

**Jefferson General PTA Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2018**

**Attendees: Julie Collins, Ioana Fernandez, Phil Fernandez, Jessica Testani, Stephanie Furlong, Susan Grote, Michelle Kinney, Jen Hall, Geoff Gaebel, Regina Gaebel, Kara Caforio, Kerri Timmerwilke**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Phil Fernandez, President.

The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The January 11, 2018 PTA meeting minutes were presented for approval. Geoff Gaebel made a motion to approve the minutes and Jessica Testani seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tonight's special guest is Kara Caforio, a member of the District 205 Board of Education. Ms. Caforio is here tonight to answer any questions the community may have of the Board.

Several PTA members brought up concerns regarding the Jefferson playground and related flooding issues. The community is looking for an update from the Board of any considerations given to correcting this issue. Ms. Caforio noted that building facilities was an agenda item for the January 2018 Board meeting. At that meeting, facilities for all the schools was discussed. Normal maintenance for the school 13 buildings is \$1 million. They are in the process of developing a master facilities plan to summarize and address various issues at each building/school facility. The board will also be establishing a facilities committee as well to assist on with this endeavor. Please check the District website for more information.

There was also a discussion regarding the District offering all-day kindergarten. The District is looking into this based on the feedback from the community. The challenge at hand is space as most of the elementary schools do not have the space or capacity to support all day kindergarten currently. Please continue to check the District website and Talk205 messages for more information.

Several members of the PTA also noted that the District tends to hold numerous meetings on week nights and in numerous instances these meetings conflict with PTA meetings or other school meetings/activities. This concern has also been raised to the District.

Mrs. Furlong and Mrs. Grote presented the Teacher's report. This year is Mrs. Grote's first year at Jefferson and she wanted to thank the community for such a warm welcome. The teachers were also thankful to the PTA for re-establishing the Junior Achievement program and noted that their 3<sup>rd</sup> graders had 60 children signed up. Junior Books also started this month and the teachers wanted to thank the volunteers for the time and effort into this program. They also wanted to remind all parents that no candy or food is allowed to be distributed for Valentine's Day.

Mrs. Weber was unable to attend tonight's meeting but she did email a few matters to the PTA President. Mrs. Weber wanted to thank the PTA for re-establishing the Junior Achievement program and wanted to thank all the parent volunteers. The MAP testing has been completed and results will be issued at the end of the month. In April, grades 3-5 will be taking the PARC test in math and literacy. Lastly, the REACH appeal process starts March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Kelly Perry presented the Treasurer's report. Kelly reported a few budget adjustments presented for vote tonight.

- Increase Science Olympiad budget by \$100
- Add back the pizza party for patrol \$200
- Remove \$125 expense for craft paper that the PTA normally supplies
- Add \$5,500 for the silent auction revenue for the Winter Carnival

A motion was made by Jessica Testani to approve and this was seconded by Jennifer Hall. Motion passed.

On behalf of Aleka Mandelaris, Phil Fernandez presented an update on the various PTA committees. The Spring Dance is set for Friday April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Committee is working on perhaps having a theme and more information will be forthcoming as the arrangements are finalized. The Roller Skating party is scheduled for Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and an Ice Skating party is scheduled for Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. A family fitness event is pending. The committee is considering attendance at a Chicago Wolves game for the event.

Phil Fernandez presented the President's report. Mr. Fernandez reminded all in attendance to continue to check the Talk205 emails for upcoming District events. Gina Pagdett was scheduled to attend tonight's meeting to provide further updates on the Dual Language Program as well as to answer questions. She was unfortunately not able to attend tonight so the PTA Board will work to reschedule her as a guest at a future meeting. The Youth Commission is looking for nominations for the 2018 Exemplary Youth Service Award. The next Coffee with Dr. Moyer is scheduled for February 13<sup>rd</sup> at Fisher Elementary school at 1:30pm.

Jennifer Hall provided an update on the Ways and Means Committee. The Committee's current focus is the Winter Carnival scheduled for February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to all that have made donations. The committee will continue to provide updates as well as any additional donations requests in the upcoming weekly Tiger Beat newsletter.

The next general meeting will be Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

A motion was made by Geoff Gaebel to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Ioana Fernandez. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.