



Jefferson PTA General Meeting Agenda September 12, 2023

- **Welcome and Call To Order** – Meredith Hardt
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Reading and Adoption of [August Minutes](#)**
 - **Motion to Approve** - Mina McMahon, 2nd from Jen Wilhelm
- **Principal's Report** – Lori Sweeney
 - Smooth start to the school year without construction and new ELA curriculum
 - Teachers are working hard to build communities within their classes
 - MAP Testing is this week
 - 1 data point to assess progress
 - helpful longitudinal piece of data
 - currently administered 3x/year
 - Curriculum Night was a success, reiterated that parents, teacher, and staff work together to ensure academic excellence for all students
 - Fortunate to have full time Reading Interventionist Nora Fox
 - In addition, we also have 2 support staff members from the district here at Jefferson for Trimester 1
 - They will provide [Tier 3](#) Instruction in both Reading and Math
 - Nurse G is doing a wonderful job caring for our kids in the health office
 - This year Jefferson will begin Project Lead the Way
 - New curriculum for the Library Media Specialist to implement in the Maker Space
 - Opportunities to use different maker space materials
 - There are approximately 38 library visits per class per year - PLTW will be roughly $\frac{1}{3}$ of the library visits
 - Ms Sweeney will be meeting with Todd Scmidt - D205 Facilities Lead in the near future to discuss what improvements can happen to the gym
 - Ms Sweeney is also looking into whether or not the PTA can purchase books for the library
 - It has been a really lovely start to the year!
 - Please reach out to Ms Sweney if students aren't feeling settled or that the year is off to a smooth start
- **PTA Board Reports**
 - VP of Membership – Erica Phillipi
 - We are off to a great start - thank you!
 - Currently 249 members (22 less than where we ended the year last year)
 - Please continue to join!

- o VP of Programs – Mina McMahon
 - Running Club starts tomorrow Wed 9/13!

- o VP of Events - Jill Bissell
 - Color Run Update - Sept 22 at 6pm
 - Please be sure to register so we can plan accordingly!
 - We also need a LOT of volunteers!
 - Deadline to order tshirts is tomorrow - Wed 9/13 at noon
 - Science Olympiad will be 10/10

- o VP of Fundraising – Val King/Jen Wilhelm
 - 1st eat and Earn @McDonald's was a success
 - Book Fair
 - Next week
 - Please volunteer to work a shift during the sale
 - Students look forward to this event every year!
 - Trivia Night December 1st
 - Theme is Vegas Night!
 - Working with Ms Sweeney to iron out school perks
 - Hoping teachers would like to attend
 - Trolley Night
 - Be patient - working our way through the waitlist
 - There has been and likely will continue to be movement
 - An Evite will be sent to registered participants with pertinent details

- o VP of Communications – Michelle McCarthy
 - Submissions are due at noon on Tuesday

- o Recording Secretary – Cathy Dykes
 - Nothing to report at this time

- o Treasurer's Report – Jen Schneider
 - Eat and Earn and Bunco funds have come in
 - Off to a good start

- o President's Report & Correspondence – Meredith Hardt
 - Map Stencil
 - Will be ordered by Meredith Hardt (~\$200 for the stencil, paint will be additional)
 - Meredith will contact Jason Romano to see if the Dad's Club is interested in installing
 - Will look into the potential to add a world map (potentially SY 24/25)
 - Spirit Wear Tee
 - The PTA will be purchasing 1 t shirt for every student
 - Ms Sweeney will speak with Michelle Guerino to see if she is able to work with the teachers to collect sizing, if not the PTA is happy to coordinate
 - Then Meredith will place the order - we are looking into two vendors with comparable pricing

- Cricut Purchase
 - Kanako Schuaipaj suggested the PTA purchase a Cricut machine that can be housed in the library for staff and the PTA to use
 - expected cost approximately \$430
 - All present were in favor so Ms Sweeney will speak with Ms Howe about this
- Memorial for Maxime Dias Da Costa
 - Ms Sweeney spoke with Ms Cusack
 - The staff who worked closely with Maxime will meet to discuss further
 - Ms Sweeney will then follow up with Mina
 - The PTA hopes to have a memorial installed with a small ceremony planned for the spring
- **New Business**
 - Decision making for events
 - Ticket pricing for events and fundraisers should be decided by the board
 - For other planning considerations/ideas the chairs should bring their thoughts to the relevant VPs
 - The VPs can then use their discretion to determine whether or not it needs further discussion at the board level
- **Next General PTA Meeting Date-** Tuesday October 17, 2023 7:30 pm
- **Adjournment** - Motion to Adjourn by Jen Wilhelm, 2nd by Mina McMahon