

## Jefferson General PTA Meeting Summary May 7, 2018

### **Principal's Report:** (Craig Nelson)

I will be leaving next year for a new position in Puyallup. This will allow me to be closer to my parents. Joe Thornton is here to take notes on any questions you have about the process for finding a new principal. You can also email Bob if you have questions. We received the bees for our two beehives. We put the bees into both hives. We started with 6,000 bees and the hives will have about 50,000 bees in them when they're in full production. We had a fantastic Open House and Art Show. Heather did a great job. The art work is largely still up, but a few have come down to be in the Art Walk. We'll get the art back to the students before the end of the year.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Brandy Wiser, not in attendance) We are still doing well. We will be using a good amount of our checking funds for the outdoor classroom project. Brandy will provide an update at the next meeting.

### **Committee Updates:**

*Art Docent/Art Fair:* (Heather Carter) The Art Show was great. We put a lot of effort into making it uniform. The teachers liked the format, so I think we'll do that again. We made sure every student had a piece of art on display. We had a lot more people come into the multipurpose room because of the refreshments. We filled up all of the space. We were able to re-do the display in the corner near the Art Room. It looks fantastic and the kids were quite excited about it. Heather will look into LED options and discuss it at a future meeting. Rhonda is very excited to re-use all of the black paper that we hung up.

*Book Fair:* (Brian Edwards, not in attendance) Shari Carter reported. Flyers have been made and will be distributed later on. This is the Buy One Get One Free Book Fair and will take place June 6-8. We'll need volunteers as cashiers and to help with setup on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Angela offered to help with the Book Fair, too.

*Box Tops:* (Jaclyn Gotch) The Spring Drive was a big success. We collected 8,476 Box Tops and 7 classes earned ice cream parties! Thank you to everyone who helped clip, count, and organize. Brandy and Carrie have expressed interest in taking over for next year.

*Chess Club:* (Christy McCloy, not in attendance) The Chess Club Tournament had about 60 kids participate and it went really well. It lasted from 3:00 until about 5:15.

*Drama Club:* (Angela Gibson/MegAnn Moore) We had a slightly smaller group at the last meeting, but it was great. They used their imaginations and love to do fashion shows. For our final meeting we might go outside.

*End of Year BBQ:* (Shari Carter) The BBQ is Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. We need help with setup, organizing during the event, and clean up.

*Food Pantry:* (Linhda Sagen, not in attendance) Update from Meg. The pantry is now the Pullman Schools Pantry Program. We received the WSU President's Award for Leadership. We also received a Rotary Grant for shelving, handcarts, and things like that. The last week of school we'll be giving a bigger bag of snacks to try to help as much as we can. We are doing a survey to get some feedback about what we've been able to give. The Aquatics Center donated 200 free family passes, so we put those in the pantry food bags.

*Fundraiser:* (Vacant) The GameRaiser Family Game Night is coming up on Thursday, May 31 at 6:00 in the multipurpose room. This is a fundraiser to put educational games into the classrooms and into family hands. We have 20 free games that teachers are currently using and that we get to keep at Jefferson.

Everyone is welcome to attend the game night. Games will be available for purchase. Thirty percent of the sales will come back to the PTA, which we could choose to use to purchase games for classrooms that need them. The website has all of the available games listed. The games are attractive, look exciting and fun, and the pieces have a lifetime warranty.

*Green Team:* (Ericka Young & Kelli Cooper) Our last one is this Thursday. Last month we created a fun art project for the Art Show. They had fun putting that together. We've had a great year learning about water.

*Membership:* (Brian Edwards) We're at 128 memberships.

*Movie Night:* (Kelli Cooper) Our last one will be this month sometime. I would like to show Recess: School's Out, if I can find a copy. Last month we had about 10 people show up. It was short, but it went well.

*Silverwood Reading Program:* (Ashley Herridge) The tickets should arrive any day now.

*Spaghetti Feed:* (Meg Gollnick) The official number we brought in was \$12,000!

*Staff Appreciation:* (Jaclyn Gotch & Ashley Herridge) Teacher Appreciation Week is this week! We have something planned for the staff for each day.

*Staff Mini-grants:* (Jodi Winchell) Last year we gave \$3,600 in staff mini grants. We'll have to wait and see what this year's total is.

*Student Directory:* (Margie Hirose, not in attendance) This is an inexpensive, easy way to do the directory. We could include a flyer with the new enrollment packet that gets sent out.

*Yearbook:* (Megan Brannon, not in attendance) I haven't heard back from Megan. I'm going to try to get in touch with her again. If I don't hear from her this week, Jaclyn will put something together.

#### **New Business:**

- **Outdoor Classroom.** We had our first meeting. We discussed the information gathering stage. We meet again on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to get things started.
- **Open Positions.** We have many open positions for next year, including President. Book Fair (Angela will help co-chair), Box Tops (Brandy Wisner and Carrie SaintPierre will co-chair), Chess Club, BBQ, Fundraiser, JES T-Shirts, Math Club, Newsletter, Reader Board (Rochelle Dunham will chair), Staff Appreciation (Chelsi Dusek, MegAnn Moore, and Angela Gibson will co-chair), Student Directory, Yearbook (Rochelle Dunham will chair). Pass the word that we need people to volunteer. We definitely need someone to volunteer as President or Co-Presidents.