores will be uploaded and available by October 1st. Please remember that this is just ONE data point. Not the only determining factor</p>
TJ Staff/Teachers "Report" SIGN UP	<p>Library & Innovation- Katie Burns</p> <p>New to TJ this year, but been in d15 for years and years, Attended TJ as a student. Previously was LIT at Sundling and is very excited to build an incredible program at TJ MS now.</p> <p>First Grade Team-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Kendall- Loving being at TJ, and Pumpkin muffins with Cream cheese frosting• Mrs. Mahn- Lifer at TJ, Trader Joe's ANYTHING.• Mrs. Berthold- new to TJ, Previously taught at D59, PSLatte• Mrs. Fischer-- New to district and TJ, and MJ. Resource teacher- Pumpkin Pie CRUST The ESSENCE.
President's Report .	
District 15 NWSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Position: VP Programs and Committees: SPARK, Reflections, Hospitality, Health & Safety, Bilingual• Guest speaker from Chess Forward - this is not a program that TJ is offering• 9/20 is General Membership meeting - will need delegates to attend• Regional Awards 10/16• September Training: Training Flyer PDF• Reflections: I am hopeful because (there will be a workshop following 9/20 general membership meeting that students can attend) If you would like to head Reflections, Please let anne or jessica know so that we can connect you• Do we have a yellow bin at TJ for POC?- Ours is long gone
Future PTA Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PTA Meeting - WEDNESDAY, October 11-Meeting begins at 7:00pm and we try to keep them under an hour, based on need. 4Th grade teachers will be joining us as well as the Instructional Coach• Virtual SPARK Meeting Monday, September 25 "Is it Sensory or Is it Behavior?"• 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=OGIwYWU3ZjE3ODk5MGM5MTkyNGNkNTViNWZkNTY1YWJkYjE2ZTVmNGQxZTIwZWJhN2UwZDBlMzliMTE2ZEBncm91cC5jYWxlbmRheci5nb29nbGUuY29t</p> <p>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	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Flower Bulbs- Still working on getting this around for fall planting• Thursday Volunteers- SIGN UP GENIUS The teachers can use a lot of help, and we would love to have the extra hands. There is also an option for some take home work each week.• National PTA Grant Opportunities<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Anne is looking into which free money we are eligible for<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Looking for some help in completing forms and communicating the impact that each program will have on TJ community
Committee Reports	
Back to School Picnic/Fall Fest (Kim M, Beth S, Jen A)	<p>WE ARE EXCITED!!!! THIS IS THE LAST TJ ELEM FALL FEST Volunteer Fall Fest is only 1 hour shifts Please come and hang with us, even if it is before or after the Celtic Event, or Homecoming Football Game.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday, September 29th 4pm - 7pm• Police, Fire and Public Works have been confirmed<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Police will bring 1-2 vehicles and new community resource dog, Oakley○ Fire will have on duty crew 4-5PM○ Public Works will have snow plow for“touch a truck” 4-7PM• 3 food trucks booked 4-7PM (Billy Brinks will have pre-order, Pierogi Rig and Culinary Gangsters are confident the line will move quickly)• Kona Ice booked from 530-7pm with 25% fund raising• 2 bounce houses (one just for age 5 & under) and Train confirmed• Mr. Johnson’s obstacle course



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Pre-registration (entrance, 50/50 raffle, pumpkin coupons) and volunteer links are open● Vendor tables: Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Spirit Wear Exchange (bring TJ gear you've outgrown and potentially pick up a new to you size), maybe membership
Staff/Teacher Appreciation (Lindsay WS & Ashley M)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Welcome back breakfast provided on Friday, September 1 that was much appreciated● Calling all people that have donation contacts. Please reach out to Lindsay with ideas. lindsaywallsuccari@gmail.com
Dinner Night Out: (Katy L)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Some of the past restaurants don't have openings until December, so Katy will keep reaching out to see if we can get some sooner● Open to suggestions for restaurants you would like to eat at.
6th Grade Events (Priti P & Kelly G)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">●
5th Grade Events (Liz B and Becky I)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Looking for additional help with planning so please reach out.
Membership (Amanda Flahive)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Link to Join: https://tjpta.memberhub.com/store?limit=21&live=true● Learning MORE, and thanks to Lisa L for helping to get things rolling● \$10/family: Executive members MUST join, and Committee members are encouraged to join. (Staff is all signing up online or through landermann)● Fall Fest- There will be some kind of table, but we need assistance in "manning" this table
Spirit Wear (Bri and Melissa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Grade Level Shirts: Sasso will keep us in the loop as to when to get orders together.● Spirit Wear: Store is UP and running LINK Store will be up year round. Current SALE live until 9/21, extended for 1 week (Originally 9/14) Year Round FLYER SALE FLYER
Room Reps (Jen H)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Halloween Party? Party's will be ON halloween in the afternoon.● Parade, then kids go back inside to work the party. Expect about 75 minutes for the party.● Room parent will choose (lottery style) 2 or 3 helpers per classroom
Yearbook (Dana)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● A 2023/2024 shared folder has been shared with 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Book Fair will be held the week before Thanksgiving break.



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(Mandy M and Pinaki P)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Hospitality (Becca E and Liz B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TENTATIVE: We are looking at 11/8 and 11/9. More details will be available at the NEXT meeting. Until then Mark your calendars.
Windy City Bulls (Dominika)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Just received some initial information, so we are looking to collaborate with MJ and Whiteley.• Melissa Ryan, super happy to help out and has great contacts that can maybe make melissaryan1231@gmail.com

Adjournment - 8:00PMM

*** Next meeting - Wednesday, October 11th**

[2023-25 Bylaws](#)

Date	Event
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 - is it sensory or is it behavior?
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.



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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
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



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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
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

Attendance:

Anne Epsom, Jessica Weir,
Kendall, Mahn, Burns,