



Jefferson PTO Minutes – October 13, 2014

President Brady Bargman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. 12 people were in attendance.

Introductions

Secretary’s Report – Gina Nordeen

*September minutes were reviewed and approved with one change. Under the volunteer report 234 active volunteers should be changed to 34 active volunteers.

Treasurer’s Report – Peggy Pagano gave the treasurer’s report.

Date	Beginning Balance	Cash In	Cash Out	Ending Balance
August 31, 2014- Oct 12, 2014	2,250.62	13,382.57	1,171.05	14,505.98

*Cash in was from the Jefferson Jaunt fundraiser and Truist (Target Red Card).

*Cash out was payments to AIM Insurance, Movie Licensing USA, Bank fees, and reimbursements for the Jefferson Jaunt expenses.

Budget Presentation/Vote 2014-2015

*The 2014-2015 budget was approved with the following change: the inclusion of \$100 for the instructional coach. This change brought the approved budget to \$16,456.

*It is possible that taxes may cost less than budgeted this year. We may be able to file a postcard return for \$100-\$150 which shows cash in and cash out. If the long form has to be filed out it will be around the budgeted \$600.

Funding Requests

New Requests

*\$500 was approved for use by the 5th grade party committee. The money will be used to buy a tangible item for each 5th grade student as a souvenir of his or her time at Jefferson. Students will receive these items around the time of the 5th grade party.

*Cindy Johnson requested \$160 for two CD disc drives for the 2nd grade. This request was tabled until more information is received on pricing from the district.

Old Requests

*None at this time.

*Requests for funds that go beyond budgeted items should be presented using a funding request form found online on the school website. Attending a PTO meeting when submitting a request is encouraged so questions can be answered and the request can be explored.

Principal's Report – Mark Hansen

*Jefferson has earned the Reward school ranking based on student growth, proficiency, achievement gap, and graduation rates. The MCA scores for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade are measured.

*Currently Jefferson staff is participating in ENVOY training. This training focuses on a nonverbal classroom management strategy. The goal is consistency in the classrooms across the building to help preserve the relationships with all students. Staff attends training, meetings, and coaching sessions.

*Mr. Hansen extended thanks for the planning and carry out of the Jefferson Jaunt.

*Unity week will begin 10/20. This program raises awareness about bullying.

*The district is putting in a lap top lab at Jefferson. They are also giving Jefferson additional Chromebooks.

Volunteer Report – Cory Knapp

*There are 184 applications in and 93 active volunteers.

*710 volunteer hours are completed.

*Projects completed are: Jefferson Jaunt, book fair flyers, labeling recorders, copying, laminating, conference food, field trip chaperones, weeding, K skillbuilders, and ESL photo taking.

*Upcoming opportunities: Hearing and Vision, movie night, hanging Veteran's Day posters, and weeding.

Parent/Teacher Open Forum

*The first meeting regarding 5th grade party planning will take place on Monday, 10/20. PTO will provide the insurance and reserve the rooms needed for the party.

*Discussion about what to purchase for the school continued. Mr. Hansen will look into rough estimates for a sound system for the gym and a new school sign.

Event Updates

Past Events

Jefferson Jaunt

*The Jefferson Jaunt went very well. A new turnaround point was introduced. A second photographer was added. Brunswick, Connexus, and Brueggers made donations.

*The Jaunt income surpassed expectations. \$13,550.22 was collected.

Upcoming Events

- Movie night is coming up on 10/27. The movie is "Hotel Transylvania." The tickets and flyers should be available on 10/20.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. Respectfully submitted by Gina Nordeen.