



Jefferson PTA General Meeting Agenda October 12, 2021

WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER – at 7:05 Meghan Hood

Meghan Hood, Kara Johnson, Christina Podraza, Sara Roberts, Gina Lascody Cynthia Mares, Colleen Kay, Erica Philippi, Ioana Fernandez, Mina McMahon, Carrie Bartles, Val King, Kerri Timmerwille, Jennifer Allen, Jodi Kushik-Sinclair, Yolo Adams, Lynn Ferris, Dave Grelecki, Geri Schlueter, Cynthia Mares, Allie Nemesi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

[Jefferson PTA Sept 14 2021 Minutes](#) - Sara Roberts gave summary
[Motion to approve Kara Johnson, seconded by Ioana Fernandez](#)

Christine Cusack - Using Reinforcement with your child

[Positive reinforcement PTA 10.2021 Presentation](#)

Question and Discussion after the presentation included:

- Defiance often stems from not being in control of something in their world. Give them control in a way that works for you.
- If a child doesn't want to talk, give them time/space, or give them other modalities to express themselves.
- Ms. Cusack has a list of resources for kids, parents for a wide variety of topics.

Principal's Report: Dr. Podraza

- Instructional leadership team met today - finalized school improvement plan
- Each school has 3 goals:
 1. SEL - self management and self awareness, finding that growth mindset and working on organizational skills (Tiger Buddies, morning meetings); Data seen at Jefferson is consistent with other schools
 2. Focus on struggling readers - 76% met benchmark at Jefferson
 3. Math - working with students on number sense standards
- Halloween parade is scheduled and information sent in last week's email
- Dr. Podraza is reading to the classrooms the book "What Would Danny Do?" starting in K-2 now, 3-5 grade in the future
- Dr. Podraza shared the District 205 Chain of Command
 - For feedback - start with Dr. Podraza, then she will raise concerns to the district
 - On website there is information on where to go if problem is not solved at the building level
- Lunchroom changes - kids will be moved 6 ft apart (will start in 2 weeks)
 - Still need additional volunteers
 - At this point no one will be sitting on the floor

SPECIAL GUESTS

5th Grade Teachers

- Mrs Ferris, Mr. Grelicki, Mrs Schluter
 - Gave a thank you to PTA for all of the goodies
 - 5th graders are doing well with all their new responsibilities
 - Tiger Buddies - it is great to have the 5th graders help the younger students, helping the teachers
 - Patrol - leadership has been great
 - Science Olympiad - great to bring the kids back together and have the kids work together
 - Strengths/Weaknesses - there are some behaviors that were lost last year
 - Process Standards - each teacher has been working on breaking down the standards and getting the kids involved in self-rating
 - Do's/Don'ts with examples
 - Self Control, Follow through, Active Listening, Works Cooperatively (compromising)

PTA BOARD REPORTS

Membership - Gina Lascody

- 263 members to date (includes couples as well)
- Directory is live, but there are some correction that need to be made
- Member Hub app doesn't work for directory information; suggestion is to use website instead. Additional information will be included in Tiger Beat.

Programs - Cynthia Mares

- Chess Club - Gina Padgett, Jen Zacharias are parent sponsors
 - William from York said 6:30pm on Wed works best for him
 - Chess Boards are not in the best shape; may need to purchase
 - Clocks are in good shape
- Discussed Mathletes - possibly discontinuing at Jefferson; challenging with REACH and Noetic competition challenges (needs some school involvement). Dr. Podraza will follow-up with the district office.
- Take inventory of PTA bins - make an appt for a Monday to go through.
- Room parent meeting on 10/19 with Kate Feutz

Events - Colleen Kay

- Family Fun Run 10/15. Event has over 300 people registered; there are enough supplies for 300 people but all are welcome
- Edison shared information on a Science Wizard they have scheduled. They have him come in and do assemblies for the students and asked if Jefferson was interested:
 - 45 min program
 - He is coming to Edison on 11/15
 - Show includes science experiments and demos
 - \$1275/one show; 1675/two shows
- Kerri Timmerwilke provided update on Thanksgiving Feast
 - Working w/D205 food services - food secured
 - Served during their lunch hour
 - Determining how to group kids with their Tiger Buddies

- The fall assembly planned is the Bear Assembly. It is only \$150 but is a virtual assembly.
- Currently have \$500 budgeted for Fall Assemblies

Fundraising - Erica Philipi

- Eat & Earns have been a success; Next one 11/14 HB Jones
- Trolley event did well - Kara reported profits.
- Trivia Night - 11/5. Registration link is now redirected to Member Hub.
 - Questions are included on who is at each table, etc.

Communication - Val King

- Content for Tiger Beat by Tuesday at noon

Treasurer's Report Kara Johnson

- Book Fair - net profit was approx. \$2K
- Trolley - net profit was approx \$5K
- Teachers can submit for reimbursement

President's Report & Correspondence – Meghan Hood

- PTA Council Scholarship Fund
 - Eat and Earn - October 21st at McDonald's on Butterfield and in Villa Park
 - Usually do 10/year (last year they awarded 27)
- There will be a candy drive after Halloween that York is coordinating. Boxes will be in all of the schools for collections for military
- National PTA and Tik Tok are partnering on ways to stop the dangerous behaviors being shared.

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 8:23

Motion - by Ioana Fernandez, Erica Philippi second the motion

Upcoming Dates

- November 9th - 7:30 virtual meeting