



**Jefferson PTA General Meeting Agenda
November 14, 2023**

APPROVED AT 1/9/23 MEETING

- **Welcome and Call To Order** – Meredith Hardt at 7:30PM
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Reading and Adoption of [October Minutes](#)**
 - Motion to approve by Jill Bissell, 2nd by Val King

- **Principal's Report** – Lori Sweeney
 - Briefly reviewed the [guidelines](#) for larger purchases made for the school by the PTA
 - This time of year we are filled with gratitude
 - This week we are showing gratitude for our PSRP Staff (office and educational assistants) as well as our substitute teachers
 - We have such wonderful teachers at Jefferson who are making learning come alive for the students through Wit & Wisdom module topics
 - Kindergarteners were tap dancing
 - 4th Grade Wax Museum featuring individuals who have demonstrated that they have a “great heart”
 - Next Principal Coffee Hours is tomorrow (Wed 11/15/23)
 - Mary Neville discussed executive functioning at the last coffee hour
 - Tomorrow occupational therapist Kelly Krueger will discuss how to help your children regulate using their sensory needs profile
 - Proud Tiger Award phone calls are so fun to make
 - Many times during the calls parents share they are very appreciative of the teachers
 - Thanksgiving Feast is this week! Thank you to the PTA!
 - The Giving Tree is coming up on December 7th
 - Gift cards purchased and donated will support families within the district
 - Some grade levels are approaching the threshold of potentially decreasing to 2 sections, so we discussed how we might showcase what an amazing school we are
 - Ms. Sweeney will discuss ideas with the district communications director
 - An open house
 - Flyer
 - Tours
 - Flyers to advertise elite status
 - We discussed creating Tiger Family Buddies again as a way to connect with new Jefferson families (of kindergarteners as well as transfer students)
 - 80s Dance Party in the hall during Red Ribbon Week was so fun!

- **Teacher Presentation- 5th Grade - Ms. Sweeney on behalf of Ms. Schleuter**
 - Thank you to the PTA- the staff is so appreciative of the PTA's efforts and supports
 - 5th grade year of transitioning- preparing students for middle school
 - Passing periods, lockers, etc
 - Building leadership capacity- patrol, kinder buddies and Field Day lead
 - Middle School visit (in May)
 - Middle school is an Academic Transition as well
 - Concepts move from concrete to abstract
 - Students utilize multiple sources to collect info
 - ELA
 - Cultures in Conflict
 - How cultural beliefs and values guide you
 - Weave social studies into Wit and Wisdom content
 - Figurative language- how writers play with words
 - Surrealism
 - Theme- evidence to support their ideas
 - Writing is being woven into reading
 - Math
 - A culmination of math skills they have learned throughout their elementary years
 - Moving towards algebra
 - Deep look at what numbers represent
 - Figuring out how to represent each standard unit
 - Upcoming topics
 - Parts: Decimals and Fractions
 - Coordinate Plane
 - Geometry
 - Candor Health Presentation is in the spring
 - Outdoor Education in May
 - An overnight trip to the Loreda Taft Campus in Oregon, IL
 - Promotes team building

- **PTA Board Reports**
 - VP of Membership – Erica Phillipi

 - VP of Programs – Mina McMahon
 - Reflections Contest
 - 4 entries from Jefferson were submitted
 - Next year perhaps the specials teachers can share the contest with the students and help them brainstorm
 - Ms. Sweeney said we can also take pictures of the entries to be put on display in the school
 - Chess Club
 - Thursday after school starting January 11th for grades 2-5

 - VP of Events - Jill Bissell
 - Thanksgiving Feast
 - This Thursday, Nov 16th - should be a nice time!
 - More than enough volunteers
 - Take pictures at the feast of groups of kids for the Memory Book

- Ice Skating Party
 - Still in need of a chair or we will have to cancel this long-standing event
 - o VP of Fundraising – Val King/Jen Wilhelm
 - Trivia Night
 - Coming up! 102 tickets sold
 - Huge silent auction featuring ride in a police car, RV to school, fire truck to school
 - Tons of School Perks
 - o front row at Giving Tree, principal for a day, extended recess, & more!
 - Grand Prize for the table with the best theme
 - Photo booth & food
 - Kie & Kate Sip and See Dec 6 6-8
 - 10% off your purchase and 10% back to the PTA
 - Beverages and light bites will be provided
 - o VP of Communications – Michelle McCarthy
 - Nothing to report
 - o Recording Secretary – Cathy Dykes
 - Nothing to report
 - o Treasurer’s Report – Jen Schneider
 - Cash Balance as of October 31, 2023 is \$54,271.94
 - October Deposits: \$2,039.70
 - October Disbursements: \$9,158.54
 - YTD Net Income is \$9,497.36
 - Click here for a more detailed [Treasurer’s Report](#)
 - o President’s Report & Correspondence – Meredith Hardt
 - Reflections
 - 4 entries from Jefferson were submitted
 - UCCA Food Drive ends 11/17
 - Map Stencil- purchased, Dad’s Club will apply
 - Meredith will reach out to see when the map can be repainted
 - Spirit Wear Tee
 - everyone should have one by now- yay!
 - 10 extras ordered for new students throughout the year
 - Minted discount code: **FUNDRAISED205PTA**
 - benefits the PTA Council’s York Scholarship Fund
 - great to use for your holiday cards!
- **New Business**
 - **Next General PTA Meeting Date-** Tuesday January 9, 2024 7:30 pm (note no December meeting)
 - **Motion to adjourn at 8:17PM by Mina McMahon, 2nd by Jen Wilhelm**