



Jefferson PTA General Meeting Minutes October 16, 2019

- **Call To Order** - Phil Fernandez (running late from flight) - Kerri Timmerwilke call to order
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Reading and Adoption of minutes** from last meeting September 18, 2019
 - **Phil Fernandez: asked for motion to accept minutes as presented**
 - **Regina Gaebel motions: Ioana 2nd – adopted by majority voting**
- **Principal's Report** - Dr. Podraza
 - Full on workshop mode
 - Math professional learning
 - Unlimited growth and connections
 - Teachers picking area of focus at professional learning experiences at the district
 - Staff meeting tomorrow – Goals Groupies – working to delve deeply on goals to teachers
 - Christina Podraza has been in the classrooms observing and things are going well.
 - Halloween parade – 8:30 will be the start time for parade.
 - Jefferson Family Projects – they are starting to come in. To make Google Slide about family. Printing out slide with hard copy collage and digital presentation.
- **Teacher's Report** – 1st Grade Teachers (Mrs. Fullerton, Mrs. Klink & Mrs. Muller) & Specials Teachers (Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Serrata, Ms. LeResche & Mrs. Patch)
 - **FIRST GRADE**
 - **Mrs Fullerton:** working on independence, routines, building confidence
 - **Academic** – learning to read. Need to do comprehension with just learning to read. Working on comprehension strategies. Retelling beginning middle and end. Character Setting, problem and solution. Small moment stories, narrative writing of small moments.
 - **Mrs Klink:** Thank you for book fair. Loved the theme and thank you for the books and book bags. Unlimited growth and connection bags.
 - **Ms Muller:** taking standards and 3 little pigs studies. STEM activities, and writing own narrative with 3 little pigs. Next week will be using Elephant and Piggie books and doing similar things.
 - **PARENT QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**
 - **Stephanie Palzkill:** likes the communication that 1st grade teachers have given.
 - **Yongfang Zhong** – prints out the newsletter. Has question about Common Core and adding comprehension and writing. How much weight goes on writing?
 - **Mrs Fullerton:** standard says must write topic sentence with 3 details and transition words with capitals and periods. Discussing how to grade that already with different kinds of writing. Narrative, Non Fiction, Persuasive Writing
 - **Mrs Klink:** writing and reading go hand in hand. Looking for transition words, using in reading.
 - **SPECIALS**
 - **Mrs Wright – Library:** working on 3 big areas

- Working on finding something they like to read. Kinder, 1st and 2nd graders help to pick who receives Illinois student book awards.
- Citizenship – working on online responsibility. Digital footprint which lasts forever.
- 3rd is Stem makerspace area – computer, robotics, finch, invention and electronics, media creation. 3D printing. Just got it and getting software installed.
 - Will start with 5th grade and go down the grades.
 - Thanks to PTA bc all makerspace stuff is from district and PTA
- **Ms Serrata – Art:**
 - working on general and basic art techniques, collaborating and working with others, creative problem solving and brainstorming, receiving and giving constructive feedback, describing and understanding messages and meaning, making connection between culture and meaning, exploring techniques and art processes and materials – so they can decide what they can do.
 - Finishing up Square One art projects.
 - Going into different fall projects.
- **Senora Patch – Spanish:**
 - Working on speaking, listening writing, reading
 - 3rd grade is who am i.
 - 4th grade – my favorite things – likes and dislikes, musical instruments, and sports, and school subjects.
 - 5th grade – vacation time – schedule of where they want to visit and why, packing, activities, weather.
- **Ms LeResche – Music, choir and band:**
 - PERFORMANCES
 - Band Concert is 12/11
 - Giving tree 12/12;
 - Per Cathy Dykes – (Ms LeResche not involved in orchestra) Orchestra concert 12/17
 - Choir - will have winter festival – singing with Bryan, Lincoln and Jackson.
 - Caroling around the school before break.
 - Band Festival in the spring
 - Jefferson singers will go to Chicago Wolves Game
 - November starts rehearsing for Giving Tree.
 - PER GRADE:
 - Kinder is now working on steady beat. Ways to use the voice, spring performance.
 - 1st grade is using boom-whackers – reading music, notation note names, and harmony. Expression
 - 2nd grade – expression and actual reading of sheet music. Collaborative dance music
 - 3rd grade – recorder.
 - 4th grade – working on learning treble clef and review of recorder and other musical expression. 4th grade does patriotic music
 - 5th grade – bass clef. In spring ukulele and will do musical
- **Mrs McCarthy – GYM:** team building and working together.
 - 4th and 5th grade have been creating own games.

