



Jefferson PTA General Meeting Agenda February 10, 2021

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

Jill Bissell, Jen Bullock, Cathy Dykes, Toni Dobric, Becca Harpster, Ioana Fernandez, Phil Fenrandez, Kathy Fromm, Jean Hogan, Meghan Hood, Gina Lascody, Aleka Malendelaris, Cynthia Mares, Jackie Messina, Christina Podraza, Laura Raney, Kanako Schuaipaj, Maggie Schweitzer, Krissie Smith, Jessica Walker, Laura West, Laura

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING AND ADOPTION OF [JANUARY MINUTES](#) - Cathy Dykes

Motion to Approve by Meredith Vogel, 2nd by Maggie Schweitzer, passed unanimously

SPECIAL GUESTS

2nd Grade Teachers - Laura Raney, Toni Dobric & Jessica Walker

- all 3 are so grateful to be in the Jefferson Community
- Ms. Raney - Readers Workshop
 - Utilizing Google Slides during Reading Workshop has been a success to foster both independence and collaboration
 - Embeds videos for students to view on their own time
 - Recently started cursive
 - Options for fast finishers
 - Will likely continue with Google Slides and embedded videos in the future because it has been so helpful for students
- Ms. Walker - Informative Writing Process
 - Animals and now plants
 - Students read books to select an interesting plant to research
 - Look at text features to develop questions about the plant
 - “Read Cover Write” strategy to research - find and write down facts
 - Write an intro, including main idea
 - Adding details to our facts-elaborate
 - Close writing with our conclusion
 - Kids are enthusiastic about researching animals
 - Project is going very well
- Ms. Dobric - Math Workshop
 - Friday is the day for math workshop
 - Students grouped into skill-based groups
 - Must-do as well as Can-do activities to choose from
 - Students are met at their level- ensures needs are being met and all students are challenged
 - Many students are working on fact fluency so team is working with Instructional Coach and other teachers within the building in order to beef up fact fluency
 - Exciting opportunity for the students to encounter other adults within the school and to work in small groups

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Dr. Podraza

- Thanked the 2nd Grade Team for their informative presentation and appreciates the dedication they have for their students
- **Return to In-Person Learning**
 - Rolling plan, students to attend 5 days per week from 8:15-1:15
 - K-1 will start next week 2/16/21
 - 2nd grade week after - 2/22/21
 - Grades 3-5 the following week - 3/1/21
 - Friday prior to roll out will be an asynchronous day of instruction
 - Will allow district personnel to move furniture back into classrooms and for teachers to plan and accommodate
 - All students will check-in with teacher from 8:35-8:45 for an overview of the day and then students will be working independently
 - IEP minutes will still be met on those asynchronous Fridays
 - The plan for the **fully remote students** is still in the works
 - As of now 35 students from Jefferson have elected fully-remote
 - May move fully-remote students to a fully-remote (district-wide) classroom in order to enhance instruction
 - Students receive the most effective instruction when they are receiving instruction in one modality (fully remote or fully in person)
 - Goal is to ensure all students receive the best instruction
 - The plan stating the number of **asynchronous and synchronous instructional minutes** will be revisited and adhered to more closely
 - **Quarantine Factors**
 - Anticipate having more students needing to quarantine due to the fact that 3 feet of social distancing constitutes close contact according to the CDC
 - What do we do when we have students who need to quarantine- more info TBD
 - **Specials**- Students will attend specials inside the specials classrooms
 - **Snack breaks** will be 15-minutes unmasked to eat and then 15-minutes of break/playtime
 - Students can bring their own “sit-upon” or towel for specials and/or snack breaks
 - Inclement weather days snack will occur in gym and MPR, however can't fit all students from one grade-level in one location, therefore PE can't occur in the gymnasium and will be held in the classroom
 - The **playground** is opening up
 - 5th grades will be making a video about the playground
 - distanced-masked-hand washing before and after
 - **Entering the building** in March will look a little different
 - Must self-certify by 7:15(7:45) AM
 - If families forget they will still head to the nurse to be checked
 - They will of course be accommodated but *it will be easier if everyone is self certified on time*
 - Students will still need IDs
 - Students can arrive at school between 8 (instead of 8:05) and 8:15
 - Once checked they can walk right in and head to the classroom
 - Does not anticipate crowded arrival issues due to the fact that there is only one grade per door and the 15-minute entrance time window

- **Return to In-Person Learning, cont.**
 - **Travel-** Asking families who **travel out of state** to self-quarantine - it is not required but is requested due to the fact that we will be at 3-foot of distancing
 - **Attendance-** Once the grade level is back you have to send your child to school every day - after 3 days in a row of unexcused the students will be switched to a fully-remote designation
 - Students will be using **desks and lockers**
 - Students can leave belongings at school in lockers and desks
 - No group **bathroom breaks** except possibly k-1
 - Kids use bathroom as needed - if 2 students are in there please wait in hall
 - Staggered times for students to **pack up** at end of day
 - **Supplies** to be brought to school is dependent on the teacher - specific info will be coming from individual teachers
 - Please look for the [Jefferson PTA's Q&A](#) form to collect comments and questions regarding the Return to Learn plan in order for all questions and comments to be fielded and answered clearly and efficiently
- **One Jefferson One Book-** Wants to thank us for the OJOB-it is going so beautifully
- **You Are Loved Sign Campaign** - brings her great joy to see the signs as she drives in each day
- **Microwave-** Staff is SO appreciative of the new microwave so thank you!
- **Questions for Dr Podraza About Spring Events**
 - Robert Crown will happen for 5th graders - info will be coming
 - Erin's Law will happen - info to come
 - DARE will not happen due to 5-hour day and the officers had challenges as well
 - Perhaps a voluntary summer event can occur
 - Dr Podraza will ask School Resource Officer Tim Jorgenson
 - Perhaps Lesley Weber oversees
 - Celebratory event for 5th graders is encouraged to be planned
 - End of year events can be planned for every grade

