

# Jefferson Parents and Teachers (JPAT)

General Meeting

Tuesday December 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:** Patrice Jones moved to accept the November 13th, 2007 minutes as written. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Special Presentation:** Science Coordinator Lisa Frothingham presented an overview of her role in enhancing the science program at Jefferson. She comes into the position with previous experience as a middle school science teacher, as well as working with elementary kids through her volunteer work. The three goals of Science Coordinator are to 1) enhance the science experience, 2) offer support to teachers through materials management, and 3) to offer enrichment outside of the curriculum in the classroom (*see attached*). So far, the weekly Science Sleuth question has been a big hit and offers a way for parents to assist students in the research process. Lisa Frothingham can be reached via email at [lisa.frothingham@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:lisa.frothingham@corvallis.k12.or.us) if you would like to provide any feedback so the position can evolve.

Larina Warnock, Development Associate for Corvallis Public Schools Foundation and Jefferson parent, provided an overview of the current and new services offered by the Foundation. Among them is grant consultation, which would help parent groups learn where to start and what to include when applying for grants. The Foundation has a 3 year, \$1million campaign for stable funding. She can be reached via email for suggestions and services at [larina.warnock@corvallis.k12.or.us](mailto:larina.warnock@corvallis.k12.or.us).

**Principal's Report:** Principal Denise Gorthy reported that she would be letting go of the \$500 grant for the Peaceful Playground equipment, since it was set to expire in December. She addressed questions regarding the recent news stories concerning the district funding full day kindergarten for low income families. She reported that there are approximately 15 students/families across the district that may be affected by the decision.

**President's Report:** None

**Financial Report:** Peter Gelser provided this year's budget to date as well as the preliminary budget figures for 2008-2009 (*see attached*). He reported that T-shirt sales produced a \$500 profit with 134 orders from 80 families. He also offered a detailed explanation of how the JPAT budget works.

**Committee Reports:** Direct Donation Drive chair Bonnie Bailey estimated that she has received \$15,472 in pledges to date, with the DDD campaign about to wrap up at the end of the month. Principal Gorthy also received a nice surprise of a \$100 donation from a neighbor of the school.

Silent Auction chair Karen Misfeldt announced that the auction would be held on Friday, April 25. Newsletter submissions as well as committee meetings will begin in January. Some shadows are still needed help ease the transition of retiring chairs--Karen stressed that the auction is a well-organized event, with 11 volunteers this year. The auction raises an average of \$14,000 for JPAT.

Multicultural Potluck chair Elizabeth French reported that the entertainment scheduled had backed out. The event has now been rescheduled for February 22, with three acts lined up for entertainment.

**Unfinished Business:** Fifth grade teacher Kristin Erickson presented informal survey results from the 5th grade families and their ability to pay for the 5th grade OMSI Camp in May (*see attached*). She reiterated that chaperones make the camp experience possible for *all* kids, that 8 chaperones are the minimum amount needed, and that the 3 teachers attending take on the role of problem solving as situations may arise. Bonnie Bailey made a motion to move \$600 from the Contingency Fund to the Family Access Fund which would be available if needed to cover camp tuition. Discussion followed in regards to covering costs for the 3 teachers attending. An amended motion was made by Jodell Boyle to move \$975 from the Contingency Fund to the Family Access Fund to cover camp tuition plus 3 teachers. The motion was seconded and approved.

**New Business:** Heidi Lewis suggested adding summer Dine Out events as a way for families to connect over summer and also raise additional funds for JPAT. She also reminded members that newsletter submissions were due by December 15th.

Bonnie Bailey also discussed the idea of creating a chair position for an Hewlett Packard technology coordinator. Ideally this position would be someone who works at HP that is also a Jefferson parent, who could provide a direct link to technology programs and incentives that are offered by the company.

**Adjournment:** Laurie Chaplen adjourned the meeting at 8:18pm.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Susan Hetherington, Secretary

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

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

**Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, February 12th, 6:30pm in the Jefferson Library**