- Kinder through 3rd grade has started soccer. Will start basketball and volleying skills and rackets.
- In February, Mrs McCarthy will be back from maternity leave.
- **PARENT QUESTIONS:**
 - Becky Paulzine: For specials would you like to do some support
 - For Band to practice at home!
 - Giving tree – to work on patriotic songs and also giving tree songs.
 - Mrs LeResche will upload the dances and songs on to google classroom
 - Sra Patch has on her website has links to ways to practice
 - Ms Serrata - Home art stuff. To practice at home if you want
 - Kerri Timmerwilke: thank you for all that you do for our kids!
- **PTA Board Introductions & Reports**
 - VP of Membership - Jen Taylor
 - Jen Taylor: No updates
 - Phil Fernandez: paid our first installment dues Oct 1. 146 members that have paid. We are down 100 so hopefully can get more people to sign up.
 - Can use website to sign up
 - Treasurer's Report - Meredith Vogel
 - Would like to adopt Quickbooks as online feature.
 - Asking for increase for \$400 for accounting software for this year – not sure if there is a not for profit version of the quick books – looking for it, and will try to get refund, but right now asking for \$400 increase
 - **** INSERT INCREASES IN BUDGET **** (only increase of budget is \$100) trying to average all out through the district
 - **DISCUSSION OF REALLOCATION OF BUDGET FOR THIS MONTH:** Each month, budget needs to be balanced as Jefferson PTA is a non profit. Discussion on table was how to balance the budget this month –
 - Proposal on budget balance to cancel roller skating party for now at \$400 and to reallocate this to accounting software, eco club, recycling club.
 - Kerri Timmerwilke: Looked at each committee and analyzing committees and figuring out what is feasible to continue and where bring money in other places. Therefore consideration for roller skating party to be tabled.
 - Becca Harpster: Last year, there were more than 100 people who attended the Roller skating party. She was at the event and did a manual count of heads
 - Total cost of Roller skating party is \$400
 - Regina Gaebel: Is the roller skating party going to be replaced by another party that will be on the weekend bc feels like 2 full time working parents cannot attend weekday parties, and rely on weekend parties to be part of the community.
 - Kerri Timmerwilke: we have added family math night, family fitness night on a weekend.
 - Regina Gaebel feels these are not the same as a rollerskating party
 - Erica Voightmann: there should be different conversation on how the dates are distributed.

- Phil Fernandez: we can alternate parties/dates
 - Phil Fernandez: total for roller skating last year - ?
 - Kerri Timmerwilke – was 20-25 people 2 years ago, but no true head count.
 - Becca Harpster – said had over 100 people last year on rough estimate. Has hard time agreeing to cancel it when so many families attended.
 - Cathy Dykes: cost of ice skating party \$500 – last year had 60-70 people came.
 - Gina Padgett: what is \$\$ being allocated to? – eco club, recycling – open to everyone
 - Gina Padgett: Eco club is started by kids?
 - Christina Podraza: have recycling club and started by students. Eco club – empowering kids to take action and help the school environment and looking for activities to impact school environment. Prairie path, garden stuff, opportunities to collaborate with recycling club.
 - Cathy Dykes: are these clubs PTA sponsored and when are they meeting? – yes PTA sponsored, but no meetings scheduled yet – still in development
 - Nancy Goodner: could Dad’s club also donate money to help with some of the funding? could other groups help with this?
 - Phil Fernandez: some of the reasons for this is budgetary. Need to fundraise to have in operating budget to get to that point. Can see how trivia night goes and can take a vote to reinstate rollerskating
 - Ioana Fernandez: mission is to support the children and staff. Majority of funds should go to those activities. But not for fun family events. Rollerskating is a family events
 - Regina Gaebel: parents who work are part of the community as well and this is how working parents can be part of the community as well.
 - Erica Voightmann: question is not cancel roller skating party but how to allocate the money for \$200 for eco club?
 - Ioana Fernandez: need to show balanced budget – and cannot show that we have a balanced budget until we have a fundraiser.
 - Kerri Timmerwilke: to take a vote on keeping roller skating party?
 - Alison Benson: can we table roller skating
- **Phil Fernandez: Motion to approve the increase the budget by \$100 or miscellaneous changes**
 - Becca Harpster: are there things that need to be done now or can we table entire budget?
 - Kelly Perry; only for \$25 so can go over \$50 so it should be ok for Great Books.
 - Phil Fernandez: nothing says that we can or can’t change until next month
 - **Cathy Dykes motions to approve the budget changes as stated. Ioana Fernandez: seconds.**
 - **Majority YES**
- Gina Padgett: Hospitality Committee would like to move money from breakfast to Teacher Appreciation for TAW

- Jefferson PTA Board has approved to bring to a vote to change the school supply vendors
 - **Phil Fernandez: shall the Jefferson PTA switch vendor from First Day to Shane's for our official school supply vendor?**
 - Becca Harpster motions, Kerri Timmerwilke 2nds
 - **MAJORITY APPROVES**
 - Thank you to Nancy Goodner and Cynthia Mares for all the hard work! 😊
- VP of Ways & Means - Ioana Fernandez
 - Trivia Night is 11/15 Knights of Columbus
 - If have any prize donations to let Ioana Fernandez know.
 - \$40 per person. Food and cash bar
 - Cathy Dykes: Can there be water to drink?
 - Sign ups next week. Checks or online payments
 - Theme is decades.
- VP of Programs - Donna Hayes & Pam McGuckin (not here)
- President's Report & Correspondence - Phil Fernandez
 - Bryan Middle School is doing Aladdin Jr. many former Jefferson students are in it or producing – consider going.
- **Special Guest:** Officer Dorian Jarrette of the Elmhurst Police Department – presentation done about cybersecurity
- **New Business**
- **Next General PTA Meeting** is Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at Jefferson School in the Library
- **Adjournment**

Important Dates and Upcoming Events

- October 17 - REACH Parent Group Meeting at 1:30P in Sandburg Middle School's Maker Space.
- October 17 - Science Olympiad, 5:30PM-7:30PM
- October 23 - Student Late Start Day
- October 28 - Bullying Prevention Assembly "Cool To Be Kind"
- October 31 - Halloween Parade & Community Coffee, 8:15AM
- October 17 - Science Olympiad
- October 28 - Bullying Prevention Assembly
- November 1 & 2 - Bryan Middle School Fall Musical Aladdin Jr
- November 2 - Harlem Wizards vs. D205 All Stars Game at 5PM
- November 15 - Trivia Night/Silent Auction