

Jefferson Parents and Teachers (JPAT)

General Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2006 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Call to Order

President Jeff Brandt called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. All officers were present.

Approval of Minutes

Cat Newsheller moved to accept the February 7, 2006 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Principal's Report

Denise Gorthy thanked the Chairs of the Carnival and said that it was a great event and everyone enjoyed themselves. She noted it was well run and everyone involved did a great job.

Denise discussed the landscape plan for the front of the school. Dave Smith, a parent at Jefferson, provided a landscape plan which was focused around gathering spaces and year round interest. Planting of a variety of trees will be done during Spring Break. After the trees are planted there will be opportunities to have the benches moved.

The Foundation has released the results of the spring grants and Jefferson will receive 3 out of the 4 grants submitted. In addition there are 3-4 technology grants that the technology department will be notifying schools about by the end of the week. Denise had written several grants for laptops, a projector, reading intervention software and technology for the Life skills program. She is hopeful that at least one of the grants will be funded.

Denise discussed this weeks Kindergarten Family information nights. She passed out a Get Acquainted with Jefferson Calendar which provides events from March – June for the school and JPAT. Twenty six people have picked up Kindergarten registration packets with most being returned. This is ahead compared to past years. She noted many are siblings of current Jefferson students. She noted that April 14 is the transfer deadline. May 1st is the all-day Kindergarten registration deadline. If a lottery is needed any Inavale students would be given priority in transfers.

Denise discussed the Inavale closing impact regarding transfer priority, potential staffing shifts within the district and the open enrollment policy which the district is waiting on until the April 24th deadline. Denise noted that Jefferson has about 50% of its students transferring in, due to its small enrollment boundary and by its reputation.

Jefferson 06-07 School Budget Input/Ideas – Denise Gorthy passed out Jefferson's Preliminary Budget Information for 2006-2007. She noted that for the year she would have an error margin of 5% instead of 1% in her weighted enrollment projections. She noted that it takes 30-31 students to fund 1 full time teacher. She discussed current staffing and what might be expected for next year. She expects a \$47,000 cut in the budget even with the projected contribution from JPAT. She expects that there will be some reductions in staff and has ideas for reductions, but is waiting to discuss options with staff before voicing them. Denise also handed out a Budget Input sheet which she would like returned by March 25.

President's Report

Jeff expressed his gratitude to Patti Warner the Wildlife Steward Chairperson for her dedication and many years of service. She was presented with a card and gift and there was a brief break to enjoy cake and discussion surrounded her work and the wonderful impact it has had at Jefferson.

Jeff noted that Blake Rodman was unable to present the 509J update tonight.

Financial Report

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Sheryl Stuart reviewed the current financial standing of JPAT. The ending balance was \$17,977. Treasurer's report has been rearranged to show the Budgeted Direct Donation pledges and a line item for what Jefferson has received from the foundation. Currently there is about \$6,500 to be received from the foundation. The Jog-a-Thon has netted \$6,217 and there are still funds coming in. The Carnival grossed \$2,600, but expenses have yet to be paid.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee – Laurie announced that Carla Jean Hall and Cat Newscheller would be looking into finding volunteers for the remaining open positions. Patti Warner announced that Chrissy Lucas would be taking the chair for the Wildlife Stewards Program. Chrissy also volunteered to Chair the Site Beautification Committee.

Teacher Appreciation – The group discussed what this event was and Denise Gorthy gave an overview of what had been done and appreciated by teachers and staff. It was recommended that a newsletter article be included for the JPAT Newsletter.

New Business – Pattie Warner announced that the Wildlife Stewards summit would be on April 27th. There will be teams from 2-4 teachers. Parents are needed to volunteer during lunches and recesses to assist the students on the teams. Time commitment is about 4-5 weeks for 1 hour a week. There is a meeting on Wednesday March 15th at 6:30 to discuss this.

Unfinished Business - None

Adjournment

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, April 11th, 2006 6:30pm in the Jefferson Library

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