

Jefferson Parents and Teachers (JPAT) General Meeting

Tuesday May 9, 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.

Approval of Minutes

moved to accept the April 11, 2006 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Principal's Report

Denise had a list of reminders:

Art & Science Night is May 18th from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. There will be 15 hands on activities in addition to a rocket demonstration.

Skate Night is May 11th

Kindergarten Curriculum is May 11th

Volunteer Luncheon – May 24 at 11:30am

Carnival of Animals – by the Kindergarten classes will be May 25th

Parent Coffee – this last coffee will focus on Internet safety and the posting of kids personal information making them targets to predators.

Denise thanked and praised the Auction committee on the wonderful and successful event.

Denise discussed that next year she will be a new social studies text for the 3-5th graders called History Alive. In addition, Jefferson will be piloting two new reading series for the K-6 grades. She also discussed a new assessment tool for early reading called DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Early Literacy Skills).

She apologized that Fred Wright had not made it to the meeting to discuss the parking changes at Jefferson. She noted she had seen a conceptual plan which would add parking to the North of Jefferson. Discussions started on best parking and traffic pattern studies and flow solutions.

President's Report

Jeff discussed the Draft JPAT calendar. Discussion on when the New Family welcome would occur and resulted in that there would be the same as last year with the welcome at the BBQ and then on the first day of school and first day of Kindergarten there would be a welcome. Denise asked the dates for the Parent Coffees be changed to TBA as they are set right before school starts. In addition TAG needed to be removed as it is questionable whether the meetings would continue. The Carnival was asked to be moved to March and the date to be confirmed with Gail Howe. Jeff was asked to confirm the event dates with the chair. The final calendar will be voted on in the next meeting.

New Business

Kari Riech a 509J board member discussed the board's process for decision making for the CHS master plan, the Inavale closure and the Franklin Elementary relocation. She noted the 5.2 million dollar bond measure could only be used for facilities and could not be moved to personnel costs. She discussed last night's board meeting and the options proposed for Franklin. One option that she brought up at the meeting was to move Franklin to Jefferson and move Jefferson to Harding. Discussions arose about the Harding option and why Franklin could not just be moved there instead and not disrupt the Jefferson Community. She noted the state may allocate 200 million to bring elementary schools up to code seismically in 2007. A decision for Franklin Elementary is projected to be made on June 5th. She encouraged people to contact the board or come to the board meetings.

Financial Report

Sheryl Stuart reviewed the current financial standing of JPAT. The ending balance was \$28,073. She noted there is about \$5,000 outstanding in pledges and that it may come monthly. Sheryl was asked to find out the monthly pledge amount. Sheryl presented a preliminary budget. Denise was asked what would not be funded. She stated Art (Claudia Hall), 1 day of music and a math assistant had not been budgeted for. Denise was asked to discuss with Joanne any residual amounts not spent. The 2006-2007 budget will be voted on at the next meeting. Sheryl also discussed that the Sock Hop went over budget by \$9. In addition Sheryl noted that the Teacher Appreciation budget had been exceeded by approximately \$40. This was mostly due to the increase in gift cards. JPAT recommended to the Teacher Appreciation Committee not to do gift cards next year. Kristen made a motion to allow for the over expenditure of \$9 for the Sock Hop and \$40 for the Teacher Appreciation, it was voted unanimously.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee - Laurie announced that most positions had been filled for which the committee is excited about. A Secretary is still needed to complete the board slate. She asked for any names to fill this position. The board nominations will be voted on at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business - None

Adjournment

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm

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