Junior Olympics District Committee Meeting #3

January 14, 2013

**Attending**

Almond Marcia Chmyz, Alix Apfelberg, Rasha Dessouki, Kathleen Mitchell, Michelle Gottlieb

Covington Laura Torres, Julie Altinger, Kathleen Vitakis

Gardner Bullis Wendy Grant

Oak Beth Menden, Lynn Kondo

Loyola Cynthia Karr

Santa Rita Lori Borgard, Jackie Radcliffe

Springer Wendy Sarathay, Christa Kidwell, Leslie Bossett

District Pearl Garvin

**Scheduling**

Marcia will work with MVHS to confirm the time/date for the Relay Coaching Clinic and Opening Ceremony Rehearsal. The calendar will be updated accordingly.

**Program/Map Draft Review**

Wendy Sarathay (Springer) presented a draft of the new JO map, and the 2013 program. Changes to the map include the removal of unnecessary detail, with the addition of fences and gates. The map will be designed to read well in black and white. All event locations will be designated in a consistent manner for ease of location. The committee recommended that a single master map be designed, which can be edited as necessary for specific purposes (ie. Set-up, security, opening ceremonies, etc.)

Redundancies have been removed from the program, and the link to “results” will be made more prominent. End-of-day information will be moved to the “grid” event schedule page, and the torch bearers will be highlighted. The map will be enlarged in the program to cover two pages.

**Budget & Equipment Needs for School Training**

Each school is responsible for checking to make sure that they have all JO training equipment. Necessary purchases should be made through the school’s PTA. An equipment checklist is available on the Yahoo Groups website.

**Potential Appearance of “Real” Olympians**

Two former Olympians (Kayla Bayshore & Ken Flax) have expressed a willingness to participate in this year’s JO event. The committee would like to invite any and all former Olympians in the community to participate. PR will explore including an open invitation via the Town Crier.

**Distribution of Responsibilities amongst Schools**

The committee discussed the relative workload of various school assignments, and brainstormed solutions for a more even distribution. Specifically, it was felt that responsibility for the hurdles, relays, and finals, was too much for a single school (Loyola). Loyola committee members will discuss with previous committee members, to further clarify roles and tasks, and the other schools will help provide volunteers as necessary.

**Check-In**

Loyola/Food – Have heard back from all vendors except Whole Foods, and do not anticipate changes in menu or pricing. Sprouts and/or Trader Joes will be contacted for “bars”.

Oak/Equipment – Establishing contact with Marlene from District Office. An equipment “drop-off” map will be created, as a collaborative effort, at the next meeting.

Springer – Will continue work on Map/Program. Names are needed of all involved PE specialists.

Santa Rita/PR – Working on Facebook and Twitter accounts. Will look into first-aid inventory, and restock as necessary.

**Miscellaneous**

* School contributions are due at the March meeting ($2/student). Please submit a check request to your PTA treasurer.
* Please remind your prinicipals/6th grade teachers that torchbearer names are due in March. Provide selection guidelines as needed.
* The committee will work to centralize as much of the JO information as possible on the district website, to facilitate updates and changes.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 4th at 8:45 AM.