



Jefferson PTA General Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2020

Virtual

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER – at 7:40 by Meghan Hood

Yolo Adams, Lara Bogenrief, Kristen Bohlin, Jen Bullock, Candace Corner, Cathy Dykes, Ioana Fernandez, Phil Fernandez, Kathy Fromm, Geoff Gaebel, Meghan Hood, Megan LeResche, Jennifer Leban, Aleka Malendelaris, Jackie Messina, Dr. Christina Podraza, Maggie Schweitzer, Kanako Shuaipaj, Meredith Vogel, Jessica Walker, Laura West

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES - Cathy Dykes

Motion by Kathy Fromm; 2nd by Laura West

SPECIAL GUESTS

Google Classroom and Seesaw for Parents - Ms Leban

• <https://bit.ly/PTAJefferson>

Foundation 205 Virtual Showcase - Ms Walker

- February 6
- 1-hour long event to showcase students, teacher, programs funded by the foundation
- Donations during the Showcase will give you items delivered to your home
 - wine, dessert, charcuterie board, possibly dinner
- 8-10 \$1000 scholarships are given
- Money towards diversity and inclusion
 - Elmhurst Pride Collective
 - Working with the librarians to provide more inclusive reading materials in the library
 - Thrive 205
- Themes Grants are a go, but deadline pushed back

Giving Tree - Ms LeResche

- Each class will meet on a Wed and record their session
- Songs will be put into a Google Drive for everyone to view, **however we are NOT legally allowed to share them**
- Potential for a viewing night and/or to watch in music class
- Ms Cusack is working on a plan for collecting and disbursing donations
 - “Please know I love joy; I love happiness; I love helping people.” ~ Dr Podraza ♥
- **PLEASE** encourage your child to **practice** using the videos that are uploaded into Google Classroom Music Classes, Seesaw Classes, and into kindergarten Bitmoji classrooms

BOARD REPORTS

Principal's Report – Dr. Podraza

- Signs have been posted announcing property is under video surveillance
- There is a contractor to put up the sunshades (woohoo!)
- 140 1st Trimester Remote Learning surveys have been completed so thank you!
- Parent Teacher Conference sign-up begins Thu 11/12/20 at 6AM

Membership – Maggie Schweitzer

- Approximately 180 families have joined (70%); typically 60% in a typical year
- Several staff members have also joined- thank you!

Programs – Kanako Shuaipaj

- Photos due for 5th Grade Memory Book by Nov 20th
- PTA Reflections Entries due Nov 17th
- Junior Great Books has now started in 4th grade

One Jefferson One Book - Kathy Fromm & Ioana Fernandez

- One book for every family
- There is a theme around the chosen book
- Kids are remote and this unifies everyone
- Recorded read alouds
- Daily trivia in the announcements
- In a typical year there is a kick-off assembly and a culminating evening event
- Up to 2 months with a reading schedule

Events - Jen Bullock

- Thanksgiving Feast
 - Record your “Thankful” video on Flipgrid
 - Print the placemat that is being provided
 - There will be a time slot for pick ups

Fundraising - Jackie Messina

- \$326 from Kie & Kate event
- \$276 from Chipotle Eat and Earn
- Adult Trivia Night Thu 11/18- Please register!
- \$100 and \$50 gift card from Cuvee for 1st and 2nd place
- Edie Shopping Event in December
- Portillo’s Eat and Earn in December

Recording Secretary - Cathy Dykes

- Update on Family Math Night
 - Will be held in February over Zoom
 - Looking to possibly partner with Mathnasium

Treasurer’s Report – Meredith Vogel

- \$38,000 cash balance
- Since closing October
 - \$275 Library Refresh
 - Trivia Night profited approximately \$545 after the \$250 expense
 - \$6,800 for Membership
- We would like to give teachers gift cards to spend in their classroom, however we will need receipts submitted for tax purposes

President's Report - Meghan Hood

- Consider supporting the PTA Council Cookie Dough Sales to benefit scholarships for York Seniors
 - Goal to sell between 300-500 containers
 - Info in Tiger Beat
- 15,000 masks have been donated to D205 schools from an anonymous community member for the teachers/staff/students once we return to in person learning
- Thrive 205 parenting presentation was helpful
- Mobile Food Pantry at Churchville
- There is a shortage on substitute teachers, so please fill out the application if interested and available
- Dr Moyer shared that he does work collaboratively with other districts, specifically Naperville and Indian Prairie, as a part of his decision-making process
- Request from the hospitality committee to increase their budget to continue to support the staff evenly throughout the year

NEW BUSINESS

QUESTION: FUNDRAISING GOALS FOR THE YEAR

- Many of the items approved in the prior year for fundraising were not purchased due to Covid-19 and the closure of schools.
- As such, the FY2019-2020 budget carried forward the fundraising goals into the FY 2020-2021 budget, which was approved at the [09.09.20 Jefferson PTA General Meeting](#).
- We expect to be able to meet our fundraising goals this year with the surplus of cash on hand carried from the prior year.
- At the same time, the PTA is being cautious to ensure we have sufficient cash to cover our programs, events, supportive expenses, and operating expenses for this year, with consideration given to the fact that we may not be able to successfully raise as much funds as years past.

FY 2020/2021 Fundraising Goals

The following three items were approved in 2019/2020. They were purchased in June 2020, received, and deployed by the district. However D205 has not sent invoices to the PTA yet, so the cash remains in our budget but is spoken for.

- 10 iPads with stylus and stands for Library/Social Media Club
 - ~\$1,000 x 10 = \$10,000
- 10 Smartphones for Social Media Club
 - ~\$800 x 10 = \$8,000
 - combined with item above for a total of 20 iPads
- 3D printer: ~\$2,800

Items below were also approved in 2019/20 and will hopefully be fulfilled in 2020/21.

- [Passion Projects](#) startup funds (aka Genius Hour)
 - \$250 per classroom x 18 classrooms = \$4,500 per year
- Maker Space/Library Enhancement:
 - [Dot & Dash Kits](#) \$149 x 10 = \$1,490
- Acceleration Block Support
 - \$300 (per grade level) x 6 = \$1,800 per year
 - **1 grade completed/5 remaining**
- Professional development book per teacher (teacher's choice)
 - \$30 x 30 Teachers = \$900 per year

- National Speaker
 - [George Couros](#) “The Innovator’s Mindset” to speak to teachers and parents
 - Deferred to 2021
 - Will be shared with D205/Jefferson’s anticipated cost is \$3500

Next General PTA Meeting is Wednesday, December 9, 2020 via Zoom

ADJOURNMENT at 9:09

[Motion by Jen Bullock](#); 2nd by [Christina Podraza](#)

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

- **November 17** - PTA Reflections Submissions due
- **November 18** - Thanksgiving Feast
- **November 18** - D205 Staff Professional Learning Day - No School
- **November 19** - Virtual Trivia Night-Adults Only