



Jefferson Elementary PTO Agenda
Tuesday, September 12th, 2017
Media Center 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Call to Order TIME 6:32pm

31 people in attendance, staff and parents

Introductions - went around the room and did introductions

Principal Report - Mr. Hansen, Principal

- Fit for the Future Update
 - Flyers and display for the upcoming referendum vote were available
 - Showed a video summary
 - Did a slideshow overview of Anoka Hennepin
 - AH is spending 3% more in the classroom than state average
 - State revenue is main funding source, 17% from property taxes
 - If passed, the average tax increase (for a \$200,000 property) would be \$11/month
 - Funding generated will create safe and secure learning environments, space for growing student populations, maintain quality schools, and address class size.
 - More details and information available at www.ahschools.us/fitforthefuture

Kindergarten Teacher Presentation - Jessica Wegener

- Kindergarten Teacher Introductions
- Overview of Kindergarten Areas of Focus
 - Routines and expectations - many have never been in a school setting, have been helping them learn. Learning to follow schedule, visual schedule posted. Practicing lining up, stand in line, work at tables. Learning rules for different areas.
 - Communication - most have take home folders, will contain communication from school and teacher, including regular classroom update (peek of the week, etc.). Please unload child's folder daily or weekly. A note in the folder, email, or voicemail is great for communication.
 - Specials - K attends music, art, phy ed, explorations, and core support.
 - Reading curriculum - Wonders - 2 year, has a lot of movement and music. Smart start, goal is to learn all the letter names. Working on rhyming and writing names.
 - At home - help foster independence: Let them pack their own backpack, snack, etc. Have them practice getting own winter gear on!
 - Math - Teach calendar as a way to teach counting forward, recognizing pattern, etc. Work on counting to 10, recognizing dot patterns, notice numbers in the community, sort shapes and colors, and play games that move spaces. Working on shapes.
 - Lunch PINs - Practice at home, it will help lunch lines go faster.
- Question about Eating
 - Breakfast - not required, they are asked if they want to go, but they are not automatically brought.

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- Pack snacks with no peanuts due to allergies
- Have students practice opening lunch packages and containers

Volunteer Report - Cory Knapp, VSC

- All volunteers need to complete the volunteer application and background check release forms online
- 105 approved volunteers, 15 active so far, 113.5 hours
- Opportunities
 - Jefferson Jaunt - set up trail signs, water station attendants, photographers
 - Lunch PINs - have volunteers helping with PINs, and with getting through the line. Have some shifts to fill: 10:50am-1:20pm
- Once you sign up, you'll be on Cory's email list and only need to respond to what you're interested in.
- Questions, please contact Cory: cory.knapp@ahschools.us, 763-506-2930

2017/2018 PTO Calendar and Priorities Overview - Jessica Wegener

- Went over PTO blue handout
- Gave summary of PTO and what they do
- All support given to the PTO goes back to the students and school in some capacity.
- Some things include:
 - Jefferson Jaunt fundraiser
 - Movie nights
 - Butter Braids fundraiser
 - 2 \$500 scholarships to former Jefferson students
- Last 2 years funded new climber in the playground (\$16,000), also gave \$5000 towards 1-1 technology in the school.
- Goal this year is to give more to technology, additional school assemblies (lyceum), hope to allow students to vote on what they want

Events and Fundraising Updates

- **Jefferson Jaunt**
 - Goal \$18,000!!
 - New online donations - thegetmovincrew.com
 - Showed parents how to create their student's account
 - Online and in-person donations will be tracked throughout the fundraiser
 - Prize levels to promote success - 1st donation (any amount), base level (\$30), and more. See packet for more details.
 - Great assembly kick-off
- **Box Tops**
 - Contest - for every 50 Box Tops collected on the collection sheet, the students name will

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be entered in a drawing for prizes. Drawing will be 9/29 at the Jaunt assembly.

- We will be collecting Box Tops throughout the year.
- **Family Meal Night**
 - Noodles and Company will donate 25% of all the sales from customers that say they are from Jefferson Elementary on 9/29/17 from 4-9pm.
- **Jefferson Spiritwear**
 - Available now! Order online. Open until this Sunday.

2017/2018 Proposed Budget Review

- Proposed Income - \$26,000
- Proposed Expenses - \$26,000
 - Some changes - playground is payed for, no need to be in budget, add more towards lyceums and technology

Treasurer's Report

- Some checks for Jaunt start up

Approval of May 2017 Meeting Minutes - Daphne Dokter

- Minutes are approved as stated.

Parent/Teacher Open Forum – All

- If you are interested in volunteering for an event, you can contact Cory or the PTO at any time. We especially need help with planning committees.
 - Plan to have a big Winter Dance, would love help.

Adjournment TIME 7:58 pm

2017/2018 PTO Board Members

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

Next meeting is: Tuesday October 10th, 2017

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