

# Journeys School

## Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Kick-Off Meeting on September 29, 2010 5:30-7:00pm

Members Present: Remy Levy, Julie Kling, Joohee Muromcew, Maya Crothers, Cindy Daly, Carin McConaughy-Munn, Amy Williams, Susannah Lynch, Anne Marie Babb, Carol Chesney, Ed Sanden, Caroline Labbe, Susan DeMuro, Karen Sturm, Yazmina Groenstein, Kim Russell, Cody Mueller, Danny Jost, Heidi Jost, Ana Chapman, Polly Friess, Jennifer Scott, Dana Nagel, Meaghan Tozzi, Sara Dykema, Carrie Kirkpatrick, Ashley Lund, Ginny Sanden

Staff Present: Nate McClennen, Tammie Van Holland, Laurel Wyckoff, Nick Delmolino

- Welcome:** Tammie welcomed everyone and discussed the objectives of the Parent Council. Many thanks to everyone last year for the extensive successes of the Parent Council 2009-10: Bingo Night, Teacher Appreciation Committee, Athletic/Performance Awards, Graduation, Summer Picnic, New Parent Social, Teacher Breakfasts, etc. This year the Parent Council is challenged to continue these great events and more!
- Officers:** Karen Sturm was introduced as President! Many thanks to Katie Pierce for her 3+ years leading the Parent Council. Karen then introduced the officers/class representatives and the openings were quickly filled by volunteers – thank you!

Presidents Karen Sturm	PK Rep Jane Hill
Vice President Amy Williams	ES Rep Maya Crothers
Secretary Susannah Lynch	MS Rep Sara Dykema
Staff Liaison Tammie Van Holland	HS Rep Amy Williams
- Curriculum Overview:** Nate invited parents to contact him or visit his “open door” office anytime. Communication is key at Journeys School and he looks forward to hearing from parents. Nate gave an overview of the current Journeys School “Focus and Vision” and the ongoing “Programmatic Strategic Plan”. The elementary assessment program was discussed and he encouraged parents to join in the upcoming elementary assessment informational meetings on October 6 at 7:30 am and 2:45 pm. He also invited all parents to join the State of the School Dinner on November 10.
- Volunteer Opportunities:** Previous organizers of events discussed how parents can get involved, and sign-up sheets were circulated for the following:
  - Winter Celebration—December 15, daytime decorations and evening break down
  - Family Night—January 21, planning, setup, breakdown
  - Graduation—June 8, daytime setup and evening breakdown
  - Teacher Breakfasts—a great way to support teachers by feeding them a nutritious breakfast or lunch once monthly. Coordinator: Kim Russell
  - Speaker Series—an opportunity for parents to share life/work experiences with middle and high school students in a brown bag lunch format. Coordinator: Remy Levy
  - Teacher Appreciation Committee—help find creative ways to show the teachers how much our parents care. Co-Coordinators: Maya Crothers and Kim Russell

Community Events by Grade Level—host a Mom’s Night Out, Dad’s Night Out, or fun event for parents and kids in your grade level.

Library—keep the library organized and ready for our students. Coordinator: Danny Jost

All-School Volunteer Opportunities—so many of them! Coordinator: Jean Lewis

Sports and Performance Awards—June 10, help congratulate our 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade athletes and performers at this all-school event

5. **Admissions:** Tammie Van Holland, Director of Admissions, discussed Information Sessions and Private Tours as two ways prospective parents and students can get to know Journeys School. Word of mouth continues to be the best avenue for others to learn about our school. Tammie thanks parents in advance for sharing their Journeys School experiences with others in the community.
6. **Development:** Laurel Wyckoff, Teton Science Schools Director of Development, discussed Journeys School Annual Fund and congratulated parents for last year’s 74% parent participation and is hopeful that we’ll reach 100% this year. Laurel introduced Caroline Labbe who will co-chair with Pamela Dunn the Amangani Evening and Auction (December 10). Upcoming events will be Earn One Give One for students, Bunny Benefit (November 6), and a TBD spring event. All members of the Development Committee were introduced (Dana Nagel, Karen Sturm, Amy Williams, Danny Jost). If you are interested in joining the committee or have other fundraising ideas, please contact Laurel in the Welcome Center.
7. **Meetings:** It was confirmed that Parent Council coffee and meetings (8:15-9:15am) will be the first Wednesday of every month except when there is no school.  
Please mark your calendars!  
October 6, 2010  
November 3, 2010  
December 1, 2010  
January 5, 2011  
February 2, 2011  
March 2, 2011  
April 13, 2011  
May 4, 2011  
June 1, 2011

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

## JOURNEYS SCHOOL - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Whether you can give an hour or a whole day, every little bit helps!

<u>WINTER CELEBRATION, Dec 15 – Wednesday Eve</u> Help with decorations and break down.	<u>GRADUATION, June 8 – Wednesday Eve</u> Help with set up and break down.
1. Ginny and Ed Sanden	1. Carrie Kirkpatrick
2. Yazmina Groenstein	2. Sara Dykema
3. Karen Sturm	3. Meaghan Tozzi
4. Susan DeMuro	4. Jennifer Scott
5. Carol Chesney	5. Kim Russell
6.	6. Yazmina Groenstein
7.	7. Karen Sturm
8.	8. Amy Williams
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<u>FAMILY NIGHT, Jan 21 – Friday Eve</u> Planned and executed by Parent Council.	<u>TEACHER BREAKFAST / LUNCH</u> Pick one Tuesday and bring in breakfast for 30 by 7am. Pick any day of the week and bring in lunch for 30 by 11am. Feel free to partner with another parent.
1. Ashley Lund	ORGANIZER: Kim Russell
2. Danny and Heidi Jost	OCTOBER: 1. Kim Russell 2.
3. Kim Russell	NOVEMBER: 1. Ginny and Ed Sanden 2.
4. Karen Sturm	JANUARY: 1. Amy Williams 2.
5. Anne Marie Babb	FEBRUARY: 1. Sara and Tim Dykema 2.
6.	MARCH: 1. Carrie Kirkpatrick 2. Polly Friess
7.	APRIL: 1. Danny and Heidi Jost 2.
8.	MAY: 1. Susannah and Michael Lynch 2.
9.	JUNE: 1. Cindy Daly 2.
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### Community Events

Create an event for parents or families in your grade level. Could be a mom's night out, could be a meet at a park with kids, etc. Then be in charge or work with another to organize/invite!

<u>PreK / K / 1<sup>st</sup> Community Events</u>	<u>Grades 2-5 Community Events</u>
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER:	OCTOBER/NOVEMBER:  Carin McConaughy-Munn
FEBRUARY/MARCH:  Heidi and Danny Jost	FEBRUARY/MARCH:  Karen Sturm
Not sure when but want to help:  Cindy Daly	Not sure when but want to help:  Julie Kling
<u>Middle School Community Events</u>	<u>High School Community Events</u>
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER:	OCTOBER/NOVEMBER:
FEBRUARY/MARCH:  Susan DeMuro	FEBRUARY/MARCH:
Not sure when but want to help:	Not sure when but want to help: