

Jefferson PTA Minutes

October 2, 2018

Called to order 7:06

Welcome/Introduction

Thank you for working with us on the date change!

Acceptance of minutes:

Mover: Jaclyn Gotch

Second: Meg Gollnick

Result: Unanimous pass

School Board Director District No. 2- Allison Munch-Rotolo

I am the school board liaison for Jefferson, currently there are 5 members and 5 buildings. Anyone can contact any of the board members, but she will be the Jefferson specialist. She will attend staff meetings, PTA meetings, events, etc. There will be challenges next year as she will be Kamiak liaison as well as Jefferson. Many people have the luxury and enjoyment of volunteering in classroom, but it is a lot harder to come to a meeting like this. You are a part of something here that is improving the schools not only for your own child but for others. Her contact info is on website. Ericka asked, what kinds of issues or concerns have been brought to her in the past? None so far this year. Food issues has come up in the past. Happy to say that working with Meg Gollnick on the wellness committee that from-scratch programs are making their way into Elementary Level. Transportation is also an interest area of hers. She feels children should go to schools close enough to their home and should be walkable.

Principal's Report

Where did Fall go? With the wind and the cold, it felt like the Tri-Cities. Esther Joireman has been gone, but has not resigned. She has had the opportunity to travel with her husband. Right at 500 students at Jefferson. The morning tutoring program kicked off yesterday. We had 9 students signed up as of yesterday, but we have room for plenty more so if you or someone you know has a child that could benefit please, send them our way. Fundraiser assembly, which Meg Gollnick got all set up and ready to go, went well. I had the opportunity to dress as Han Solo and Ms. Casanova was Princess Leia and it was a huge hit. Class Dojo has been being used by 27 teachers, 195 parents, 414 students as well. It is a great 2 way communication tool for teachers and parents but also lets us show what is going on in our classrooms. If you are not signed up, but would like to please contact your student's teacher for a code. You can also sign up relatives who do not live nearby like grandparents. Student Council is up and rolling. Our 4th grade teachers are serving as advisors. Student Council members were taken out to the playground to demonstrate the correct way to use the playground equipment for a video. Each teacher will receive a copy when it is completed. Kicking off this month, Destination Imagination. Information will come out Friday. Geography Club is also starting up with Ms. Doumit as an advisor. Question from parent regarding her Kindergartener telling her that another student has run off. Have had a couple situations where students have run off but were found quickly and parents were notified. Once there was a "soft lockdown" where students were kept in classrooms to allow for better visual and police were contacted. Parent concern on ClassDojo because of previous experience with the app with students being marked "red" and creating strife between parent/child. We are focusing on using it as a text-based communication tool, more than the classroom management tool. Some teachers are using the classroom management tool, though.

Follow-up comment, has there been any thought to streamlining to one communication app as there are several different ones being used (Remind, Google Classroom, Class Dojo, etc).

Teacher's Minute

None at this time

Treasurer's report

Updated for current fiscal year, nothing in July and August, and only a few small expenses in September but nothing unexpected. Will update the sheet after Fundraiser.

JES Student Council

Tricia Doumit one of 3 advisors of Student Council members, Owen Brandon and Teagn (Morning announcements coordinators). Help with announcements every day. Like to do a quote or joke for the day, lunch, weather, etc. Have been elected by their classrooms. Plan things like spirit days. Veterans Day assembly is the next big thing. Promote school spirit. Normally, we like to have t-shirts for the student council. We are here to request \$400 for this purpose

Motion: Chelsie Dusek

Second: Meg Gollnick

Result: Unanimous approval

Mr Rex – passing around a card to sign. His son is taking care of him. Jefferson is his family so we want to show how much we care. We'll plan to vote on flowers or something to send to him.

Committee updates

Poem in your pocket- one day near art fair day and Jaclyn will provide poems for pockets on that day.

