President Missy Persaud called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 13 people in attendance.

The December meeting minutes were approved.

**Growth Mindset Special Presentation – Kevin Bross**

* Many different areas, including sports, fortune 500 business, education and politics have adopted the “growth mindset” principles, outlined in the book by Carol Dweck.
* Education is a focus to increase achievement with students.
* Belief systems need to change with students, parents and educators in order to embrace a growth mindset, which can be difficult. Research shows how we can gain resilience, embrace challenges and change the culture to a growth mindset to increase student achievement.
* Discussed a fixed mindset (intelligence is a fixed trait) vs. a growth mindset (intelligence/abilities are malleable). When you have a growth mindset, the goal is to learn and get better than you are now.
* Growth mindset praise focuses on effort (you tried hard) vs. inherent intelligence (you’re smart).
* Our language tells children what we believe and what we value.
  + - * We should praise strategies that lead towards success, perseverance, effort and trying a challenging task.
      * We should not praise intelligence, talent and the product.
* Fixed mindsets stem from repeated failures and easy success.
* A growth mindset is a journey. The science shows that our brains can grow (malleable)!

**Resource:** [www.mindsetkit.org/growth-mindset-parents](http://www.mindsetkit.org/growth-mindset-parents)

**Email:** Kevin.Bross@anoka.k12.mn.us

**Principal Report – Mr. Hansen**

* Students have started the practice MCAs.
* The ELA elementary curriculum community review night is January 21st 5 – 7 pm.
* Conferences are happening in early February. Make sure you sign-up at [www.myconferencetime.com/Jefferson](http://www.myconferencetime.com/Jefferson)
* The district enrollment deadline is January 15th

**Volunteer Report – Cory Knapp**

Number of Volunteers and Hours

* There are 274 parent volunteers that have filled out forms. 230 are active (1+ hours).
* A total of 1,689.75 volunteer hours have been logged at Jefferson. Make sure to log your hours!
  + - * 9 volunteers have 25+ hours
      * 5 volunteers have over 50 hours
      * 1 volunteer has 189 hours
      * Upcoming opportunities:
      * Dance on 1/15
      * STEM fair judges on 1/23 (district science fair)
      * I Love to Read Night on 2/4
      * Food for conferences on 2/9
      * Book fair on 2/9, 2/11 and 2/13
      * I Love to Read month

**Treasurer’s Report – Alex Olson**

The updated budget (income & expense) with current actual figures was reviewed.

Activity since last meeting:

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| **Date** | **Beginning Balance** | **Cash In** | **Cash Out** | **Ending Balance** |
| December 11, 2015 – January 14, 2016 | $30,102.89 | $1,358.17 | $13,650.75 | $17,810.31 |

* **Cash In:** Charitable donation ($624.70), bank credit ($19.80), Butter Braids ($23), movie night admission ($177), movie night concessions ($513.67)
* **Cash Out:** Teacher reimbursements ($875.06), bank service charges ($39), lyceum ($250), emergency fund to buy cold weather gear for students ($162), hospitality ($15.18), supplies ($33.43)

**Update on Past Events**

Butter Braids – Missy Persaud

* Only 2 boxes were not delivered the night of pickup
* Great return for the effort!

Movie Night – Alex Olson

* Profit was $244.76 from concessions for ESL teachers
* There was only one family that took advantage of the special viewing room. In the future the special education teachers will promote it with their students/families

**Update on Upcoming Events**

Winter Dance (Masquerade Ball) – Jessica Wegener

* Doors will open at 6:30 pm on January 15th for the Masquerade Ball. The admission is free which includes a mask & decorating, bead necklace (first 150 students), dancing, BINGO, and photo booth.
* The DJ from Total Entertainment/Kidsdance has been confirmed and will require a check at the event for the remainder of the balance.
* Volunteers have been secured for all but a few activities. We will supplement with the high school volunteers so we are in good shape!
* All the decorations, signage and activity supplies have been purchased and organized.
* Instruction sheets have been completed for all stations along with sign-in sheets for volunteers (high school students must fill out applications upon arrival).
* Students can buy tickets for the following: sand bracelets, paint spin art, glitter tattoos, fingerstache tattoos, prize table and raffle items. Tickets are 25 cents and activities are 2 tickets.
* We had several donations for our prize table and raffle items. Thank you to those who donated! The raffle items will be distributed the following week at school.
* Concessions (4th grade teachers) and face painting will be available for purchase.

I Love to Read Night – Missy Persaud

* It was requested that the time of the event be moved up from last year and the committee agreed that 6:00 – 7:30 pm is as early as we can host the event.
* The activities will include a book walk, BINGO, skits, reading corner, bookmarks and concessions hosted by the 3rd grade teachers.
* Students will earn tickets at the various activities to exchange for books at the book table. We have plenty of books for the night with donations from Half Price Books (6 boxes), the Anoka County Library (1 box of new upper elementary books), the Boy Scouts and books Missy has received.
* The flyer is planned to go out the last week of January and will include volunteer requests. Cory will also reach out to Blaine High School for student volunteers.
* The bulletin board will transition to this event on 1/19.

**New Business**

* Alex Olson – The Perkins family food night starts on Saturday 1/16 and runs through Sunday 1/24. Flyers will be handed out at the dance on Friday 1/15. Flyers were already distributed to students. Jefferson will get 20% of sales.
* Molly Thompson – Jefferson lacks equipment for kids on the playground blacktop. Funds are available to purchase through the school budget. Mark and Lisa will work with the Paras to come up with ideas (4 square and ball/cup game was mentioned).
* Mark Hansen – Art & Music Night will be in May. Currently, there is a budget line item of $100 available to purchase prizes. Mark and Lisa will submit a funding request to increase this amount to $250 - $300.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.