



**Jefferson Elementary PTO Minutes  
Tuesday, February 13th, 2017  
Computer Lab 6:30 – 7:45 pm**

**Call to Order 6:32pm**

**7 people in attendance, staff and parents**

**Principal Report - Mr. Hansen, Principal**

- Conferences start Thursday 2/15, then 2/20 and 2/21
- Boundary Website will be live 2/20. There will be a link to see if the boundary changes will affect you. Jefferson's Community Meeting is 2/27 at 6:30pm. There is also a Blaine Cluster meeting on Monday, April 30.
- There are several parents and staff on a small boundary team: Jessica Wegener, Missy Persaud, Sandy Slavik, Diane Polzin and Mike Kochendofer.
- Planning fundraisers for Jack L. family, he has Moyamoya disease. He is having multiple surgeries.
  - Cheapskate Night 3/7 (proceeds will go to the family)
  - Several Theme days are being planned to raise funds. Students will be encouraged to donate a dollar to dress up on that day:
    - Friday, March 2nd: Cat in the Hat Day wear Blue (Jack's favorite color)
    - Monday, March 5th: Wear a hat Day
    - Tuesday, March 6th: Pajama or comfy clothes Day
    - Wednesday, March 7th: Wear your favorite sports team (Jack loves sports)
- Yesterday and today the Skydome has been here.
- CCAC Update (Jessica)
  - Elementary Talent Development update

Based on a comprehensive review conducted by Dr. Karen Rogers of the University of St. Thomas, it was recommended to "upscale" the identification process, including the ability to measure non-performing high potential learners.

The CogAT 7 (Cognitive Abilities Test) will now be used for all 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. This test is a nationally standardized, norm-referenced test that is used in over 80 MN districts. The test measures reasoning and problem solving in 3 areas:

1. Verbal
2. Quantitative
3. Non-verbal

The test results will be shared with families and will be used with other assessments to determine proper educational placement for students.

**Next Steps:**

- Continue looking at other district programs and feedback
- Continue development of recommendations for ELA and Math (emphasis on grades 3 – 5)

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- Continue development of recommendations on programming shifts

<https://www.ahschools.us/Page/40095>

**Volunteer Report - Cory Knapp, VSC**

- 268 Approved Volunteers
- 179 Active Volunteers
- 1712 hours volunteered YTD
- Successes from January
  - Sock Hop
  - ESL Family Night
- Current/Upcoming Events
  - BHS Read Aloud
  - Staff Dinner
  - One Stop Workshop 2/24
  - I Love to Read Night
  - Kindergarten Welcome Night
- Questions, please contact Cory: [cory.knapp@ahschools.us](mailto:cory.knapp@ahschools.us), 763-506-2930

**Treasurer's Report - Mindy Janssen**

- Request to have teachers submit reimbursements sooner rather than later. Reimbursements due by April 1st.
- Request to look closer at the budget to start to predict how much of an end of the year check can be donated to the school.
- No restitution has been received for at least 3 months. Jessica will look into it.

**Event Updates**

- 1/19 Winter Dance Recap - Dan Makes
  - Successful event
  - Estimate 350-500 people attended
  - Made \$239!
  - Next year possible country western theme
  - Suggestion to recycle ideas every few years.
- February Scholarship Committee Update - Alex Erickson
  - Been in contact with Laura Blaine Community Scholarships, they are aware 2 \$500 scholarships available.
  - Electronic scholarship application is live.
- February Conference Folder Communication - Middle School Topic - Jessica Wegener

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- Will have someone from Northdale coming to the March PTO Meeting.
- Jessica will make something to put in conference folders.
- February Box Tops Contest Update - Daphne Dokter
  - 2617 unexpired Box Tops (\$261.17) last week
  - 1SV in the lead, 4GR (average of 9.29 Box Tops per student), 1AR (average of 8.85 Box Tops per student)
- 3/1 I Love to Read Night - Jessica/Daphne
  - Planning is progressing nicely.
  - Approved flyer to go out with the correction of the day of the week.
  - Will get the volunteer request to Cory ASAP.
- Staff Appreciation week
  - looking for volunteers to help, so far no one has stepped up.
  - Will set it up as volunteer or donation opportunities day by day.
    - Jessica will coordinate background planning from home.

**Approval of December 2017 Meeting Minutes - Daphne Dokter**

- Minutes approved as is.

**Parent/Teacher Open Forum – All**

- There was an officer on 113th keeping cars from waiting to turn into the pick-up line. There was no knowledge of this from admin. Most likely the result of a community complaint

**Adjournment 7:58pm**

**2017/2018 PTO Board Members**

Jessica Wegener	President
Dan Mades	Vice President
Mindy Janssen	Treasurer
Daphne Dokter	Secretary

Next meeting is: Tuesday March 20th, 2017

