

Jefferson General PTA Meeting Summary April 9, 2018

Principal's Report: (Craig Nelson)

After a big Spring Break we have lots of big plans to wrap up the year. We had the Science and Technology Fair. It was awesome. We got a lot of compliments. There seemed to be fewer entries, but there seemed to be more science. I'm always impressed with the judges and the comments they write. They do such a good job. The rest of April and May will be SBAC testing. Rena is usually driving the bee project, but she's unavailable so I'll be going to get the bees and get the hives going. We'll have both hives facing South in the fenced in area. We'll be playing with two hives, which will be fun. This is a slightly different kind of hive, so we want to see which one does better. One final thing, the faculty at Jefferson would like to provide the refreshments for the May meeting as a thank you for all that our PTA does.

PTA Open Positions: We have many positions that we need to fill for next year: President, Vice President, Box Tops, Chess Club, End of Year BBQ, Fundraiser, JES T-Shirts, Math Club, Newsletter, Reader Board, Staff Appreciation, and Student Directory. We need to figure out how to get people involved. Talk with your friends and spread the word that we need volunteers for next year.

Committee Updates:

Art Docent/Art Fair: (Heather Carter) The Art Fair is April 26th which is the same evening as the Open House.

We will have refreshments in the multipurpose room, along with student-submitted art. We will also be part of Art Walk, which is Saturday, May 19th.

Box Tops: (Jaclyn Gotch) Spring Drive is coming up next week, April 16-20.

Chess Club: (Christy McCloy, not in attendance) The final club meeting for the year is April 20, which is the Chess Club Tournament.

Destination Imagination: (Sonia Bringham & Tina Barton) The State Tournament in Wenatchee on March 24th went well for our Jefferson Team, the Jellyfish Abductors. We'll do the last wrap-up session after the Globals take place in May. We had tremendous support from PTA. And we had team t-shirts this year, which was a first!

Drama Club: (Angela Gibson/MegAnn Moore) We had 15-20 students at the meeting on March 26th. They played games and Pullman Civic Theatre let us borrow costumes that the kids could play with. The next meeting is April 23 from 3:00-4:00.

End of Year BBQ: (Shari Carter) Coming up on June 8th.

Food Pantry: (Linhda Sagen) Update from Meg. We received a grant from SEL for \$20,000, which is amazing. The high school pantry opened on March 30. Sunnyside will have a pantry next year, and Chelsi Dusek will be in charge. The Chair and Co-Chair for JES next year will be Margaret Davies and Tami Kivi. We are officially under the Pullman Child Welfare 501-3C. We'll be separate budgets and entities, but under their tax designation. For Spring Break we sent home 16 supplemental food bags. Today I was in Olympia to accept the Governor's Service Award. The Center for Civic Engagement nominated us and we won! We received a crystal plaque. It was really inspiring and humbling. On another note, we heard that we did not get the Amazon Catalyst Grant.

Green Team: (Ericka Young & Kelli Cooper) The March meeting went well, we had a smaller group and created a project for the Science Fair. We completed a water audit of the school. The City of Pullman will be

giving us 44 new aerators to install. The next meeting is April 12th from 3:00-4:00 and we'll install some of the new aerators, which will help save water and money. We will also do some recycled art.

Movie Night: (Kelli Cooper) The next one is April 20th. The March movie had about twelve people and we sold a lot of candy, which was fantastic.

Science & Technology Fair: (Brenda Schroeder, not in attendance) The Science and Technology Fair was a great success. It was a fantastic group of judges, many of which keep coming back every year to help.

Silverwood Reading Program: (Ashley Herridge) Silverwood tickets should arrive in May for those that submitted completed reading logs. We had 222 students participate.

Spaghetti Feed: (Meg Gollnick) The official amount brought in was \$11,789.33. We did great!

Staff Appreciation: (Jaclyn Gotch & Ashley Herridge) This month's event is chips and dips on Thursday. Next month is Teacher Appreciation Week and we'll do something fun each day that week.

Staff Mini-grants: (Jodi Winchell) These are still coming in.

New Business:

- **Fundraisers.** Fundraiser opportunity: Simply Fun. They give us \$250 in free educational board games. We disburse those to teachers. Students play with them during break times for about three weeks. Then we hold a family game night where they raffle off free games and sell games. The idea is for them to get parents to purchase games for home or games for the teachers and their classrooms. They want to promote the socialization of games. Game prices range from \$10 - \$40. We would get 30% of each game sold. Games could be ordered during the Family Game Night or ordered online. It wouldn't require a lot of time from us and it seems like a great idea. There are a large variety of games and the pieces are guaranteed for life. It's a small company and their goal is to help educate children and support teachers. They would send out the games the first week of May and the last week of May we'd have a family game night on May 30 or 31.
 - **Jaclyn moved that we go forward with the Simply Fun board game fundraiser. Diane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**