



Jefferson PTO Minutes – October 14, 2013

President Brady Bargman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. 16 people were in attendance.

Introductions

Secretary’s Report – Gina Nordeen

*September minutes reviewed and approved with no changes.

Treasurer’s Report – Melissa Merkwan

Date	Beginning Balance	Cash In	Cash Out	Ending Balance
Sept 9, 2013- Oct 14, 2013	7291.84	10,210.96	1,211.19	16,306.85

Budget Presentation/Vote 2013-2014

*The 2013-2014 budget was approved with the following changes: Prior to the vote there was a change to include \$4000 for the Volunteer Coordinator. This amount previously approved during a spring vote. Art, Inquiry, and Lisa Palmer were added as line items for \$100 each. The teacher reimbursement line was changed from \$3000 to \$2900.

Funding Requests

New Requests

*There was an urgent request from Sandy Neuman for \$2240 for seven chrome books. The district is providing 17 and Mrs. Neuman would like to complete her cart. The PTO approved funding for 15 total chrome books. This will give all students in a classroom the use of one individually.

Old Requests

*Promethean boards were discussed and tabled until after the winter fundraiser. Second grade is in need of one board, first grade needs five, and kindergarten has not requested boards. Currently funds are being matched and boards should be ordered by 7/18/14 to receive the deal. It takes three months to get them and the district has to install them. It is encouraged to set up an account and prepare to order in January if decided on.

*Laptops continue to be tabled.

Principal’s Report – Marcia Beyer

- Jefferson is designated celebration eligible based on MCA scores. A school must also be a title school.
- The school district requests a parent or volunteer to represent Jefferson on a committee called SAC (Systems Accountability Committee), which reviews curriculum, program reports, and student test information. The commitment is the first Monday of the month from 6-8pm. See Mrs. Beyer if you are interested.

Volunteer Report – Marcia Beyer for Cory Knapp

*There are 183 applications in and 73 active volunteers.

*As of October 11th there are 580.25 volunteer hours completed.

*Upcoming opportunities: Hearing and Vision, K skills, movie night, challenge reading, DI, etc.

Parent/Teacher Open Forum

*The teachers enjoyed their conference night dinner and thank parents and volunteers.

Event Updates

Past Events

Jefferson Jaunt

*The Jefferson Jaunt went well. Teachers seemed to like the walking schedule. It was noted that having the assembly in the gym is easier than having the students outside. Water balloons were fun but a little chaotic. Fruit snacks were a great choice for snack.

*The actual income from the Jaunt was \$10,160.96 with a budgeted income of \$12,000. The actual expenses were \$925.64 while the budget for expenses was \$1500. Overall the Jaunt was approximately \$1300 short on the budgeted income.

Upcoming Events

- Movie night is coming up on 10/24. The movie is "The Croods." It was noted to ask Mr. Basset to announce the movie night all week to encourage participation.
- The Butter Braid and Fruit sale will begin on 11/7 and end on 11/25. The order will be submitted on 12/3 and the order will be delivered on 12/18. It was noted that Cory should be contacted about finding volunteers to help assemble the forms and flyers. It was also noted that Tim or Angela should be contacted regarding the 12/18 delivery day to make sure there is space in the building.
- Saturday with Santa will take place on 12/7 with preparations and food sorting occurring the evening of 12/6. Santa has been booked. The cost of Santa and photos will be about half of the estimated budget. Letters are ready to go out to businesses requesting donations for cookies and other needed items. The food drive will continue with the food distributed again this year to Peace Lutheran, Blaine Methodist, and Lloyd Ranum. There will be no Tot Shop.

Old Business

*Parent Info Night took place prior to the PTO meeting with one person attending.

New Business

*Jessie Crooks requested the PTO take a look at the Boy Scout charter.

*James Soden and Delaine Wippich represented the Boy scouts and discussed the organization and their interest in partnering with the Jefferson PTO. Legal ramifications and information from the previous PTO officers were discussed. The PTO will take all information under advisement.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. Respectfully submitted by Gina Nordeen.