



Jefferson PTA General Meeting Minutes January 10, 2023

Participants: Meredith Hardt, Gina Lascody, Erica Phillipi, Jill Bissell, Sara Roberts, Kara Johnson, Val King, Cathy Dykes, Megan, Krysta, Elena Krzysik, Julie Lindsay, Jeanette Kling, Mary Beth, Seema Kapadia, Jen Shneider, Jen, Alpita Popat

- **Welcome and Call To Order** – Meredith Hardt at 7:30
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Reading and Adoption of [December](#) Meeting minutes; Cathy motioned to approve, Val seconded**
- **Principal's Report** – Lori Sweeney
 - Security cameras are installed now
 - Playground blacktop should be paved over the summer
 - Holiday Parties were a huge success - lots of fun across grade levels
 - Mrs. Sweeney will remind teachers to spend their \$100 classroom budget allocation
 - Art/Music Wish Lists were submitted this week.
 - Instruction is already ½ way through the year. MAP testing started today. In February and March Mrs. Sweeney will share how to make sense of the MAP scores and what information to focus on.
 - Permanent sub started
 - Dad's club is buying a basketball hoop (ordered today)
 - Mrs. Sweeney shared some ideas the staff had around what is needed that fundraising dollars could be used for:
 - Stage curtains (new or repair/clean),
 - Updating the mural by the entrance to school
 - Repainting the map on playground
 - Nice pencil sharpeners for all the teachers
 - Easels on wheels for classrooms that want them
 - New Rugs in classrooms
 - Flexible seating options - bouncy bands, etc.
 - There has been feedback that the playground seems shorter than anticipated. Mrs. Sweeney gave that feedback to facilities and while not much can be done to what is installed at Jefferson, there may be modifications that can be made to other D205 playgrounds that haven't been installed yet.
- **Teacher Presentation**- Kindergarten Teachers - see [presentation](#)
- **PTA Board Reports**
 - VP of Membership – Gina Lascody
 - VP of Programs – Cynthia Mares
 - OJOB - chairs are working hard, the book was chosen and they are working on the activities

- Overview: Every family in Jefferson gets one copy of the books and the entire school reads it together. There are lots of activities that happen around the book during those weeks - a raffle, class competition, decorate the library, etc.
 - February 5th will be the kickoff with an assembly
- o VP of Events - Jill Bissell
 - Ice Skating - event scheduled on 2/20 at YMCA 1:30 - 3:30 (Included: rentals, snacks, water, skating)
- o VP of Fundraising – Cathy Dykes and Erica Philippi
 - Carnival Updates -
 - In the past admission was 15 pre-sale, \$20 at the door but discussed lowering admission this year and possibly doing a bundle with raffle tickets for presale wristbands. Landed at \$5 preschool presale; \$10 pre-sale w/5 raffle tickets and \$15 wristband at the door.
 - Art work kids make is framed and sold - creation of artwork is underway.
 - Experience Parties are also sold; still need additional ideas.
 - Document will be published to outline all of the carnival items.
 - Math Night - 3/9 - this would be the ideal date and we would do a partnership with OJOB
- o VP of Communications – Valerie King
 - No updates
- o Recording Secretary – Sara Roberts
 - No updates
- o Treasurer’s Report – Kara Johnson
 - Square One Art - we received a check for \$1850
 - Room Parents - need to submit expenses for the holiday parties. Sara to send email.
- o President’s Report & Correspondence – Meredith Hardt
- **New Business**
 - o Music and Art Wishlists Submitted - \$1732
- **Next General PTA Meeting Date...** Tuesday, February 14, 2023 7:30p Presentation
- **Adjournment at 8:10** - motion to adjourn by Cynthia, Val seconded