



Jefferson PTA General Meeting Agenda December 9, 2020

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER – at 7:35 Meghan Hood

Stacey Beal, Jen Bullock, Ms. Cusack, Cathy Dykes, Ioana Fernandez, Phil Fenrandez, Lynn Ferris, Marcella Fikaris, Kathy Fromm, David Grelecki, Meghan Hood, Sofia Jackson, Gina Lascody, Aleka Mandelaris, Joy Maniar, Jackie Messina, Christina Podraza, Michael Reardon, Geri Schleuter, Kanako Schuaipaj, Maggie Schweitzer, Talko, Laura West

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES - Cathy Dykes

Motion to Approve by Kanako Schuaipaj, 2nd by Kathy Fromm

SPECIAL GUESTS

Ms Cusack - Presentation titled [“Understanding Anxiety”](#)

5th Grade Teachers - Geri Schleuter, David Grelecki, Lynn Ferris

- Highlighted the hard work of the students and Ms. LeResche for the Giving Tree
- Thanked the PTA for their hard work to keep traditions alive (Halloween Parade, Feast, etc)
- Thanked parents for their support and patience during conferences, as well as for the treats
- Regarding Giving Tree Donations, can also send gift card electronically to Ms. Cusack and she will print and distribute

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – Dr. Podraza

- Positive Phone Calls Home have started again and she is loving it
 - 5-minute Zoom sessions
- Thank you to the teachers for attending tonight and presenting
- Material pickup for the 7 Days of Winter starting this week
 - On Day 3 kids will decorate a snowflake and decorate with a picture of a family tradition- once completed display it in the window to build community
- We will be starting Library Checkout next week
 - details in Dr, Podraza’s Friday newsletter
 - Tuesday there will be a drive-through pickup process
- Looking for ways to build community and connections
 - One way to do so is utilizing breakout rooms for social connections
- Presenter George Couros - Innovations in Learning - January 15th
 - How can we empower students to be active in their learning?
 - Will give keynote to the district
 - Meet with Jefferson teachers
 - Meet with parents in the afternoon

PTA BOARD REPORTS

Programs – Kanako Shuaipaj

- Thank you to Janet Taylor for sponsoring PTA Reflections
- Mathletes will be on hold until the fall when the students work together in person

One Jefferson, One One Book - Kathy Fromm

- Virtual Assembly to kick-off
- Goal is to establish community where we are all reading the same book for 3 weeks during February
- Scholastics Rewards dollars will be used to purchase the books, and any shortages will be covered by anticipated earnings from next year's Book Fair rewards

Events - Jennifer Bullock

- The Giving Tree
 - Drop off or email donations for the Giving Tree
 - Upload a picture of your child "giving" in some way
 - Record a quick video of your child's magical wish

VP of Fundraising/Social Events – Laura West and Jackie Messina

- Portillo's Eat and Earn Thu Dec 10
- 3rd Trivia Night is Thursday, December 17th
 - Please join, it will be a blast and is for families
- Edie Boutique Dec 15th
 - 10% off & 10% back to the PTA
- Jolly Jingle Drive - Jefferson Community-building event to see people's decorations
 - Deadline extended to Fri, Dec 11 to register to showcase your house via Google Form
 - No need for elaborate decorations; just something festive
 - A Bingo Board will be created for people to find fun items, such as count the number of penguins, etc

Treasurer's Report – Meredith Vogel % Meghan Hood

- Cash balance sheet as of 11/30 total of \$39,975
 - cash balance \$26,000
 - checking \$14,000 savings
- Income statement – net income \$6042
 - Membership dues and trivia nights has helped with income
 - Waiting for invoice from D205 for iPads and 3D Printer from D205
 - Podraza said we discussed this prior
- Paypal account officially closed
 - All charges will be pushed through Member Hub
- November income statement and balance sheet will be posted on website
- Tax return was filed on November 15, 2020

President's Report & Correspondence – Meghan Hood

- Cookie dough from D205 Foundation fundraiser was distributed tonight- they will be contacting you if your pickup was missed
- Special board meeting tomorrow with regards to next steps regarding in-person learning
 - Presentations are always very informative regardless of your opinion on the decisions being made

NEW BUSINESS

Question - Cathy Dykes

- Should all registrations go through Member Hub?
- The goal would be to house everything in one, easily accessible place
- We will discuss off-line as a board

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 8:46

Motion by Laura West, 2nd by Jen Bullock

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

December 9-11 - *7 Days of Winter* Supply Pick-Up (details below)

December 10 - Portillo's Eat & Earn, 5:00PM-8:00PM ([flyer](#))

December 10 - *New* Square 1 Art Projects due date

December 11 - Giving Tree photo submissions due

December 13 - Magical Wishes for 2021 Video due

December 13-20 - Jefferson's Jolly Jingle Drive, 5:00PM-9:00PM (each night)

December 14-22 - *7 Days of Winter* Activities in the classroom

December 15 - Edie Boutique Private Shopping Event, 6:00PM-8:00PM (or shop all day using online code: CHARITY)

December 17 - Virtual Holiday Family Trivia Night, 7:00PM

December 22 - Virtual Classroom Holiday Parties

December 23-January 5 - Winter Break - No School