

## Jefferson PTA Meeting April 5th, 2018

Attendance: Principal Leslie Weber, Teachers Marti Good, Donna Hayes, Pam McGuckin, Phil Fernandez, Ioana Fernandez, Jennifer Hall, Kelly Perry, Becca Harpster, Michelle Kinney, Regina Gaebel, Kathy Fromm, Aleka Mandelaris, Jennifer D'Alessandro, Cathy Dykes, Vincent DiFatta, Kerri Timmerwilke,

### **Welcome, Phil Fernandez**

Phil Fernandez called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Michelle motioned to approve the minutes from the August meeting; Ioana seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Cathy Dykes – Family Math Night**

Cathy proposed moving the Family Math Night from Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Math night will be from 6-7:30pm. Cathy proposed a budget of \$100 and thinks it could possibly be less. There will be a set-up team to set up tables and supplies before the event. Cathy will have both an electronic and a paper flyer for publicity as well as a photographer who will send photos to Mrs. Weber for approval and to Michelle Kinney for putting on the website. Cathy to touch base with Mrs. Weber about supplies that can be used for Family Math Night.

### **Kerri Timmerwilke – Kindergarten Welcome Committee**

Kerri will be passing the reigns on to a new person for next year for the welcome committee but before she does she is proposing getting a new "Welcome to Jefferson" sign for incoming Kindergarteners and New Families. The new sign will cost around \$800 versus the \$400 cost of the current signs. It is much more labor intensive with the old signs and the new signs look wonderful.

### **Jen Hall – Slate for the 2018-19 PTA Board Nominations**

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following individuals for nomination to the Jefferson PTA Board for the 2018-19 school year:

President – Becca Harpster  
President-Elect/Membership – Regina Gaebel  
VP – Committee Chairs – Kerri Timmerwilke  
VP – Programs – Kanako Shuaipaj  
VP – Ways & Means – Ioana Fernandez  
VP – Ways & Means – Colleen Krupa

Treasurer – Kelly Perry  
Corresponding Secretary – Jennifer D'Alessandro  
Recording Secretary – Jess Testani  
Webmaster – Michelle Kinney

### **Principal's Report, Leslie Weber**

We are currently PARRC testing. There are seven assessments total: four math and three literacy. They will be done next week. Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be in May. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade won't take the MAP test in the spring due to PARCC testing. Fountas & Pinnell (F&P) was performed in September and December and students will do another round in May. F&P tests literacy and accuracy in comprehension and identifies student instructional reading level.

At the next PTA meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mrs. Weber will be presenting Standards Based Reporting for next year (change to the report card process). We will have a scale 1-4 for each standard, and there will be no letter grades. She will also do a meeting in the fall prior to curriculum night. Also may do this presentation at a breakfast with the Principal next fall before report cards.

Mrs. Weber shared that, pending board approval on April 25, she is pleased to announce that the PTA will be donating \$18,000 to Jefferson Elementary School to enrich classroom libraries. This will give students access to more books in their classrooms with a variety of subject matter and reading levels. The PTA will also be donating \$9,500 for the new STEM/Maker Space. The district has recommended investigating the purchase of a 3D printer with a portion of those funds.

Upcoming dates to remember:

April 11 – Student Late Arrival day

April 13 – REACH PTA Meeting @ Elmhurst Library 9:15am

May 17 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade performance

May 8 – Sandberg informational session

May 15 – Bryan informational session

May 17 – Churchville informational session

May 25 – last day of school pending board approval, it's usually a half day

May 18 – volunteer appreciation breakfast

### **Teacher's Report**

4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers – Mrs. McGuckin, Mrs. Hayes & Mrs. Good (instructional coach)

We are knee-deep into the state reports – At the spring celebration of learning they will be singing a song and doing their presentations.

Walking field trip coming up – learning the history of Elmhurst as they walk to the Lizzadro Museum on May 11.

**Vice President's Report, Aleka Mandelaris**

Spring Dance update – snacks have been ordered; request for volunteers will go out in Tiger Beat

We still have a few spots to fill for committees for next year so look in Tiger Beat for that.

**Treasurer's Report, Kelly Perry**

Two motions on the budget - \$100 for Math Night and \$500 budget for the dance. Ioana motioned to approve and Jen seconded; unanimous vote, motion passed.

\$28,000 ear-marked for STEM lab and classroom libraries

\$8000 of expected expenses

Goal to start school year with \$5000. Next year's budget is going to be pretty lean until book fair and carnival.

**Membership Report, Becca Harpster**

Nothing to report.

**Program's Report, Ioana Fernandez**

Nothing to report.

**Ways and Means Report, Kathy Fromm & Jennifer Hall**

Still working on the experience party collections by Friday.

Andria Evans - Field day – a tradition that the 5<sup>th</sup> graders design a t-shirt for field day. Field spirit drive will be next week. We get 10% back on everything we buy.

Kathy will propose a May dine-out night, possibly at Portillo's.

Kendra Scott – April 17<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm – At the Oakbrook Center store and 20% of sales will go to the PTA.

**Corresponding Secretary, Jess Testani**

If you have anything to put into Tiger Beat, please let Jess know.

**Recording Secretary, Julie Collins in absentia**

Nothing to report.

**Webmaster, Michelle Kinney**

If you have anything to put on the website or any ideas for additional information to include on the website, please let Michelle know.

**President Report**

Family Fun Day will be on April 15<sup>th</sup> with the Chicago Wolves game.

Next Superintendent Coffee is at April 25 at Lincoln School at 9:45am, after late arrival.

More than likely a referendum coming for future facilities plan. Every school in the community will be included as a part of the referendum. Communication from the district will be coming soon.

**New Business**

The next PTA meeting will be on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the MPR.

Kathy motioned to adjourn, Ioana seconded.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.**