

Jefferson Parents and Teachers (JPAT) General Meeting

Tuesday April 11, 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 6:32pm. All Sheryl Stuart Treasurer was excused, all other officers were present.

Approval of Minutes

Erin Sneller moved to accept the March 14, 2006 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Principal's Report

Denise noted David Smith's landscaping recommendations was followed very closely as witnessed by the trees that were planted recently. She discussed the tree groupings, type of trees and the decision to hold off moving the benches until the trees had grown a bit.

Denise announced three of the four technology grants were funded for laptops, projectors and other software; however the reading intervention software grant was not funded. She also announced that a grant for a partially peacefully playground was partially funded and that she is in discussions with Zonta to fund the other half.

Denise discussed the school board decision of Lincoln converting a K-8 school. April 21st is the deadline for students wishing to go into the 6-8 grades. Two Inavale teachers will be heading up the 6-8 program at Lincoln. Denise provided a copy of a letter the district is sending to all 5-7th grade students. She noted the Superintendent has asked the school board to make decisions on Franklin Elementary and CHS by the end of the school year. The funding for the playground upgrades at Jefferson is on hold for these decisions.

Denise said enrollment figures for next year's Kindergarten are not available, but noted that interest in all grades had been higher than in past years.

President's Report

Jeff passed out a copy of a letter from the Jefferson teachers on their ideas and requests for considerations in the 2006-2007 JPAT budgeting process. Kristen noted that the teachers wanted JPAT to know their ideal desires and thanked JPAT for all the support it provides to Jefferson. Jeff asked Denise how much each of the prioritized items costs. Denise noted that the budget figures provided in the prior JPAT meeting have changed. The District's projection of Jefferson students had changed from 301 to 321 (the same as this year). The District also has provided her with an estimate for LifeSkills. The bottom line is a cut of \$15,000 compared to this year's budget. She discussed what adding one classroom teacher would cost and it cut all extra's out (PE, Music, Art etc...) except for 5 hours of library/behavioral specialist. She noted that this would have reduced class sizes by about 3 children in all be 2 grades and the 2nd and 3rd grades would still have 29-30 students. She decided that the money for the additional teacher would be better spent in keeping the enriched curriculum as intact as possible. In her proposed budget for 2006-2007 PE and Technology, Reading and Behavioral specialists remain with a reduction of music to 1 day/week. In addition she thinks it is feasible to have a math assistant. Art is not in as it costs \$15,000.

Jeff passed out copies of a draft JPAT calendar and asked for all to review and contact him with any concerns. He asked Laurie Chaplen to e-mail this to all the 2006-2007 JPAT committee chairs for review.

Jeff noted that in the next JPAT meeting it is hoped to vote on next years Budget, officer slate and calendar.

New Business

Carla Friedt a JPAT parent who works for Washington Mutual Bank presented JPAT with a check for \$369.21. This check is a result of their WAMULA program where the bank customers can designate their debit cards to earn points for schools. She said that 77 people have been assigned to Jefferson Elementary and so far in 2006 have raised 4,116 points which generated the \$369.21. JPAT and Denise Gorthy thanked Carla and Washington Mutual.

At this time, Jeff Brandt and Cat Newscheller excused themselves from the meeting due to prior commitments. Laurie Chaplen assumed chair of the meeting.

Financial Report

Sheryl Stuart reviewed the current financial standing of JPAT. The ending balance was \$22,565. She noted a \$563 reissued check came in that was apparently lost from November 2004. She also noted that this was the last month of the HP match program and only one donor is continuing the auto-deduction.. The Jog-a-Thon has still 44 pledge forms outstanding and that Lisa is going to try to collect those via classroom newsletters. The Carnival expenses are expected to arrive on Friday and should run about \$1,000. A discussion about how much might be available to give to the school next year for Art and other items ensued, but no answer could be given as the auction has yet to happen.

Committee Reports

Silent Auction – Erin Sneller presented a copy of the auction booklets. The group was very impressed. She discussed the progress with the software, the advertising of the upcoming event on April 22nd. She discussed the event with its food, entertainment, child-care and beverages (wine & beer). She also described how the bidding will occur. She encouraged all to come and to spread the word to friends and neighbors of the fun event. The goal is to exceed the \$5,000 fundraiser budget.

Nominating Committee - Laurie announced that most chair positions have been filled. A Secretary is still needed as well as most co-chair positions. The nominating committee will be working on filling these by the next meeting.

Unfinished Business - None

Adjournment

Laurie adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, May 9th, 2006 6:30pm in the Jefferson Library