



Jefferson PTA General Meeting Minutes January 15, 2020

Attendance: Eileen Kennedy, Ioana Fernandez, Kathy Fromm, Krissie Smith, Kerri Timmerwilke, Lara Borgenrief, Catherine Dykes, Becca Harpster, Julie Lindsay, Phil Fernandez, Dr Podraza, Meredith Vogel, Stephanie Palzkill, Jen Taylor, Rachel Buhler, Kanako Shuaipaj

- **Call To Order** - Phil Fernandez: 705 Call to order
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Welcome** - Phil Fernandez
- **Reading and Adoption of minutes** from last meeting November 20, 2019
 - *Ioana Fernandez motions; Christina Podraza: 2nds*
 - *UNANIMOUS adoption of last meeting minutes*
- **Principal's Report** - Dr. Podraza
 - New lunch room asst Colleen O'Connell. Interview for another lunch room/working outside coming up soon. Will still welcome parent help.
 - Student groups –
 - 5th grade play written and looking for a director. Performance Feb 27.
 - Looking for HS student willing to direct.
 - Discussing with Ms Serrata to make backdrop
 - 3rd grade starting a new group to clean up school with custodian
 - Recycling club talking to mayor and trying to get all school involved.
 - "top secret" group from 5th grade – math group.
 - Another student wants to start newspaper
 - Education
 - Monday – professional learning strands (Behavioral psychology, innovation, teacher innovation, inquiry)
 - This AM worked with math
 - Tomorrow staff mtg with goals groupies
 - Teachers also going to start to pilot looking at peer evaluation
 - Ms Cusack is starting with Erin's law.
 - Cathy Dykes: Will there be an outside presenter for Erin's Law?
 - Christina Podraza: inhouse internal – Social Work will be presenting.
- **Teacher's Report** – Second Grade Teachers: Mrs Lindsay
 - **Before holidays** – cultures and holidays around the world
 - **English:** non fiction text. Using this for writing as well. Will tie in with science for body systems. Researching systems in body and writing non fiction text. Previous years have gotten their writing bar coded and put in library to check out.
 - **Math:** finishing in measurement. Moving on to addition and subtraction using place value and multi digit addition and subtraction.
 - **Acceleration:** this block will be joining "clubs".
 - Math Masters – math games and number sense
 - Bloggers – writing
 - Asking questions/inquiry

- **Social studies:** learning about land forms
- **READING LEVELS** – started off lower %ile and now about 80-90% are at or above grade level.
 - Thank you to parent support and former teacher came to help as well, and 5th grader in Mrs Lindsey’s class as well.
- Becca Harpster: Wondering if they were going to do Google Genius Hour this year?
 - Mrs Lindsay: Mrs Raney thinking about doing it. Ms Dobric not sure. Mrs Lindsay started background knowledge.
 - Mrs Lindsay: focusing on things in the world and what we can change. Look at kids who changed the world and how they all made a difference.
 - Hoping then that what they choose for passion projects will be something that impacts the world.
 - Ioana Fernandez: already approved on funding this year for this.
 - Mrs Lindsay: will also have shark tank.
- Other Events:
 - Mrs Lindsey: valentine’s day – secret admirer
 - Mrs Lindsey: field trip – Volkmann Farm, Naperville Settlement? May also still do one room school house.
 - Jen Taylor: other suggestions - Grove in Glenview; RB: pine Creek Farm
- **PTA Board Introductions & Reports**
 - VP of Membership - Jen Taylor
 - 198 members - \$6991+/- from members
 - **MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT**
 - Phil Fernandez: started with membership toolkit for transition from myschoolanywhere. Learning and reconciling with \$\$ with membership.
 - Jen Taylor also trying to reconcile members – and eventually will take out people from membership toolkit who are not PTA members.
 - Phil Fernandez: people who are not members can still sign up if they change into “community”. They then can get flagged so can only look at volunteer opportunities.
 - Meredith Vogel: does not like the sign ups bc it’s very difficult to use.
 - Kerri Timmerwilke: what makes it cumbersome?
 - Meredith Vogel feels it’s not easy to work with, etc.
 - Phil Fernandez: looked at different options prior to membership toolkit being done.
 - Kerri Timmerwilke: membership toolkit saves all the data so that easier to store.
 - Cathy Dykes: kids had to register and then parents had to go to another site to volunteer.
 - Phil Fernandez: we can use different apps – sign up genius, google docs, etc. but membership toolkit saves everything and can just change date.
 - Ioana Fernandez: trying to standardize and make it easier so that moving forward we can use the same change. Needs to centralize PTA information.
 - Phil Fernandez: will do assessment of membership toolkit at the end of the year and see if it worked or not.
 - Christina Podraza: table later
 - Family Fitness Night – to enroll! 😊
 - Treasurer - Meredith Vogel
 - Financial Review
 - See Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2019

