

Jefferson Parent Council
January 12, 2023, | 6:00 pm
DRAFT MINUTES

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

6:00 pm Welcome, announcements – Sara

- December 2nd Staff/Teacher Appreciation was missed so we will make up for that during an upcoming appreciation day.
- February 6th is School Counselor appreciation day.
 - ACTION ITEM: Leann will provide cards and gift cards.

6:10 pm Principal's Report – Brice

- Benchmark assessments is a focus
 - Hoping for more meaningful data to adjust small groups
- Have hired on a new Para supporting kindergarten and first grade
- May have the opportunity to hire another Para for the remainder of this year.
 - Help recruiting qualified candidates would be appreciated.

6:30 pm Budget Report - Leann

- Revenue
 - PayPal + \$218.62
 - Amazon Smile + \$24.32
 - Read-a-thon +\$2193.75 (two checks)
 - Restaurant Fundraiser (MK Pizza) + \$191.22
- Expenses
 - Books for 5th Grade Book Club -\$219.78
 - Snacks for Students -\$134.87
 - Running out of free snacks quickly
 - Possible solutions: Let children keep their lunch containers so that parents may pack both lunch and snack in the same container.
 - There are no health and safety rules or regulations that prevent children from keeping their lunch containers for both lunch and snack.
 - Put free snack boxes in each classroom for teachers to disseminate vs. the office staff.
 - Perhaps partner with an existing organization that provides snacks for school.
 - ACTION ITEM: Principal Burton will check into how the JPC might support Second Chance Breakfast in a greater way.

- The school just got another infusion of snacks so it is okay for now but the issue of running low quickly remains.

6:50 pm Status Update (November AIs)

- Read-A-Thon
 - \$2194 raised total
 - May have received less attention due to holiday programs and other fundraisers as well as technical issues.
 - Consider doing own prizes and incentives – e.g. items from the Jefferson store.
 - Consider hosting in the Spring – perhaps around the Book Fair and Earth Day.
 - \$5787 raised last year
 - Hosted over Christmas break last year
 - \$6155 raised in the first year
- Original Works
 - Was not able to set it up as early as previous years.
 - \$1502 raised two years ago, raised \$900 last year, this year raised \$1300.
 - Significant shipping costs.
 - OW printed the flyer wrong and offered to print “apologetic magnets”.
 - Some orders came quite late – some taking 5 weeks.
 - e.g. order placed on 11/30 at 9 p.m. did not arrive until January 4, 2023.
 - Teacher may be strained to get artwork in on time.
 - Katja used a separate email for her order vs. our coordinator account and her order did not show up as profit for Jefferson school even though she used the appropriate code. – Cause for pause!
 - Consider asking parents for feedback regarding this group.
 - Consider researching other providers and/or doing this as a JPC activity through a company like Staples.
 - ACTION ITEM: Sara to research other companies and options.
 - Consider partnering with the art teacher vs. classroom teachers and have every child do the same thing.
 - Consider shipping to the school – pros and cons with this.
 - Volunteers could help sort items
- Tree planting-Rachel
 - Need to extend the drip lines to plant new trees.
 - ACTION ITEM: Principal Burton will find out costs and send to JPC.
 - Could be a good volunteer activity for families to plant in the fall.
- Broadway Crossing
 - State study concluded that the school area needs pedestrian protection.
 - Engineer for City will install during this next week a flashing light.
 - ACTION ITEM: Encourage parents to weigh in on the State’s plan to advocate for more safety – share out survey, if possible. Rachel will research this.

- There is an open meeting 111 North Sanders on Tuesday at 6 p.m.
- Sun Run
 - Site visit is tomorrow.
 - ACTION ITEM: Rachel will reach back out to the nonprofit for more info.
- Teacher stipends
 - A few more checks have been cashed since last meeting.
- Jefferson Store
 - Have the option of doing the store again.
 - ACTION ITEM: Rachel will inquire what the process is.

7:20 pm Upcoming Events/Activities

- Literacy Night, Jan 26th from 6 – 7 p.m.
 - ACTION ITEM: Leann will ask if the JPC can assist with serving hot cocoa.
 - Sara and Katja will volunteers.
- Spring P-T Conferences, Feb 21, 23
 - ACTION ITEM: Recruit volunteers to provide dinner for two nights for up to 21 teachers.
- Winter/Spring Jefferson Social
 - Ideas
 - Laser Skate @ Helena Ice Arena
 - Adventure Park
 - ACTION ITEM: Sara to research options and report back.
- Gala
 - Condensed version of 2018. Principal will share out more in coming months.
 - Student art pieces will be presented and sold.
- BBQ Field Day
 - JPC would like to help with that.
 - ACTION ITEM: Principal Burton to find out if the JPC can get food service certified.

7:35 pm Fundraising

- Playground funds?
 - No update at this time.

7:45 pm New business Group

- Consider another restaurant fundraiser in the Spring.

7:55 pm Review Action Items/Wrap Up Leandra

8:00 pm Adjournment

Next meeting: February 9, 6:00 pm