



Jefferson PTA General Meeting Minutes August 18, 2021

- **Welcome and Call To Order** – Meghan Hood at 8:50
- **Principal's Report** – Dr. Podraza
 - This year's focus is on rebuilding the school community after so many changes presented last year due to COVID.
 - Dr. Podraza Introduced a new program at Jefferson this year: Tiger Buddies
 - 2 students from each grade from K-5 and one of the general education teachers will get together to discuss topics such as: kindness, gratitude, anti-bullying, etc.
 - Bring in parents to talk about background, career, experiences
 - Dr. Podraza will send out sign-up information as volunteer opportunities present
 - Staff was recently provided training on trauma from Ms. Cusack
 - Mask Mandate – following IL Executive Order and must be worn inside the building regardless of vaccination status
 - Lunchroom/Recess
 - Dr. Podraza will send out msg about volunteering at lunch/recess (2 slots/grade level – request is that volunteers sign up for a full hour) There is a 2.5 hr lunch timeframe.
 - 4th and 5th have recess together this year (the thought is that clubs, etc can happen during this recess time)
- **Opening Comments** - Meghan Hood
 - PTA Board Introductions
 - Most PTA meetings will remain virtual – main reason is that it allows more people to attend
 - Some meetings will be in person for workshops, etc.
- **PTA Board Reports**
 - VP of Membership – Meghan Hood provided update on behalf of Gina Lascody
 - Gave update on how to sign up for the PTA (previous members can go to the renewal area in Member Hub.)
 - Trolley – list of names were collected at today's meeting. These individuals will be sent a link for payment; Wait list will be collected through Tiger Beat sign-up
 - Member Hub can refund people if plans change (Kara can also do a reimbursement if plans change)
 - VP of Programs – Cynthia Mares
 - Program Chairs will receive budgets this week
 - VP of Events - Colleen Kay
 - Will reach out to event chairs with upcoming information
 - VP of Fundraising – Cathy Dykes and Erica Philippi
 - Overview of fundraising was provided - PTA supports lots of events in and around Jefferson

- Some of the fundraising events promote community and socializing between Jefferson families. Some of the key fundraising activities include the trolley, fall trivia night (11/5) and the biggest fundraiser – Winter Carnival
 - Other fundraisers include:
 - Eat and Earn will be done each month (pairing w/Jefferson events); Kona ice truck to come to Jefferson next Friday – 8/27
 - Shopping events - December events will include – Kie & Kate, Get Bazzy
 - o VP of Communications – Valerie King
 - Reminder to follow on social media: Instagram: @jeffersonpta20; Facebook: Families of Jefferson 205
 - Room parents – sign up to volunteer in Tiger Beat; questions to be directed to Kate Feutz
 - Tiger Beat will come out on Thursdays
 - o Recording Secretary – Sara Roberts
 - No new updates
 - o Treasurer’s Report – Kara Johnson
 - YTD Financial Review: Discussed Balance Sheet and Income Statement
 - Budget – Total cash balance of 25,436; Net Loss of \$8K last year
 - Budget 2020 - 2021: \$33K
 - PTA Audit Committee Review: **Approved Audit Report**– Cathy Dykes made a motion to approve; Kelly Perry seconded motion
 - Reviewed FY 2021-2022 Budget - it is based on pre-Covid budget assumptions and increased fundraising; Total Rev: \$48K. A copy of the budget can be provided to any parent interested.
 - **Approved the 2021 Plan** – Becca Harpster made motion to approve, Laura West seconded motion
 - o President’s Report & Correspondence – Meghan Hood
 - Fundraising Goals 21/22 that have been discussed with Dr. Podraza
 - Support Tiger Buddies program
 - Time for Kids (weekly paper journal students receive) about news, global issues, environmental items, etc.
 - Revamp of the teacher lounge (furniture, painting, etc) Committee will be formed to head this up. If you know of anyone who may be willing to help (designers, painters, etc) please let Meghan/Committee know.
- Next General PTA Meeting - Tuesday, September 14, 2021 7:30
 - Adjournment at 9:20 - Cathy Dykes motioned to close the meeting; Jenn seconded the motion.