PTA BOARD REPORTS

Programs – Kanako Shuaipaj

- One Jefferson, One One Book - Kathy Fromm
 - There has been a lot of effort being put forth and it has been so exciting to see
 - Encouraged people to take a look at the website for all of the event - cooking and art activities, etc, recorded readings
 - Take a look at the bingo board
 - Try the trivia- teachers have shared the link with students and it is now posted on website
 - Kathy Fromm thanked Ginger Malcolm for her hard work on the robust website

Events - Jennifer Bullock

- Family Math Night partnership with Mathnasium - Cathy Dykes
 - Thursday, February 18th at 6:15
 - We will have to cap it at 90 students due to Zoom limitations
 - We have about 70 people so far
 - Everyone registered as of now should have received an email confirmation
 - Registrations will be monitored closely so we can move to a wait list if needed

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

- You Are Loved Sign campaign going well - for sale until Feb 20th
- Eat and Earn at Kilwin's tomorrow Thu Feb 11th 5-8PM
- Surprise coming at school next week so keep an eye out ;)

Treasurer's Report – Meredith Vogel

- Cash balance sheet as of date total of close \$29,975
 - Net loss \$5,000 attributed to incoming expenses
 - Support education is 75% of expenses
 - iPads Time For Kids National Speaker
 - cash balance \$26,000
- Other business - Teacher Supply Money
 - Each teacher gets \$100 from the PTA for supplies
 - Can we create a spreadsheet for teachers to enter desired items and we can monitor and purchase for them
 - We have a tax-free account with Amazon that we can purchase for them
 - Want to get the money back to the teachers because we know they are spending their money
 - Dr.Podraza would be happy to add a link to her weekly newsletter to make it easy for teachers to request items
 - Meredith Vogel and Cathy Dykes will work together to coordinate
- Question - Where does SquareOne Art income fall into the budget
 - revenue is considered miscellaneous incoming revenue so its used to offset expenses
 - We budget \$1000 incoming from it
 - We can look into putting some of it back into the art room/supplies - potential discussion for future years due to the fact that our budget is limited this year
 - The art teacher will certainly get the \$100 allocated for all teachers
 - Discussions such as this provide an opportunity to look into the ways we put the budget together - i.e. income from this is dedicated to a specific expense

NEW BUSINESS

- **Question - Meredith Vogel**
 - Can the PTA help with community involvement - disseminate surveys - current response rate is typically about 30%
 - Work with families - perhaps not surveys of teachers
 - The goal to gather more info - expand the questions asked by the district - allow for open ended comments
 - Discussion on whether or not all survey questions would have to be approved by district and/or building principal
 - The district/school can do what they wish with the data "take it or leave it"
 - Regarding planning for the SY21/22-The goal should be to lay out plans- "if this then that", etc, outlining option possibilities as soon as possible- August is too late

President's Report & Correspondence – Meghan Hood

- Nominating Committee needs to be formed
 - Meredith Vogel will be the current board member to sit on the committee
 - We can take volunteers/nominations for the next two weeks
 - We need 2 members in good standing (dues are paid)
 - Can also have back ups
 - If more than 2 volunteers we will need to vote to approve
 - Volunteer now or reach out to Cathy Dykes
- Slide Repair - damage done to slide - \$450 quote for materials - currently within budget for \$500
 - Meghan Hood and Kathy Fromm will look into volunteers to install
 - When the playground was installed we needed to have a foreman in order for the warranty to remain in tact
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MOTION TO ADJOURN at 9:03

Motion by Becca Harpster, 2nd by Meredith Vogel

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

- February 9 - D205 Board of Education Meeting, 7:00PM (YouTube link)
- February 8-March 5 - One Jefferson, One Book program (details below)
- February 10 - Intent to return to In-Person learning, 5:00PM deadline
- February 10 - Virtual PTA Meeting, 7:30PM (Zoom details below)
- February 11 - Eat & Earn at Kilwins, 5:00PM-8:00PM
- February 12 - Student Council Spirit Day - Support Wilbur Day!
- February 12 - REACH Parent Group Meeting, 11:30AM (Zoom details below)
- February 15 - President's Day - No School
- February 16 - Family Math Night sign up deadline (Click here to RSVP)
- February 16 - Sandburg Community D205 BOE Candidate Forum, 6:45PM
- February 17 - Student Council Spirit Day - Kindness Day!
- February 18 - Family Math Night, 6:15PM-7:30PM
- February 23 - Student Council Spirit Day - Favorite Character Day!
- February 26 - Picture Day! Groups B and AB
- March 5 - Student Council Spirit Day - Friendship Day!
- March 2 - Picture Day! Groups A, AB & Remote (Remote will be at 1:30PM-2:30PM)
- March 9 - Eat & Earn at McDonald's, 4:00PM-8:00PM