



Jefferson PTA General Meeting Minutes November 9, 2022

Participants: Meredith Hardt, Gina Lascody, Erica Phillipi, Jill Bissell, Sara Roberts, Kara Johnson, Val King, Lara, Ms Reimersma, Ms. Grote, Ms. Darley, Lori Sweeney

- **Welcome and Call To Order** – Meredith Hardt
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Reading and Adoption of [October](#) minutes**, Jill motioned to approve, Gina seconded the motion.
- **Principal's Report** – Lori Sweeney
 - Gaga pit to be installed next week
 - Dad's club will donate a bike rack and also they will see if they can maintain the field and add a basketball hoop
 - Indoor construction is almost done
 - 3rd grade did a fun project collaborating with the specials teachers
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences- sign up for conferences at the end of the week
 - Restarting parent homeschool connection committees
 - Thanks to Park District and Van Voorst for letting us use during recess - 4th graders are writing thank you notes
 - There is a new lunchroom supervisor being hired. (Raina, the previous supervisor, recently left for a new position.)
 - Permanent Sub vacancy - should start soon
 - Staff microwave has still not been replaced yet. If it is not in by Friday then Mrs. Sweeney will reach out to the PTA to see if this can be funded through PTA.
- **Teacher Presentation**- 3rd Grade - Mrs. Grote, Ms, Riemersma, Ms. Darley
 - Foundations - focuses on spelling, phonics, capitalization, and punctuation. Mrs Grote is seeing lots of improvements.
 - Math - working on units of measurements and rounding
 - Wit & Wisdom - incorporates socratic seminars and fun learning strategies - chalk talk, jigsaw, fishbowl, mix and mingle. Practicing disagreeing/agreeing respectively - third graders have done this successfully.
 - Writing - working on 4 paragraph essays: intro, supporting info, and conclusion paragraph.
- **PTA Board Reports**
 - VP of Membership – Gina Lascody
 - No additional info, exceeded last year's membership numbers.
 - VP of Programs – Cynthia Mares-
 - Chess Club (up and running: Mina, Ryan Hedling) first meeting is Monday 11/28 3-4pm,
 - Reflections Closed - Regina Day chaired this committee
 - Running Club is finished for fall season - Thank You
 - VP of Events - Jill Bissell

- Thanksgiving Feast - coming up; help is needed outside after the feast for the all school recess
 - o VP of Fundraising – Cathy Dykes and Erica Philippi
 - Bunco night has been a big success and there are less Eat & Earns as a result
 - Eat & Earn in December - Gia Mia
 - Shop & Earn on 12/14 - Kie & Kate
 - Shop & Earn at Get Bazy - date TBD
 - Trivia Night - 16 tickets available
 - Silent Auction - is up as of now on Member Hub - can't purchase but you may be able to browse.
 - o VP of Communications – Valerie King - no updates
 - o Recording Secretary – Sara Roberts - no updates
 - o Treasurer's Report – Kara Johnson
 - Thanksgiving Feast Committee - balloon arch needs additional funds. \$300 (Jill motioned, Gina seconded the approval.)
 - o President's Report & Correspondence – Meredith Hardt
 - Coach Price: wish list is fulfilled
 - Mrs Howe: bins for books
 - Art/Music: need their wish lists
- **New Business**
Madison Winter Item Drive
- **Next General PTA Meeting Date...** Tuesday, December 13, 2022 7:30p with 2nd Grade Teacher Presentation
- **Adjournment:** Gina motioned to approve at 8pm, Jill seconded the motion