



**Jefferson Elementary PTO Minutes
Tuesday, January 9th, 2017
Computer Lab 6:30 – 7:45 pm**

Call to Order 6:33pm

6 people in attendance, staff and parents

Principal Report - Mr. Hansen, Principal

- Cheapskate at 6pm tomorrow
- Citizen of the month. We will celebrate on Friday for students from December. Been highlighting it more to gain more interest.
- No school Monday for MLK Day
- Boundary process starting now, principals giving input and community input coming very soon. Communication will go out to families as things start going forward. There will be an impact on Jefferson as the new school is within Jefferson boundaries.
 - Anticipate from now into next fall there will be input and new boundary information. Next year will stay the same, changes would be implemented Fall 2019.
- CogAT testing being added in AH to help identify gifted and talented students. Administered to 2nd graders.
- Continuing with ENVOY, have 2 demo teachers. Getting closed to being certified, need 80% staff.
- Continuing CRT - Culturally Responsive Teaching
- Continuing growth mindset work
- Continuing Wonders - learning more about the curriculum. Assessments continue to be challenging.
- Math study process beginning to look for new Math Curriculum.
- Mrs. Zimmerman had her baby! Troy Matthews is the long term sub.
- Bus tracking app - there have been some issues, please call the AH transportation department to let them know of any issues 763-506-1000.
- Special Topic: Supplemental Programs
 - We have applied to be School Wide Title 1. 45% free/reduced Lunch qualifies the school. Having this designation will allow for a lot more flexibility in responsiveness to students. Goal is to increase reading and math proficiencies.
 - Challenge - paras have to be highly qualified. If they don't have college credits, they will have to pass a test.
 - Does not increase budget, just allows flexibility in how the money can be used. Hoping to write plan this spring and implement fall 2018.





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CCAC Update - Jessica Wegener

12/18 CCAC Update

Secondary English Language Arts Update

- Rolling out Chromebook carts in ELA 7 & 8 classrooms & High School department
- Providing professional development for staff around technology
- Providing a new course: English 10 with College Foundations
 - 3 trimesters, students scores have improved in Anoka pilot
 - 3 year pilot, option for all 10th grade students
 - Added rigor in writing, added pieces for interviewing, goal setting, time management, college planning etc.
- Providing additional support for ACT Prep
- Teachers are coming together to level set on writing expectations so grading is consistent

Standards Based Grading

- District is hoping to implement standards based grading in Secondary schools.
- Elementary schools have already implemented this approach.
- What is it?
 - Based on learning goals and performance standards
 - Standards are proficiency based. Criteria is made available to students ahead of time
 - Measures achievement only OR separates effort/behavior
 - Selected assessments are used for grading
 - Emphasize the most recent evidence of learning when grading
- Other districts are moving to this approach
- Approach to move towards this goal:
 1. Year 1 & 2: Examine and change our current practices, teach to standards
 2. Year 2 & 3: Develop a grading and reporting systems plan
 3. Year 4+: Personalized learning

Volunteer Report - Cory Knapp, VSC

- 242 approved volunteers
- 152 active volunteers
- 1344 hours volunteered YTD
- Successes from Nov/Dec
 - Butterbraid fundraiser - money counting
 - Movie night
 - Sock hop art work
 - Hearing and Vision
 - Butter braid delivery

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- Two 4th Grade Field Trips
- Jefferson staff - family to family coordination
- Current/Upcoming Events
 - Sock hop
 - Cory will be here to manage volunteers
 - ESL Family Night
 - Cory will be speaking to the group about volunteering
 - Conference potluck dinner
 - 2/22 - last conference day
 - BHS Student classroom read aloud - TBD
 - February is National I love to Read Month - propose 2/12, waiting to check against school's calendar.
 - One Stop Work Shop - 2/24 - see flyer below
 - Not just for PTOs. Free and open to all.
 - More information and register online at www.ahschools.us/onestopworkshop
 - I Love to Read Night - 3/1
- Questions, please contact Cory: cory.knapp@ahschools.us, 763-506-2930

Treasurer's Report - Mindy Janssen

- Technology (iPad/Chromebook) check
 - Another bank error, was taken care of.
 - Butter braid money came through
 - Looking for teacher reimbursements for Movie Night, all due by 4/1. Mark just sent reminder to staff.
 - Gave check to Jefferson for ~\$5050 for iPads

Events Updates

- 1/19 Winter Dance - Dan Mades
 - Doors are at 6:30pm, no ending time listed on 1st flyer
 - DJ is confirmed, also confirmed theme
 - Balloons arriving Friday, need to have a check for her
 - Door prizes are ordered
 - lollipop stuff is ordered
 - Cub Scouts have confirmed and will have everything set up by 6:30pm
 - Volunteers and teachers are assigned
 - Dan will be purchasing ice cream the day of the dance
- February Scholarship Committee Kick-off - Alex Erickson
 - This month emailing for deadline for recipient names and when check is due, typically May 1

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- February will decide when applications are due, form committee
- Scholarship will be announced by sending to BHS teachers, send to volunteers, post on facebook
- Review in April
- Alex will attend scholarship ceremony, others are welcome to join her
- February Conference Folder Communication - Jessica Wegener
 - We will do the topic off transition to middle school at upcoming PTO meeting
- February Box Tops Contest (Submission Due 3/1) - Daphne Dokter
 - Will do contest by classroom, amount by average per student in classroom.
- 3/1 I Love to Read Night - Jessica/Daphne
 - Checklist is set, beginning to work on it

Approval of December 2017 Meeting Minutes - Daphne Dokter

- Minutes passed with corrections.

Parent/Teacher Open Forum – All

- Received thank you from sending check for Lloyd Ranum.
- 5th Grade Party
 - Requesting check for 5th Grade Party funding.
 - Requesting to use PTO Tax ID number to be able to do Family Meal Night and donation requests. Approved with any checks being written to PTO, who will in turn write check to 5th Grade Party for bookkeeping.
- Mark is looking for feedback on parent pick-up and how it's going. Will be discussed at future PTO Meeting.

Adjournment 8:19pm

2017/2018 PTO Board Members

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

Next meeting is: Tuesday February 13th, 2017

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ONE STOP WORKSHOP

For Parent Groups, Booster Clubs and Local Nonprofits



Saturday, February 24 • 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Educational Service Center • 2727 N. Ferry St., Anoka (Enter door No. 7)

FREE EVENT

- Attend break out sessions.
- Connect with local fundraising exhibitors.
- Network with parent groups, booster clubs and other local nonprofit leaders.
- Join facilitated small group, question and answer sessions.

Sessions:

- Volunteer Recruitment Strategies
- Successful Nonprofit Tips
- Resolving Conflict
- Social Media Marketing



Learn more!
 ☎ 763-506-1278

📄 Register online at www.ahschools.us/onestopworkshop

Participation in sessions is free, but registration is recommended. Walk-in participants will be accommodated as space allows.

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