Destination Imagination will start next Wednesday; flyers should be done by this Friday

Art Docent – no updates. Just need help in the classrooms and working with WSU to fill vacant docent positions. Question on how many vacant positions – Erica isn't sure how many. Jefferson is the only school that has maintained the program. About 4 classrooms that do not have a docent at this time.

Book Fair – Enchanted forest theme let your imagination grow. Date for set up has changed to 18th due to Orchestra using the library

Box Tops- October 8th-12th for collection week.

Chess Club- Happening this Friday and they don't have the volunteer sign-up sheet. Thinking of having a table set up for the kids who are new to be able to get some more one on one instruction.

Drama Club – First meeting last week with 6 students and a WSU volunteer who gave us a lot of tips and pointers, and games. Might do a play by the end of the year. Last Monday of the month is when meetings are held

Fundraiser- Going really well so far. Star Wars theme and Thanks to Mr. Bruce and Mrs. Casanova for dressing up. Got the kids excited about eh fundraiser and showcased the. \$3500 for the first three days which is a 1000 over where we were last year. Not concerned that we will meet our goal, most of the money comes in the last 3 days. Prizes are going well, other than it takes kids a long time to pick out a squishy. Good thing we changed the theme and big prize. October 12 there is no school for collaboration. Planet 3 agreed to a reduced price for us. Are there more envelopes? More in office.

Green Team- wanting to add water bottle filling station(s) and work on the outdoor gardening. Send out email to cancel meeting for this month as it somehow got scheduled on a ½ day.

T-shirts- Offer t-shirts (\$8) sleeve shirts (\$12), and hoodies (\$23) Would like to get it set up and ordered and then get a flyer/order form to families. Maybe start in November rather than starting in October since fundraiser and bookfair will be happening.

Memberships- sitting at 63 members so far. No specific goal this year.

Movie Night- first one on October 19th @ 6pm. Movie TBD

Outdoor classroom- Mega D construction has provided a bid of \$27,000. They have agreed to do the project. Which is great. They can also do the dirt moving and concrete which will save us money. In the process of working out the budget to bring down overall cost. Working with WSU students to do some of the skilled labor work. This semester doing gradients/elevations, next semester working on choosing plants. Jenna is fantastic! Got a call today from the Moscow Pullman Daily News wanting to know more about the Outdoor Learning Lab so there will be a story coming out tomorrow! Working with Jena and Michael Sanchez. WSU students getting hands on experience so that our students can get a hands on experience.

Playground Equipment- Rachel Udy is the coordinator. Trying to work out a way to provide equipment that is going to last and not walk away. Area to the East eats a lot of balls. Making equipment collection a Student Council responsibility.

Snack Pantry- Starting this week. Doing a food drive, now under Pullman Child Welfare. October 20th Stuff the Bus for the Pantry. Bus will be down at Dissmores. Dissmores will pre-pack a \$10 bag that can be purchased. Saturday 10-5pm in need of volunteers. Money is rolling in. Program is growing, as of today 120 kids at Jefferson. At high school, last year they had 2 this year there are 12. Tweaking HS program to include some snacks for nutrition break. Big push on healthy food, so phasing out some of the food that is not as nutritious like high salt, candy-like granola bars. SEL has arranged for employees to cut carrots for 2 weeks out of each month. At Jefferson, we need help packing food.

Staff appreciation- last month we did Italian Sodas for all the staff. Mapped out rest of the year today, but will not share what they are. Will be sending out email requesting assistance later this month. Would it be possible to email out required supplies like “bring a bowl on this day” to teachers? Email will work!

New Business

Gift for Rex- since we will be using PTA funds, we need to vote on it. Proposal is to spend \$50

Motion: Meg Gollnick

Second: Jaclyn Gotch

Result: Unanimous pass

Line item budget for Kamiak “Baby Shower gift” \$350

Motion: Ms. Doumit

Second: Chelsie Dusek

Result: Unanimous pass

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm