

Jefferson Parent Council
November 10, 2022, | 6:00 pm

Council Members Attending: Sara Eldridge, Chair | Rachel Carroll Rivas, Vice-Chair | Leann Murphy, Treasurer | Leandra Lipson, Secretary | Katja Elias, Volunteer Coordinator

JPC Staff Attending: Brice Burton | Principal

Updates

- Mr. Burton will be attending evening JPC meetings
- Request from Sheri Haller for JPC to fund 4th Grade Trip has been funded

Principal's Report Brice

- Thank you to the JPC for providing meals for parent teacher conferences and Halloween Carnival.
- Parent Teacher Conferences were geared to the whole child and Jefferson had 99% attendance.
- Due to high winds one of the large pine trees fell this past Saturday – the tip of it falling into the building with minor damage, breaking a window in one of the classrooms.
- Out of due diligence, the school will remove the other large pine.
 - ACTION ITEM: Rachel will reach out to Ben at Growing Friends to see about planting new trees. The trees would need irrigation.

Items for Principal Brice to Consider

- Sun Run
 - ACTION ITEM: Principal Brice to inquire about Jefferson being on the docket
- ACTION ITEM: JPC to consider hosting a Winter Gear & Clothing Swap – revisit next year.
- Hopefully Ball Bouts will be installed at Dakota & Stabern Intersections next Spring
- JPC has \$500 in the budget for snacks
 - ACTION ITEM: Principal Brice to let the JPC know when the school is low.

Budget Report Leann

- Cash drive going well – over \$2500
- Halloween Carnival donation boxes raised over \$300
- \$2,000 for Gala supplies was spent by Lona
 - Fundraiser for art initiatives
 - Have not hosted the Gala since 2019
 - Principal Brice reported that the school is planning to bring that event back
- 5th grade book club would like 22 copies of Keepers of the Lost Cities - \$220 from the JPC
 - Kim moves to fund the request. Rachel seconds. All in favor. Funding request is approved.

PAC Meeting Report - Sara

- Master Facility Planning was covered
- Focus on safety and security
 - Jefferson recently passed a safety and security audit
 - Jefferson will practice lockdown measures with the children per the district safety handbook
- Mental health also a focus
 - Grants to support existing and new mental health efforts
 - Effort to bring these services to the younger children
- Enrollment is up
- District needs more substitute teachers
- Green roof and solar energy grants are funding efforts at several schools
- Read the email from Rex for more detail

Status Update

- Original Works
 - Teachers have turned in beautiful art and Original Works has all of it. By mid-next week Katja should have flyers to hand out to all children.
 - ACTION ITEM: JPC, via Principal Brice, to send out email reminders to parents to order their art – once per week for three weeks. Katja will send him the text each week.
 - ACTION ITEM: Move the deadline for orders earlier so that orders get in before the holidays.
 - For the parents of children that did not get their artwork in on time, the parents may go through Original Works on their own.
- Teacher stipends
 - No new information to share
- Read-A-Thon – Fundraiser for Library
 - Starter packet has arrived. Brenda will distribute to teachers so that it may start on 11/21st. Parents will get instructions on how to set up their online dashboards.
 - ACTION ITEM: Meghan will fill out posters to be put up around the school.

Upcoming Events/Activities

- Literacy Night, Nov 17
 - ACTION ITEM: Leann will check in to see if any assistance is needed.
 - ACTION ITEM: JPC will have a table – Sara will organize and manage this.
- Computer Science Education Week, Dec 5-9
 - Computer literacy and social media education
 - ACTION ITEM: JPC to share resources with parents and teachers – Sara to head up this effort.
- Jefferson Store

- ACTION ITEM: Rachel will follow-up on this.
- Special Education Day is in December
 - ACTION ITEM: Ms. Ericson and Brenda to be recognized

Fundraising

- Restaurants, Windbag and MacKenzie options
 - ACTION ITEM: Katja to call Windbag and MacKenzie, Leann to reach out to Slim Chickens
- Amazon Smile
 - ACTION ITEM: Send out info in an upcoming Principal email and on website
- Playground funds
 - ACTION ITEM: Rachel, Leandra, and Sara to meet with Principal Brice to talk strategy

New business Group

- Invite Deputy Director of Helena Education Foundation to next meeting
 - ACTION ITEM: Rachel to coordinate
- Jefferson Night Skating Rink Social
 - ACTION ITEM: Discuss at next meeting

Review Action Items/Wrap Up Leandra

Adjournment

Next meeting: January 12, 6:00 pm