

Jefferson Parents and Teachers (JPAT)

General Meeting

Tuesday September 11, 2007 – 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: Denise Gorthy moved to accept the June 5th, 2007 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of Standing Rules: The Standing Rules for 2007-2008 year was distributed for review and approval. Marissa Chappell made a motion to approve the Standing Rules, the motion was seconded and approved.

Principal's Report: Principal Denise Gorthy welcomed all in attendance, including new attendees and new staff members. She reported that this year's staff is comprised of 25% new hires. Currently there are 320 students enrolled, with 308 projected. She also introduced staff members present at the meeting, including Dow Yeh, Beth Martin, Laura Waarvick, and Kristin Erickson.

The new Science Coordinator, Lisa Frothingham, is also a new addition to Jefferson. She will be supporting staff with their science kits and extra stuff, including field trips and a weekly science incentive program. She will also be coordinating science activities at lunch a few days a week.

The school playground was resurfaced toward the end of summer. The school has also won a proposal to add additional play equipment for ease of mobility and access for all students. Staff and parent input will be needed around the spring to help with this.

Financial Report: Peter Gelser presented an overview of the budget for the year (*see attached*). Andrea Surfleet, Librarian, asked for clarification of funds available for the library. Denise Gorthy replied that she was making sure that the teachers had all of their needed curriculum materials. There is currently a remainder of about \$2,500 in which she said possibly the bulk of it will go to the library.

President's Report: Laurie Chaplen encouraged all members to sign up for the LISTSERV to receive the most up-to-date information about school events and information. She also reviewed the goals for PTA, to enrich the school experience for **all** children. She also expressed her thanks to all the volunteer hours logged in over the summer.

Committee Reports: Deborah Bella discussed details of the upcoming Fall Barbecue on September 13. A few volunteers would still be needed on the day of the event, but she was impressed with the amount of volunteers she had already.

Direct Donation Drive chair Bonnie Bailey presented an overview of the fundraising event which will kick off at the barbecue. The goal for this year is \$16,000 with 100 families participating. Bonnie stressed that any amount of donation is helpful. A table with information and forms would be available at the barbecue, along with information on donating kickers checks to the school.

Ann Blegen provided an overview of the Scrip fundraising program. Scrip is available before and after school, as well as order forms. Last year the program raised \$6,500 for Jefferson.

Patrice Jones presented a flow chart of how to communicate changes and/or additions with the website chair, Martin Main. She is also working on updating website photos of activities.

Unfinished Business: Sandy Sears, Volunteer Coordinator, reviewed open volunteer chair positions that still needed to be filled, including Fall Food Drive, Walk to School Week, and Teacher Appreciation co-chair. Denise Gorthy made a suggestion of having more outdoor welcome coffees while the weather is good, which helps to support the community sense at Jefferson.

New Business: Heidi Lewis, JPAT Newsletter chair, reminded everyone that the deadline for newsletter submissions is the 15th of every month.

Wildlife Stewards chair, Chrissy Lucas, announced that the Wildlife Stewards would host an event the 3rd Saturday of every month, weather permitting. She also reported that a new shed was purchased over the summer. They had 150 youth work at Dixon Creek over the summer, and the addition of the shed made everything go very well.

Music teacher Dow Yeh expressed thanks to the summer volunteers for helping get the music room up and ready for the year. He is also looking for a place and volunteers to help get a chess club off the ground.

Librarian Andrea Surfleet thanked JPAT for funding to the library. She also welcomed all donations of used and new books for the library.

Adjournment: Laurie Chaplen adjourned the meeting at 7:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Hetherington, Secretary

Approved as written / corrected _____(date)

President Laurie Chaplen _____(signature)

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, October 9th, 6:30pm in the Jefferson Library