**Call to Order & Introductions 6:30 -- 10 in attendance**

**Talent Development Overview / Programming - Jen Clark**

* Jen Clark from the district office joined us to talk about Jefferson’s Talent Development program.
* 1st/2nd grade – “PETS” curriculum
  + Talent Development teacher comes in for about 30 minutes and works with students on convergent/divergent thinking activities. The classroom teacher becomes observer and notices kids who may possess these skills that didn’t come out in day-to-day class activities.
* 3rd/4th grade –
  + Talent Development teacher comes and uses “flexible grouping.” Students who have been identified (usually through formative assessments in the classroom) work with TD teacher in small groups. These groups may be in or out of the classroom. Students move in and out of this group throughout the year.
* 5th grade - ELA
  + Cluster group based on achievement scores MAP/MCA. Students must score in the 95th percentile and up.
* 5th grade - Transition Math
  + Students work on math that is 1 grade level above. This is a rigorous program that meets every day. Students must score in the 90th percentile and up.
* Volunteer supported programs – These programs are not run by the TD teacher but rather by volunteers and meet before or after school. Two examples are Challenge Reading and Math Plus.
* Jefferson’s TD teacher is shared between 3 schools.
* There is more TD info on the district webpage, including summer enrichment options.

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

* Trimester 2 ends this week.
* March 30th report cards will be sent home (with summer school information if applicable).
* Yearbook orders due this week.
* Citizen of the month celebration this week.
* Roller skating unit in PE starts after spring break.
* March 29 next Unity Day.

**Volunteer Report - Cory Knapp, VSC**

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| **Number of Volunteers & Hours**  -333 approved volunteers (228 active volunteers)  -2136 volunteer hours so far | **Successes from February**  -Movie night Feb 10th  -Conference food Feb 16th  -Book fair Feb 17, 21, 23  -One Stop Vendor Show at ESC Feb 25  -I Love to Read Night Mar 2nd  3rd Grade field trip to Capital Mar 3rd | **Upcoming projects**  -BHS Read Aloud in classrooms Mar 20-23  -1st Grade field trip to Circus  -Square1 order form counting in April  -By-Law Review in March/April  -Spring Picture day April 6  -Volunteer Appreciation Week April 17-22  -VIP breakfast April 21 |

F**undraiser Updates**

* **Square1 Art - Jody L./Alex O.**
  + Art is gathered/counted, only missing 3-4 pieces per grade level.
  + Order form packets will be sent home at end of March.
  + Online ordering is available.
  + **Notes for future**:
    - Provide a more structured project
    - Possibly use classroom time (not just art time) to allow students to work on/finish projects
    - Be more specific about what materials can/can’t use (example: pencil won’t show up well)
  + Tentative order return deadline April 7
  + School ships orders out by April 10

**Event Updates**

* **PTO Scholarship Committee - Alex Olson**
  + Working on recruiting some Jefferson staff & parents to be on committee.
  + You can participate in committee through email contact as well if you are unable to attend meetings.
* **I Love to Read Night 3/2 - Jessica Wegener**
  + Book sorting the night before was a good change from previous years.
  + At least 250 people in attendance.
  + 25 people signed up for library cards.
  + Need more time for set up - timing with high school volunteers coming early and getting all stations set up was tight.
  + **Feedback**:
    - **S**tory time: Teachers felt really far away from the kids. Perhaps add announcements announcing that story time is about to begin (like was done for the skits).
    - Move skits in different location -- too close to loud gym and book walk.
    - Book walk -- need more spots or possibly 2 circles.
    - Teachers running a station should check in at volunteer check in so we can touch base with them before the night starts.
    - Ticket information should be printed on the handout that is given upon entrance. There was some confusion about when/where/why to get tickets.
    - Using the lounge as volunteer check in worked well.
  + Concessions - made $356 profit.
* **VIP Breakfast 4/21 - Jessica Wegener**
  + Letter with invite will be sent home during the last week of March. Student will have 2 weeks to return it.
  + Discussion about the price of a ticket for student/VIP. Some felt the price is a little high while others felt it was okay. Discussion of looking at pricing of food purchased to possibly lower cost of tickets.
  + Mark asked child nutrition contact about potential price break for PTO.
  + Jessica will look into getting deals from new Cub in Blaine.

**PTO By-Law Review Committee - Jessica Wegener**

* + A few people have expressed interest in participating.
  + Committee will meet 1 date in March and 1 date in April. Specific dates TBD.

**PTO Board Member Nominations - Jessica Wegener \*\*\* FORM ATTACHED\*\*\***

* If you are interested in running for one of the officer positions or wish to nominate someone for office, please turn in your nomination by Monday April 3rd.
* All nominations will be read at the April 11th PTO meeting.
* The election will take place during the May 9th PTO meeting.
* Please contact any of the board members if you are interested!!

**Treasurer’s Report - Missy Persaud**

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| **Beginning Balance** | **$12,788.27** | **2/7/2017** |  |
| **Ending Balance** | **$12,892.93** | **3/7/2017** |  |
| **Cash Activity** | **Total** | **Expense** | **Income** |
| Winter Dance | (354.88) | (557.88) | 203.00 |
| Teacher Reimbursement | (130.35) | (130.35) |  |
| Bank fees | (3.00) | (3.00) |  |
| Restitution | 100.00 |  | 100.00 |
| Charitable contributions | 132.00 |  | 132.00 |
| School Fundraisers | 360.89 | (723.61) | 1,084.50 |
|  | $104.66 | $(1,414.84) | $1,519.50 |
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| **Outstanding Checks** |  |  |  |
| School fundraisers |  | (421.81) |  |
| Teacher reimbursement |  | (270.00) |  |
| Citizen of the Month |  | (29.20) |  |
| Lyceums |  | (2,945.00) |  |
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| Grand Total |  | $(3,666.01) |  |
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| **Cash balance** |  | **$9,226.92** |  |

* Deadline for teacher reimbursements April 1st

**Approval of February 2016 Meeting Minutes - Adriann Kell**

* Minutes approved with a few changes made.

**Parent/Teacher Open Forum – All**

**Adjournment 7:59 pm**

**2016/2017 PTO Board Members**

Jessica Wegener      President

Alex Olson                Vice President

Missy Persaud          Treasurer

Adriann Kell

Next meetings are April 11th & May 9th