

Jefferson Parents and Teachers (JPAT) General Meeting

Tuesday May 30, 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

Erin Sneller moved to accept the May 9th, 2006 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded and approved.

Principal's Report

The last Parent Coffee will focus on Internet safety and a district representative will be coming to join in the discussion on websites and opportunities for children.

The fifth grade musical is June 1st.

Funds are available from the district to make playground improvements, and a district playground consultant will evaluate Jefferson's playground and suggest areas for improvements. Denise asked any parents with ideas or suggestions for playground improvement to contact her.

Denise noted that she had prepared a document on the FTE costs and this would be instrumental in the Budget discussion later in the meeting.

President's Report

Jeff Brandt presented the JPAT 2006-2007 calendar. Sheryl Stuart asked that the Multicultural Potluck be changed to December 7th. Sheryl moved to accept the JPAT calendar as amended. The motion was seconded and approved.

Financial Report

Sheryl Stuart reported that the JPAT checking account balance was \$28,959. She noted that if all budget items traditionally funded through the Direct Donation Drive were completely funded, an excess of approximately \$5,000 should be available from certificates issued to Jefferson from the Corvallis Public Schools Foundation. The total carryover of funds available to allocate for next year's programs was therefore approximately \$30,000, with \$4,000 reserved for contingency.

Jeff Brandt asked for a line-by-line review of the proposed budget. The following changes were adopted following discussion:

Fund Raisers

Direct Donation - reduced from \$18,000 to \$15,000 – primarily because HP no longer provides a donation matching program.

Jog-a-Thon – reduced from \$11,000 to \$10,000

Scrip – reduced to \$7,000 from \$9,000

Silent Auction – increased from \$14,000 to \$15,000 since \$15,000 was almost raised this year.

Community Builders

Jaguar Newsletter Printing/Directories – reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,000

Sock-Hop – increased from \$200 to \$400 to reflect the likelihood of hiring a DJ.

Support for Teachers

Scrip Profit Sharing – reduced from \$3,200 to \$3,000

Professional Development – increased from \$500 to \$1,500

Combined the Reading & Literacy line item with the Curriculum Materials line item for a total budget of \$2,500. Science and Technology budget to remain at \$500. The possibility of JPAT sponsoring a future fund-raising campaign to help upgrade computer equipment and software was discussed.

Several options for allocating the \$30,000 in carryover funds were discussed. Strong support was expressed for funding a 0.3 FTE reading specialist, or a 0.2 FTE reading specialist with classified support staff, and for funding an art instructor. Providing additional music instruction was also discussed. JPAT did not have enough available funds to fully fund all positions.

After discussion, Bonnie Bailey moved to fund art instruction with \$18,000 (which would provide art education to all students one day a week). The remaining funds (\$8,000 plus approximately \$5,000 already received by Jefferson) would be allocated to additional reading and music instruction at Denise Gorthy's discretion. The motion was seconded and approved. Sheryl Stuart moved to accept the proposed budget as amended. The motion was seconded and approved. The adopted '06-'07 budget is posted at <http://www.CorvallisPTA.org/>

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee – Laurie Chaplen presented the slate of JPAT board candidates who expressed willingness to be on the board for the JPAT 2006-2007 year:

President: Jeff Brandt (until Dec 31, 2006)

Vice-President: Cat Newscheller (President, Jan 1, 2007).

Treasurer: Peter Gelser

Secretary: Susan Hetherington

Sheryl Stuart moved to approve the slate as listed. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Sheryl Stuart moved to have all new officers (Jeff Brandt, Cat Newscheller, Peter Gelser and Susan Hetherington) and Ann Blegan (Scrip co-chair) as signers on the JPAT checking account and Ann Blegan, Becky Fasth, Peter Gelser and Rhonda Soule as check signers on the JPAT Scrip Account after 7/1/2006. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business

The school board proposal to move Franklin to Jefferson and Jefferson to Harding was briefly discussed. Denise announced there would be no opportunity for public testimony at the meeting on Thursday June 1st at 7:30 and that on the June 5th meeting 30 minutes of public testimony would be allowed. The best way to provide testimony is via e-mail or letter to the school board. She noted that any communication with the board is public record.

Unfinished Business - None

Adjournment

Jeff adjourned the meeting at 9:24 pm.

Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, September 12, 6:30pm in the Jefferson Library