

# Jefferson Parents and Teachers (JPAT)

General Meeting

Tuesday January 8, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.

A copy of these minutes may be obtained from JPAT website at <http://www.CorvallisPTA.org/jefferson>

**Call to Order:** President Laurie Chaplen called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Board members present were Laurie Chaplen, Patrice Jones, Peter Gelser and Susan Hetherington.

A quorum of members as stated in the Standing Rules was present.  
A sign-in sheet is attached to these minutes (*see attached*).

**Approval of Minutes:** Jodell Boyle moved to accept the December 11th, 2007 minutes as written. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Special Presentation:** Dana Galle-Strowbridge, 509J Tobacco Prevention Education Coordinator, provided statistics and information regarding the dangers of smoking. She also shared reading pamphlets, information on new tobacco products that incorporate flashy packaging and aromas to appeal to younger generations, and programs in the area to help with smoking cessation. She can be reached at [dana.strowbridge@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:dana.strowbridge@corvallis.k12.or.us).

**Principal's Report:** Principal Denise Gorthy reported further on the statewide legal battle regarding the funding of full day kindergarten. The cost across Oregon to fund an all day program would be \$40 million per year; in Corvallis the cost would be \$700,000. The state legislation will be meeting in February discuss the matter further.

Denise also answered questions regarding how the district arrives at a delayed start vs. closure on days with inclement weather. This is a joint decision between the bus company representatives and the district, usually by 5:00am on questionable school days. Parents/Guardians can sign up for email/text alerts at [flashalert.net](http://flashalert.net).

**President's Report:** Laurie Chaplen congratulated Wildlife Stewards chair Chrissy Lucas for getting coverage of the Dixon Creek work party on the front page of the Gazette Times on January 8, 2008.

**Financial Report:** Peter Gelser provided this year's budget to date (*see attached*). He reported that Scrip sales figures for December are not in yet.

**Committee Reports:** Direct Donation Drive chair Bonnie Bailey reported that a combination of pledges and donations, per the Foundation, brought a total of \$16,331. With last minute donations, the final total could reach closer to \$17,000, which exceeds the initial goal for the drive. The goal for 100 families participating, however, has not been reached this year.

Shari Kern reported via email that the Sock Hop is scheduled for Friday, January 25 from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the Gym. She could use some help with refreshments and cookies. If you are willing to help, please contact Shari at [kernclan@msn.com](mailto:kernclan@msn.com).

Bonnie Bailey reported that Jefferson parent Herky Gottfried is the HP Coordinator for the school. She is looking to get further information to share.

Gail Howe announced that the Spring Carnival is scheduled for Friday, March 7. She and co-chair Jeannie Mayjor are looking for more volunteers, as well as help from local sororities so that more parents can enjoy the event with their children.

Wildlife Stewards chair Chrissy Lucas announced that the Wildlife Summit packets for 4th/5th graders will be going out soon. The event will be on April 24, and she would like to find some parent volunteers to help out. She also reported that she will be unavailable for the February Wildlife Steward work party on February 16, and needs someone to help on that day.

**Unfinished Business:** A Site Beautification chair is still needed. If you like gardening, please see Sandy Sears. Also, Silent Auction shadows (chair and co-chair) are needed this spring.

**New Business:** The school boundary decision deadline was on January 5th. Families needed to make their decisions on placement by that date.

**Adjournment:** Laurie Chaplen adjourned the meeting at 7:27pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Susan Hetherington, Secretary

Approved as written / corrected \_\_\_\_\_(date)

President Laurie Chaplen \_\_\_\_\_(signature)

**Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, March 11th, 6:30pm in the Jefferson Library**