

# **Jefferson Parents and Teachers (JPAT)**

## **General Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 11, 2005 – 6:30 p.m.**

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

### **Call to Order**

President Debbie Zeller called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. All officers were present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Denise Gorthy moved to accept the September 13, 2005 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

### **Principal's Report**

Denise Gorthy announced that the new bike rack is going to be installed along the south side of the front sidewalk in front of 27<sup>th</sup> Street. The bike rack is a result of Jimmy Faulkner obtaining a grant. The rack will not be covered due to insufficient funds.

Site Beautification: a design of the landscaping for the front of the school for the tree replacement will be drafted to the Jefferson committee with planting to hopefully commence by the end of fall. The front benches may be reconfigured.

Denise announced that Rockin Readers would be staffed by Brad Meyers and would start on Wednesday. Flyers will be sent out to parents. Rockin readers will be school days from 7:50am to 8:10am in the Library.

Denise announced she has hired a .2FTE reading specialist, Pat Starker. She will work 2 hours/day, four days per week. Denise said Jefferson had additional funds as they met their weighted enrollment, money management and also to kind donations from parents.

An earthquake evacuation drill for the school has been set for October 18<sup>th</sup>. Students, staff and visitors will walk to the Buddy Site and then return. Also discussed was that Emergency contact lists are being compiled by room parents.

Denise reported that School report cards would be released on Wednesday. The Corvallis school district had a strong rating and met Federal guidelines. Specific Jefferson measurements were discussed.

Denise announced that a Dad's discussion/symposium led by Bob Hazelton at the First Presbyterian Church would occur on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **President's Report**

Debbie Zeller reviewed the priorities of JPAT that were voted on last April. She asked that these priorities be kept in mind by the JPAT membership.

Debbie announced that the Multi-Cultural potluck would be chaired by Hillary Schloss and her 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom with the assistance of Sheryl Stuart, co-Chair Cher Moyer and other parents. The potluck will be the evening of Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Debbie reported that the Fall food drive has no chairperson. It is an easy event that requires minor coordination with the Food Bank.

Debbie announced that there will be no JPAT meeting in December as it is typically very few attendees.

## **Financial Report**

Sheryl Stuart reviewed the current financial standing of JPAT. She reported that \$10,000 was returned to the general account from the Scrip program. Checks to Jefferson for \$15,000 for Art and \$4,000 for general classroom and art supplies were delivered. The audit committee hopes to complete the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 audit soon. All HP donors were sent a thank you acknowledgement letter.

## **Committee Reports**

Scrip – no report

School Directory – The directory will be going to press on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Direct Donation Drive – Pete Loschl announced that \$7,290 was raised from the BBQ and that the current balance was \$7,740 which excludes last week. Pete discussed that letters drawn by their children would be sent out Wednesday to 271 families.

Fall Book Fair – no report

T-Shirt design – Manuela Huso announced that Licia Jelton had made a design of a Jaguar for the T-shirts, however there was still a popular design using the students artwork. Discussion about which design was to be used ensued. Jeff Brandt made a motion to select the children's artwork design and the motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous vote. Manuela also discussed getting prior year's T-Shirt design information so that she could make a folder for the next chairperson. This was met with enthusiasm.

Family Game Night – Laurie Lewis announced that the Family Game night will be Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 8:30 pm. Drinks and popcorn will be provided. Family's will bring their own games and some finger food.

## **New Business**

PR2 Presentation. Helen Higgins presented information on the Program and Resource Review (PR2) Committee which has been created in the Corvallis 509J District. The goals of PR2 was to develop indicators and tools for the school board to forecast 10 year forward demographics and economics in order to reduce the excess capacity that currently exists in the district. Helen announced that six draft scenarios would be presented on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Linus Pauling for public comment and suggestions. She strongly asked for anyone interested to come. These scenarios would be passed to the school board for review for implementation in the 2006-2007 school year.

Debbie Zeller announced that the February 14<sup>th</sup> JPAT meeting has been moved to February 7<sup>th</sup> in consideration of Valentines Day.

Kristin Erickson announced there was currently no date set for the Wildlife Stewards fall work party, but that Patti Warner was working on it.

Jeff Brandt discussed with the group about the Café conversations seminar he would like to run. The question would be "What is missing in your child's education?" After discussion there was a suggestion to change the question for Cafe Conversations to: "What can we do to improve your student's education." This suggestion came from one of the teachers. She felt it would be a much more thoughtful inquiry. The café conversation would run on in the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting from 7 – 8:30 pm.

## **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

## **Adjournment**

Debbie adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm

**Next Meeting Date – Tuesday November 8th, 2005 6:30pm in the Jefferson Library**