

Jefferson Parent Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2016

In attendance: Lona Carter-Scanlon, Gordon Amsbaugh, Lynn MacIver, Gina Hultin, Cristen Bermingham, Katie Loveland, Cassie Trost, Akilah Lane, Nancy Bailey, Laura Pfister, Mary Jo Engle, Jeanne Lee

Welcome

- Another great turn out. Thank you for coming!

Principal's Report

1. The date for the Jefferson School site visit by leadership in the central administration office originally scheduled for October 5th is changed to October 14.
2. The Jefferson presentation to the school board is on October 25. The school board will have a tour of the building, followed by a presentation from our kids to sing and say the Pledge of Allegiance at 4:00. Lona will give a PowerPoint presentation to the board with a Q&A session. Lona asks families to stay for this presentation, which will end at 5:00. The board will then take a break before starting their regular work session.
3. There will be another city commissioner administrative meeting on Wednesday, October 12 at 4:00 p.m., where hopefully the crosswalk at Highland Street & Montana will be addressed.

Agenda Items

1. Lynn and Katie Loveland administered a teacher survey the 2nd week of September and have the results compiled. Not all teachers may know what JPC does and how we help fund the school. Lynn and Gordon would like to do follow-up with teachers, to answer questions and ask for "dream big ideas". JPC would also like to present to teachers the idea that we can apply for grants and we have Katie Loveland's help to do this. A motion was made to offer teachers a \$50 gift card (with an accountability loop - receipts) to help teachers with classroom supplies. The motion was approved.
2. A parent volunteer survey is nearly finished and will be sent out soon. We utilize sign-up genius and that works very well. However, there have been situations where help is needed on a last minute basis, and it would be good to have a list of available names to contact.
3. Laura Pfister attended the Parent Advisory Council meeting with the district superintendent's committee in September. These meetings occur on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 1-2 p.m. Laura reports that the district may want parent councils at schools to be registered as non-profits (501C3 tax - status entities). Discussion was held whether this is really feasible for parent councils to accomplish. Lynn will go to the October meeting (Oct 11). Currently, our understanding is that JPC can fall under the charity status of the district.

4. Laura also reported of a program where parents can sign up their 4th grader to get a free national parks pass. Laura will give additional information to Lona to send out in the Jefferson Journal.
5. Playground night was fairly successful. It was a cool, breezy night and may have had better turnout if it had been a warmer night. We still think this is a great community builder and will plan to do it again in May.
6. Walk to School Day had great turnout despite the rain and snow! Nick Hill will take over this event with help from Amy Hurley and Cassie Trost. The prizes from area businesses were amazing. JPC will send Thank You notes.
7. Fundraising
 - a) Call for Cash – Katie Loveland has made a letter that is very professionally done. Goal is \$10,000 to be met by a date in November. A budget for this project needs to be made, since color copies can get pricey – but they sure do look good! We can also put this up on the website and on the Jefferson facebook page.
 - b) Original works artwork is done and will go home to families the week of Oct 24.
 - c) Halloween carnival is on Oct 29. We are still in need of volunteers and items for the raffle (often what attracts the adults). Jill Putnum has been a great help in getting this set up. There will be face painting this year!
 - d) Valentine’s fundraiser has tentative target dates. JPC would like delivery date to be Feb 9. Nancy Bailey has generously offered to take on this project and is encouraged to ask for help.
8. Parent/Teacher Conference Luncheon dates are Nov 8 or Nov 10. JPC will take Nov 8 and Lona/Nellie will take Nov 10. We’ll do a sign-up genius for soup, salad, bread & dessert.
 - *Update: Since our meeting, the Helena School district has changed the dates for Parent/Teacher Conferences to November 15 & 17. JPC luncheon date will be November 15.*
9. The first movie night is scheduled for November 11. Target has donated popcorn. An anonymous donation has been made for licensing for 1 year. We still need help getting a projector/screen, if movie is to be held in the gym.
10. JPC would like volunteers to help Katie Loveland and Lynn with a JPC work session to address our vision, mission and guiding principles, and other needs.

Treasurer’s Report

1. A generous anonymous movie night donation was made - \$440.
2. Walk/Bike to school day breakfast cost was \$18.90 (for parents/siblings) because the event fell on a free breakfast day.
3. Requests for Funding
 - a) Request for Brain Pop Science, grades K - 2 - \$115. Approved.
 - b) Request for reimbursement of scoop seats - \$50. Approved.
 - c) Request for snack for Library literacy nights, grades K-5 - \$200. Approved.

- d) Request for items for anti-bullying week Oct 24-31, grades K-5 - \$391. Approved.
- e) Request for shipping/handling charges payment for Reading with Rhythm's program if grant is awarded. JPC will wait to see if grant is awarded. This could possibly be funded from Gala money.

Other Business

1. Gordon wondered what else could be done about the Highland/Montana crosswalk. We agreed this issue is the city's responsibility and what's needed is support from other parents.

Next Meeting

- Monday November 14 at 6pm in the Jefferson School Library

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Lee