



# Jefferson PTA General Meeting Agenda

## April 14, 2021

### **WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER – at 7:34 Meghan Hood**

Jen Bullock, Cathy Dykes, Marcella Fikaris, Ioana Fernandez, Phil Fernandez, Kathy Fromm, Emily Georgalas, Becca Harpster, Donna Hayes, Jean Hogan, Meghan Hood, Colleen Kay, Gina Lascody, Aleka Mandelarius, Pam McGuckin, Kelly Perry, Christina Podraza, Sara Roberts, Maggie Schweitzer, Kanako Shuaipaj, Meredith Vogel, Laura West, “Asher Z”

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **MARCH MINUTES - Cathy Dykes**

### **SPECIAL GUESTS**

#### **4th Grade Teachers - Emily Georgalas, Donna Hayes, Pam McGuckin**

- **Literacy** - Ms. McGuckin
  - Greek Mythology- each student assigned a god/goddess and wrote a brief monologue, including history and character traits
  - Presented on FlipGrid or Seesaw
  - Students were very excited and continued to research out of school
  - Biography presentations are coming up
  - Opinion Writing- defend your thinking with examples in reasons
- **Math** - Mrs. Georgalas
  - Fractions currently, moving into decimals
  - Beginning Math Workshop Model
    - Whole group mini lesson
    - Moves into small group or 1 on 1 instruction to extend or reteach
    - Whole group debrief with exit slips
  - Esti Mysteries to solidify number sense
- **Science** - Mrs. Hayes
  - Mystery Science- Energizing Everything
  - How Energy is Transferred
  - Chain Reactions
  - Created their own flashlight
  - Energy Plan for a fictional town of various energy sources
  - Students are loving it!
- **Social Studies** - Mrs. Hayes
  - Illinois History- choose an event and then create a huge class timeline of the illustrated events
  - Previously, regions of the US with presentations
  - No longer doing State Reports- does not align with curriculum
    - Will look into a similar/replacement project
    - Illinois History and US Regions
    - Next Generation Science and Social Studies Standards
    - Standards are well done, based on inquiry and investigation

- **How Can I Help?** - Mrs. Georgalas
  - Read 20 minutes every night, ask questions about what they're reading
  - Zearn & Breakout EDU challenges for math practice
  - Reinforce multiplication facts
  - Family Games for problem solving and social emotional learning
  - Remind students to empty take home folders
  - Science and Social Studies have been updated so our district is reeling as well

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Dr. Podraza**

- **Everyone is back!** Things are going well!
- **Lunch Supervision** is going smoothly, however lining up substitute lunchroom supervisor positions would be very helpful!
  - Please sign up if you are able! Survey will be resent
  - Ioana Fernandez wants to give Dr Podraza and staff a shout out to how well organized the lunchroom volunteer process is and to encourage others to consider!
  - Thank you SO much for being willing to help! It is great to have parents back in the building!
- **Coffee with Dr. Podraza** next week April 20th at 8:30
  - Will give an update on Standards Based Reporting and then open to questions
  - She may not have many answers for next year however welcome to bring questions
- **New Superintendent** Dr. Campbell seems amazing!
- **Assessments** - Upcoming Weeks will include many
  - IAR Week of April 26-30
  - Fountas and Pinel but online running records will be coming up through the month of May
- **Last Week of School**
  - Field Day
  - Arts Day
  - Read Out Picnic/Charlotte's Web- 1 Million Page Challenge
  - Grade-Level Picnics
  - Last day of school may be a half day?
- **Misc**
  - Has been in classrooms excellent instruction with a lot of student choice and projects
  - Next week staff member will lead a discussion on Genius Hour
  - Teacher Appreciation Week plan looks amazing, so thank you to that committee lead by Kerri Timmerwilke and Colleen Kay
- **Summer School Identification** - Question from Meredith Vogel
  - How were students selected for summer school?
  - Due to Covid grants were received to invite more students, so guidelines were adjusted, she will follow up with more specifics - De La Rosa has been involved with that
- **Shade Installation Update**- Question From Meredith Vogel
  - Dr Podraza has followed up repeatedly
  - Todd Schmidt [tschmidt@elmhurst205.org](mailto:tschmidt@elmhurst205.org) oversees building and grounds
    - Chris Whelton [cwhelton@elmhurst205.org](mailto:cwhelton@elmhurst205.org) is his supervisor
  - Project was approved by the D205 Board in spring 2019
  - If it can't be installed just let us know, return the funds (\$6878 paid to the district via check dated June 12 2019) and we will reallocate
  - Parents are welcome and encouraged to send an inquiry email as well regarding when it can be installed

## PTA BOARD REPORTS

### Events - Jen Bullock

- **Talent Show** We would love to have an outdoor talent show in May!
  - ***We will need chairs and a committee to chair and run the event!***
  - Contact Jen Bullock with questions and any interest
  - We have some of the logistics worked out regarding stage and audio equipment
  - Lincoln has a plan in the works so would not involve reinventing the wheel

### Treasurer's Report – Meredith Vogel

#### Financial Review: YTD Financial Review

- Refer Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2021
  - Cash balance as of March 31, 2021 \$5,761 in checking and \$24,287 in savings accounts for a total cash balance of \$30,048.
- Refer Income Statement through March 31, 2021
  - YTD net loss is (\$3,886) (Income - \$20,017, Expenses - \$23,902)
- No significant change from prior month. Last Eat and Earns from McDonalds recorded in early April for \$344.
- We have processed several teacher requests for expenses- thank you so much for your hard work Meghan and Dr. Podraza, continue to remind teachers they are able to spend \$100
- Teachers would prefer to complete an Amazon Wish List and the PTA will purchase items off the wish list - this method will be adopted for next year
- For this year teachers will continue to submit requests for reimbursement
- Budget committee will be formed- Meghan Hood, Meredith Vogel, Kara Johnson (new treasurer) one other volunteer from the board- Cathy Dykes has volunteered

### **OTHER BUSINESS - Nominating Committee Update - Meredith Vogel**

Slate is presented as below and will be voted on during next month's meeting - Wednesday, May 12th

President - Meghan Hood

VP Membership - Gina Lascody

VP Communication - Valerie King

VP Events - Colleen Kay

VP Programs - Cynthia Mares

VP Fundraising - Cathay Dykes

VP Fundraising - Erica Philippi

Recording Secretary - Sara Roberts

Treasurer - Kara Johnson

### **Programs - Kanako Shuaipaj**

- Wanted to send a big **Thank You** to the following **Chairs**
  - **5th Grade Memory Books** - Stephanie Drolett, Shannon Jackson, and Melissa Shah
  - **2nd Grade Junior Great Books** - Lesley Samuel
  - **Mathletes** - Gina Padget & Ms Darley as a staff member to assist with the Noetic Math Competition
- **Great Donations Day** was overlooked last year
  - Collect and donate new and used school supplies to schools in need
  - Will occur this year during the last week of school
  - 3rd Grade Girl Scout Troop will help sort

## **President's Report & Correspondence – Meghan Hood**

- Please see upcoming events below!

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN at 8:52**

**Motion by Becca Harpster, 2nd by Meredith Vogel, passed unanimously**

### **Upcoming Dates**

April 16 - REACH appeals due by 5:00PM

April 20 - Coffee with Dr. Podraza, 8:30AM

April 26-April 30 - IAR testing

April 28 - Student Late Arrival Day

    Grades K-5 - 9:45AM-3:00PM

    AM Kindergarten - 9:45AM-12:05PM

May 3-May 7 - Teacher's Appreciation Week