

Jefferson General PTA Meeting Summary November 6, 2017

Principal's Report: (Craig Nelson) Busy month! Fundraiser, Book Fair, conferences. Veteran's Day is coming up, please let any veterans you know that they are welcome to come. Jaguar huddle they went over the snow rules for the year. Amazed at how big the snow balls get. Be prepared for late days or snow days.

Treasurer's Report: (Brandy Wiser) We have money finally! We have had minimal expenses to date. October expenses will be inputted and then the balance will reflect what our income has been to date.

Guest Presenters:

Bob Maxwell: Elementary Boundary recommendation process. With the passage of the bond to build Kamiak Elementary School we need to readjust boundaries for the 2018-2019 school year. Elementary boundary committee applications will be available online. The committee will meet to develop the boundary committee charter, develop guiding principles, and boundary recommendations. The committee will include: elementary principals, staff member from each school, 2 parents from college hill/rural bus routes, one parent from each elementary school, one community member, one PEF member. The Boundary Committee Charter will establish the purpose, rules, norms proposed, and meeting ground rules. Thought Exchange is being used to gather input from the community. The Process Timeline: November – the committee will form guiding principles, December – initial discussions will take place, January – focus on bus routes, February – preliminary proposals, March – community check in, April – final proposals, May – communicate new boundaries. The goal is get this done before summer starts.

Student Council: (Trisha Doumit) So far they have worked on the Veterans Day assembly, monthly spirit days, and a food drive. They would like to get shirts for Student Council 30 Members. **Approved.**

Committee Updates:

Art Show: (Heather Carter) Exploring possibilities for guest artist.

Art Docent: (Heather Carter) Megan Rowe has been creating different art with each of the grade levels. Selected art will be on display November 13-17 at the WSU Art Museum. There will be a special opening on November 14th, 5-7pm.

Book Fair: (Brian Edwards) Book fair was awesome! Shari provided an update: We brought in a net of \$8,560, last year it was \$7,511. There were roughly 900 books sold, where we usually sell around 600-700 books. Daily totals brought in: Monday \$1,776, Tuesday was over \$3,000, Wednesday \$1,500, Thursday \$1,224, and Friday \$974, which is pretty good for the last day.

Box Tops: (Jaclyn Gotch) Next box top contest will be in April 16-20th.

Carnival: (Laura Winder) Carnival is Friday, January 19th from 5-7pm. The Talent Show starts around 5:30. Still need a talent show coordinator, about an hour of your time during the event but it is the highlight of the event.

Chess Club: (Christy McCloy) 65 kids during the last couple meetings with very little advertising. We need families to send in snacks. The snack helps kids get settled and help make them less fidgety.

Destination Imagination: (Sonia Bringham & Tina Barton) It was exciting to get started last week! There was a great turnout last Thursday of students from 3rd through 5th grade. Regular meetings are held on Tuesdays

from 3:00 – 5:00. This year's theme is Carnival. Adults can't help at all, but they could use volunteers to help kids read through materials and understand the details.

Drama Club: (Vacant) Angela is interested! She will let Meg know if she decides to chair this group.

Food Pantry: (Linhda Sagen) We have extended volunteer opportunities to 3 people instead of 2 because there are so many snack bags to pack and distribute each week. We are always in need of food donations or monetary donations. The Women's Guild provided donated to the program. Right now there are 100 kids at Jefferson and 72 at Franklin.

Fundraiser: (Meg Gollnick) Raised \$26,470 and had more participation this year! We will work on an outdoor garden amphitheater classroom space. Talk with Meg if you want to join the planning committee. Some funding requests:

- Katy Druffel, our school counselor, has requested assistance with obtaining curriculum and supplies for some children with special needs. Meg would like to give her \$1000 for these things. **Approved.**
- Mrs. Minks wants to do another beehive project, which would cost roughly \$500. **Approved.**
- Meg proposed \$1000 go toward the food pantry to help purchase food and some organizational items. **Approved.**

Green Team: (Ericka Young & Kelli Cooper) Shiloh came and talked to the kids about keeping stormwater drains clean and clear. He also offered to help with the outdoor garden. The next meeting is Thursday, November 9th and Rob Buchart will be joining us with a run off model.

Membership: (Brian Edwards) We have 99 members so far! Remind your friends to become a member. Consider bringing someone new to our next meeting!

Movie Night: (Judy Willington) The next movie night is Friday, November 17th. We will show Rise of the Guardians. Movie starts at 6pm. There is free popcorn if you sign up to be a member!

Newsletter: (Josh Heim) If you have items to add to the November newsletter, get them to Josh by Wednesday.

Silverwood Reading Program: (Ashley Herridge) We will be able to do the program again this year! They will be mailing the packets in January.

Spaghetti Feed: (Meg Gollnick) Zero 5th grade parents showed up, other than the one teacher with a 5th grader. This is a bubble year for 5th graders so they had to buy extra stuff for the camp. This fundraiser supplements the cost of camp, which is usually \$300, to bring the cost to families down to \$100. We will be using the JES fundraiser website as another venue for gathering donations for 5th grade camp. Let Meg know if you would like to help. Spread the word, especially to 5th grade parents.

Staff Appreciation: (Jaclyn Gotch & Ashley Herridge) In November we will provide a small treat for the staff.

Staff Mini-grants: (Jodi Winchell) Brandy will be working with Jodi on this. The mini-grants are \$150 each.

Student Directory: (Margie Hirose) Posted the links to this on Facebook to help remind parents where to sign up.

Yearbook: (Megan Brannon) Keep taking photos during classroom events.