- Cash balance as of December 31, 2019 \$12,098 in checking and \$10,621 in savings accounts.
- See Budget to Actuals through December 31, 2019
- YTD net income is \$7,627 (Income - \$22,911, Expenses - \$15,285)
- Other:
 - Taxes done
 - Online banking transitioning done
- VP of Committees - Kerri Timmerwilke – not present
- VP of Ways & Means - Ioana Fernandez
 - Carnival Details
 - Presale flyers are out and open on membership toolkit. At \$700 worth of presales into pay pal account
 - Ioana Fernandez: Kerri Timmerwilke doing food! All set
 - Decorations – 2 new chairs – and doing a flag coloring contest, and each class will be a winner and can get 15 tickets for prizes towards games. Will be in Tigerbeat and Facebook.
 - Class baskets are up and running – most classrooms sent out emails.
 - Donations for Tigerbucks – need donations! Danielle Melone or Bridgett Gravin are chairs
 - Experience parties – looking for ideas and hosts
 - Prize room – new ways to do it.
 - Volunteer coordinator this year – registration table. Colleen Kay is Volunteer Coordinator. Volunteers will get raffle tickets per hour.
 - Cake Walk – coming back this year. Amanda French and Rachell Buhler in charge
 - Class Art – individual and photos this year. Sold not as auction.
 - Phil Fernandez: Encourage to presale, to volunteer, and to show up! 😊
 - Scholastic will offer 2 free authors this year – one author from K-2, and then another 3-5. Feb 23 is one author; 2nd is 1st week of March. Opportunity to buy the books from the authors as well.
- VPs of Programs - Donna Hayes & Pam McGuckin – absent
 - Spring Assembly Feb 13 “bot the secret world of robots”.
- Corresponding Secretary - Kathy Fromm
 - Social Committee –
 - Mary Poppins 104 this year. 70 people last year
 - Elmhurst Yorkfield Food Pantry – will have volunteer opportunity for families. Will do a drive through school 2 weeks prior. Will have 5 different stations for different activities there. Friday 4-6pm Feb 28. Mirroring Lincoln’s model.
- Recording Secretary - Kanako Shuaipaj
- President’s Report & Correspondence - Phil Fernandez
 - Jefferson’s Dad’s Club:
 - Helping out a lot with the goals for the year – will be donating some of the pieces.
 - Also working on donating large prizes for Tiger Bucks.
 - Chili cook off event is this Sunday at HB Jones at 2PM.
 - Cathy Dykes: Tues Feb 11 is Family Math Night – from 6-730. Come and go as you are able. Rotating. Maker’s Space will be open, and in Gym will have 8 stations opened up with puzzles, math games.

- Ice Skating party on Pres Day – 845-1045
- Summer Rec Open House – Feb 4. All the programs through the summer.
- **New Business**
- **Next General PTA Meeting** is Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at Jefferson School in the Library
- **Adjournment**
 - *Motion to adjourn – Ioana Fernandez; Jen Taylor 2nds; Kathy Fromm 3rd*
 - *UNANIMOUS – approval to adjourn*

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

- January 18 - Mary Poppins, 3:00PM, The Drury Lane
- January 19 - Jefferson Dads' Club Event - HB Jones Chili Cook-Off, 2:00PM
- January 20 - Martin Luther King's Birthday - No School
- January 25 - Family Fitness Night, 6:00PM-7:30PM, Windy City Ninja - Elmhurst
- January 29 - 5th Grade Erin's Law Presentation, 10:20AM
- February 4 - Summer Rec Open House, 6:00PM-8:00PM, York HS
- February 5 - Student Late Arrival Day
- **February 8 - Jefferson Winter Carnival, 12:00PM-4:00PM, Jefferson Elementary**
- February 8 - D205 Foundation Annual Gala, Medina Country Club
- February 11 - Family Math Night, 6:00PM-7:30PM, Jefferson Elementary
- February 13 - Spring Assembly "Bot: The Secret World of Robots," Jefferson Elementary
- February 17 - President's Day - No School
- February 17 - Jefferson Ice Skating Party, 8:45AM-10:45AM, Elmhurst YMCA
- February 19 - Student Late Arrival Day
- February 21 - REACH Appeals Applications Due Date