

Jefferson Parents and Teachers (JPAT)

General Meeting

Tuesday February 12, 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 6:32pm. 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: Denise Gorthy moved to accept the January 8th, 2008 minutes as written. The motion was seconded and approved.

Special Presentation: Literacy Coach Vicki Gregory gave an overview of the new Houghton Mifflin curriculum that was implemented districtwide this year, noting that the 3-tiered program offers students the same curriculum but in different skill levels as needed. Vicki Gregory can be reached at 757-4326 to discuss the curriculum or answer any questions.

Second grade teacher Beth Martin also gave a presentation on how the Houghton Mifflin curriculum is used specifically in her classroom. She added that the 3-tiered program allows for more independent work by the students.

Lisa Frothingham, Science Coordinator, indicated that she would like to get the Wildlife Stewards program active again. A team of enthusiastic--and sustainable--people are needed to help get the program off the grounds in order to use Dixon Creek as an outdoor classroom. Maggie Livesay, 4H Wildlife Stewards Coordinator at OSU for Benton County is willing to do specialized training for 4-5 parents. A grant may be available to cover all training expenses as well. If you know any interested parents, please contact Lisa Frothingham.

Principal's Report: Principal Denise Gorthy thanked Vicki Gregory and Beth Martin for their literacy presentations. Denise will be holding two budget forums on February 20 and February 26 to discuss funding allocations from the district for the 2008-2009 school year. She is not anticipating a reduction of funds from the district.

As for the boundary implementation, Denise is anticipating only a small change in enrollment numbers for 2008-2009. The playground equipment has been ordered. Installation is possible over Spring Recess, weather and soil conditions permitting.

President's Report: None

Financial Report: Peter Gelser provided the budget to date (*see attached*).

Committee Reports: Dine Out chair Rhonda Soulé reported via email that totals for the year amount to about \$1300, with \$535 from a recent Dine Out at El Sol de Mexico. She was unable to secure an event this year at McMenamain's. Upcoming Dine Outs:

2/26 - Evergreen Indian Cuisine

3/11 - Papa's Pizza

4/15 - Woodstock's Pizza

Spring Carnival chair, Gail Howe has received a huge response from local sororities to help out at the event. New this year will be a juggling room. The Carnival will be on Friday, March 7th, 6:00-8:30pm.

Silent Auction chair Karen Misfeldt reported that she has a large committee this year helping to spread out the workload. She will also be approaching local sororities for help with the event. Eola Hills will be present again this year, however a new auctioneer has been selected. The auction costs approximately \$2,000 to run, and they have \$800 in corporate sponsors. The Silent Auction will be held on Friday, April 25th at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church.

Wildlife Stewards chair Chrissy Lucas announced that Dixon Creek Work Parties will be held on February 16th and March 22nd. She also announced that Patty Warner is working on an art exhibit at Sam's Station for the month of April.

Volunteer Coordinator Sandy Sears discussed the Nomination Committee for 2008-2009, which will be a major topic for the March JPAT meeting. She is reworking the volunteer form to make it easier to use. The revised volunteer form will go in registration packets in April/May.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Denise Gorthy was asked for funding from Media Assistant Andrea Surfleet for Dr. Seuss hats to be given to children on March 3rd for Read Across America. The school currently has 60 hats, and needs about 40 more hats so that students in K/1st can each have one. A hat is usually given to each student in kindergarten but was not done last year. Hats cost approximately \$3-4 each. To cover both grades, \$150 was requested. Kristin Erickson said that the hats serve as a celebration of reading and is something the students really enjoy about that day. Peter Gelser announced that there is a balance of \$625 in the Contingency Fund. A possible way to come up with extra hats might be for the older students to pass down their old hats to younger students, or for the school to buy 200+ hats to "own" for the event. Gail Howe made a motion to use funds from the Contingency Fund to buy the hats. An amended motion was made to provide a maximum of \$120 from the Contingency Fund to purchase hats for the kindergarten and first grades, with Denise to cover any shipping costs. Laurie Chaplen made an amended motion to provide a one-time expenditure, a maximum of \$120 from the Contingency Fund, to purchase hats for the kindergarten and first grades, with Denise to cover any shipping costs, and to implement a reuse program for the hats in subsequent years. The motion was seconded and approved.

Music teacher Dow Yeh approached JPAT with an idea for a Game Show Night using the theme *Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?* It was discussed and decided that it would be a great idea to incorporate the game show with Family Game Night.

Dr. Seuss' Birthday/Read Across America will be on Monday, March 3rd. There will be no schoolwide assembly, but each class is doing individual celebrations and door decorations. The trolley will be coming.

Adjournment: Laurie Chaplen adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Hetherington, Secretary

Approved as written / corrected _____(date)

President Laurie Chaplen _____(signature)

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, April 8th, 6:30pm in the Jefferson Library