



Jefferson PTA General Meeting Notes

October 14, 2020

Virtual

- **Welcome & Call to Order** – Meghan Hood at 7:33PM

Jen Bullock, Cathy Dykes, Ioana Fernandez, Phil Fernandez, Kathy Fromm, Nancy Goodner, Meghan Hood, Eileen Kennedy, Aleka Mandelaris, Joy Maniar, Cynthia Mares, Maggie Schweitzer, Kerri Timmerwilke, Meredith Vogel

Meghan Hood- Reading and Approvals, Lauren Meagher, Jackie Messina, Heidi Moy, Christina Podraza, Kanako Shuaipaj, Maggie **of Minutes from Prior Meeting**
[1st Meredith](#), [2nd Kathy Fromm](#), [passed unanimously](#)

Principal's Report - Dr. Christina Podraza

- Connection- Knowing each student individually
- Communication- Expectations clearly shared in classroom and how to demonstrate proficiency
- Identify 2 ELA standards with room for growth
- Improving technology infrastructure and working through glitches
- Tech issues are NOT specific to Elmhurst D205; it is across the board
- Staff is SO appreciative of treats, support, and kind words/emails
- Giving Tree communication in the next few weeks
 - Virtual performance
 - Rotating schedule to get a picture of each kid to put in a slideshow for the performance
 - Develop routine to watch together in school
- Halloween Parade Video in the works
- Thanksgiving Feast
 - Pilgrim research with Bitmoji pilgrim creation
 - Students will still dress up
- Coffee with Podraza coming up; Oct 22 @8:30
 - purpose is to ask questions and problem-solve concerns
- Unfortunately parents are still not able to come into the building
- Quiet, clam year with less kids in the building
- Thank you for wearing masks and adhering to guidelines
- Meghan asked about an increase in litter/vandalism
 - Gaga top guards have been put away for now
 - Police presence increased around the school
 - The PTA offered to purchase signs that say area is under surveillance
 - Potential to host grade-level cleanups/service hours for middle/high school

- Update on sunshades?? Currently held up within the district office Department of Building and Grounds

Board Reports

- **MEMBERSHIP: Maggie Schweitzer** – membership drive has gone well. Over \$6000 memberships and donations.
 - UPDATES:
 - Likes the membership levels.
 - Membership is the only way to have access to directory. Non members will be cut off tomorrow.
 - Any questions to reach out to Maggie.
 - Happy with support – and thanks to all who have joined
 - QUESTION: MEREDITH VOGEL question – membership dues and support Jefferson as 2 lines on budget yearly. Wanted to keep everything in Membership Dues instead of both this year
 - Maggie and Meredith to talk about this off line – but all of this should most likely be under “membership”
 - This is all income after dues are paid.
 - MEMBERS: 160 members or so. Maggie would have to break down the numbers.
 - Meredith – count was 227 last year. Maggie to look at it.
 - MEGHAN – teachers and staff can join as well! 😊
 - Maggie – will send out to staff/teachers to reach out for membership.
 - Dr Podraza will reach out to teachers/staff
- **EVENTS: Jen Bullock**
 - UPDATES:
 - Halloween Video update – will be doing a virtual parade. Everyone should have gotten email from room parents regarding information about Halloween. Everyone to send a 5second video and will be put together the videos.
 - Any questions to reach out to Jen.
 - Numbers are a little low, hoping that there will be a ton of last minute videos – pass it on

Thanksgiving Feast Presentation - Aleka Mandelaris

- Wednesday, November 18th (register by Nov 5)
- York Food Services prepare kits (applesauce, turkey sandwich, stuffing, pumpkin square)
- Optional sign up, no cost to families, sponsored by PTA
- Will also include a few fun surprises :)
- Drive-through style pick-up service (Aleka, Kerri, Becca plus 3 additional volunteers)

Fundraising Report- Jackie Messina

- One Hope raised \$297
- Chipotle raised \$273
- Oct 19 6-8PM Kie & Kate Shopping Event
 - 10% off purchases/10% to Jefferson PTA
- Oct 29th Trivia Night
 - \$25 per household
 - family friendly
 - wear costumes (costume contest?)
 - through Kahoot
 - Prizes for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places

Communications Report- Kathy Fromm

- Social Media, Tiger Beat, Website: goal is clarity and ease of finding info

Book Fair Report- Kathy Fromm

- Teacher wish lists have been posted and are still coming
- Books are shipping out quickly and arriving already
- Scholastic did a nice job setting up a virtual book fair “in a gym”

Treasure Update- Meredith Vogel

- [Report Linked Here](#)
- Cash Balance as of Sept 30 2020 is \$35,940
- Income as of Sept 30 2020 is \$2008
- Budget \$36,724 Income/\$36,724 Expenses
- Waiting on expenses from the summer (awaiting invoices from district)

Programs Update - Kanako Shuaipaj

- 5th Grade Memory Book- Shannon Jackson & Melissa Shaw
 - Photo submission deadline coming up
- PTA Reflections submissions are being accepted and due 11/17- Janet Taylor
- Junior Great Books is starting for 5th grade- Lesley Samuel

Miscellaneous

- Other Schools are doing virtual Running, Lego, & Chess Clubs- reach out to Meghan if you are interested in getting involved and she can make a connection to facilitators from other schools
- D205 Foundation Christmas Tree Sale sold out!
- Push the pledge sign-ups! Not limited to kids!
 - Will look into adding other fun features to the morning announcements
 - Dr. Podraza will look into having students record at school
- The PTA Executive Board voted to move back to First Day School Supply Kits (from Shane's)
- Coffee with Dr. Podraza coming up Oct 22
- Square One Art update
 - Potentially posted in Seesaw and Classroom throughout this week
 - Will reach out to Mrs. Serrata to see if the Tiger Beat can publicize
 - Renata Suerth is the chair so she will look into timelines and procedures and clarify
- Next Meeting Wed Nov 11th via Zoom

Motion to Adjourn at 8:28PM

Meredith Vogel 1st 2nd Motion Maggie Schweitzer

● Important Dates and Upcoming Events

- **October 5-18** - Virtual "Time Machine" Scholastic Book Fair
- **October 14** - Group A students in-person attendance day (make up for Oct. 12)
- **October 14** - Virtual PTA Meeting, 7:30PM
- **October 15** - PJ Party & Bedtime Story with Dr. Prodraza, 7:00PM (Instagram)
- **October 16** - Jefferson Spirit Wear Day
- **October 16** - Class Fall / Halloween Videos Due
- **October 19** - Picture Day (A, A/B, Remote, Staff)
- **October 19** - Kie and Kate Shopping Night
- **October 20** - Hawaiian Day (Student Council Spirit Day)
- **October 22** - Picture Day (B, Remote, Makeup A/B)
- **October 22** - Principal Coffee at 8:30
- **October 23** - PJ or Comfy Clothes Day (Student Council Spirit Day)
- **October 29** - Virtual Trivia Night - Family Night
- **November 3** - General Election Day, No School
- **November 6** - Parents Virtual Trivial Night
- **November 8** - HB Jones Eat and Earn
- **November 11** - Virtual PTA Meeting, 7:30PM
- **November 17** - PTA Reflections Submissions due
- **November 18** - Thanksgiving Feast
- **November 18** - D205 Staff Professional Learning Day - No School
- **November 19** - Virtual Trivia Night