

Jefferson General PTA Meeting Summary

January 8, 2018

Principal's Report: (Craig Nelson)

The first week back is reminiscent of the first week of school and it takes a while to get back into our routines. We're hoping to get class sizes for K-3 down to 17. To accommodate the smaller class sizes, we'll be adding four more classrooms and we're looking at where to carve out space at Jefferson for those. One possibility is that the Music Room and Art Room could be turned into classrooms and their program delivery would then be held in each classroom. Having 25 classrooms next year affects many different things in our school. That's a planning piece for next year that will take a while. I'd like to give a big shout out to the Snack Pantry folks. They are doing a wonderful job helping our students. Before the two extended breaks they did a large basket of food for families.

Treasurer's Report: (Brandy Wiser)

Linhda and her group are out raising money for the Snack Pantry and there's a lot of money coming in, which is great to see. Teachers are starting to fill out forms for their mini-grants. Things are going well. Let Brandy know if you have any questions.

Welcome Nathan Roberts, Amanda Tanner, Bob Maxwell (Meg Gollnick)

Welcome to our new school board members, Nathan Roberts and Amanda Tanner, and Superintendent Bob Maxwell. We are happy to have you here, to reach out to you, and welcome you!

Amanda: I'm honored to be serving everyone on the school board. Everything is very overwhelming right now, but it's also really good information. My biggest philosophy going into this is to be a liaison between the community and parents and teachers. Please reach out if you would like to talk about anything.

Nathan: I appreciate the opportunity to serve our community. I'm figuring out my role, what everyone else's roles are. I'm interested in hearing from all of you. I could use as much information as possible. Lately, we've been touring all of the schools and seeing first hand what's going on. The Superintendent and his staff have done a great job of welcoming us and sharing information. I am excited to get started and keep in contact.

Bob: It's been a pleasure to be working with both Amanda and Nathan. I know it's really overwhelming, but I appreciate having them on board.

Committee Updates:

Art Docent/Art Fair: (Heather Carter) We're going to try to have more WSU students coming to Jefferson to help our students with art this spring. The Art Fair will take place in April.

Book Fair: (Brian Edwards) Spring Book Fair will take place on June 5th.

Box Tops: (Jaclyn Gotch) The Spring Drive will be April 16-20.

Carnival: (Laura Winder) Carnival is coming up a week from Friday! Heather is in charge of the cupcake walk. Ericka Young will help with the raffle items, which will raise money and food donations for the Snack Pantry. Presale ticket sales will take place on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. There will also be a Talent Show and the sign-up sheet is in the office. For teachers, if there are any need based families, we will provide tickets for those families. The event is to provide a good, wholesome family activity.

Chess Club: (Christy McCloy) The next meeting is on Friday, January 12th. Christy is looking for someone to take over for her for the last three months of Chess Club. Please contact Christy or Meg if you're able to help.

Destination Imagination: (Sonia Bringham & Tina Barton) We have five teams at Jefferson, for third-fifth grade students. We have about two months until the Regional Competition in Richland. There's a great

opportunity for people to do appraising. There are two possible specific training dates. We're still looking for three volunteers. Please let us know if you're interested!

Drama Club: (Angela Gibson and MegAnn Moore) We have some potential Friday dates, the second week of the month, starting in February. We'll make sure to avoid Chess Club dates. We'll do some basic drama skills with the students. We have some connections with middle school and high school drama students. If we can keep this going we'll try to do some sort of performance next year.

Weekend Snack Program: (Linhda Sagen) We have 100 kids receiving snacks at Jefferson every week. We had 25 families get extra food for the extended school breaks. We are working on grants to help this program continue to grow and be sustainable. Eventually this will be a district wide program. We're partnering with Jessica Perone, the Director for the Center for Civic Engagement at WSU, to have WSU students work in our pantry and give them hands-on learning. We're also partnering with Sammy Perones in the Human Development Department. We're in discussion with the Pullman Child Welfare group to possibly have this program housed under them, which would help us keep our income below \$50,000 so that we don't have to start paying taxes. We're looking for someone to shadow Linhda, to take over as chair for Jefferson. If Linhda had a chair here, who took care of stocking the pantry and distributing food, it would open up more time for Linhda to work on grants and fundraising for this program.

Angela & Yelonda: Upcoming Zumbathon fundraiser for the Weekend Snack Program, taking place January 20th at Franklin Elementary from 1:00 – 2:30. If you're interested in helping with the event, please contact Angela or Yelonda.

Fundraiser: (Meg Gollnick) Let Meg know if you're interested in joining the committee for building an outdoor classroom, using our fundraiser money.

Green Team: (Ericka Young & Kelli Cooper) Next meeting is on Thursday, January 11 after school in the multipurpose room. We'll be talking about how water gets from a well to your house.

Membership: (Brian Edwards) We're at 112 members and hoping to get more on Carnival night! Our goal is 150.

Movie Night: (Kelli Cooper) Coming up Friday, January 12th, right after Chess Club, at 6:00. We'll be showing Robots. In addition to that, we'll be holding a food drive. If you bring canned food, you get free popcorn!

Newsletter: (Josh Heim) If you have any suggestions, please feel free to reach out. Submit content at any time!

Science & Technology Fair: (Brenda Schroeder) The Science and Technology Fair takes place on March 29th.

Silverwood Reading Program: (Ashley Herridge) Packets should go out in early February.

Spaghetti Feed: (Meg Gollnick) Spaghetti Feed is coming up on February 8th.from 5:30-7:30 at Lincoln. This event supports 5th Grade Camp, which takes place May 7-11 this year.

Staff Appreciation: (Jaclyn Gotch & Ashley Herridge) This week we'll be doing our January event of coffee and tea for the staff.

Staff Mini-grants: (Jodi Winchell) Brandy has been working with Jodi. We have had 6 teachers submit their mini-grant forms. Jodi lets Brandy know when they've been submitted. The mini-grants are \$150 for each teacher.

Yearbook: (Megan Brannon) If you have any photos for use in the yearbook, send them to Megan.