

# Jefferson Elementary School PTA

October 19, 2021 at 9:30 am

## Minutes

**Attendees: Katie Jones, Elizabeth Smith, Kara Barton, Tracy Young, Jean Thomas, Nicole Lust, Amanda Rost, Jenny Elder and Brett Bielewicz**

- I. **Call to Order - Jenny Elder called the meeting to order at 9:38 am.**
  
- II. **Executive Committee Reports**
  - i. **President**  
Jenny Elder
  
  - ii. **1st Vice President**  
Katie Jones updated us on her progress with Lunch Clubs - sign ups going out and reimbursement is available. The format will be different from years past in that the lunch club will be the whole lunch hour. The parent or lunch club host will be with the kids while they eat in the classroom and do their activity. Also, she is trying to nail down our first restaurant night. She's emailed IO Deli and Bado's - hoping to nail one down in the next week or so.
  
  - iii. **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**  
Brett Bielewicz
  
  - iv. **Treasurer**  
Amanda Rost presented the September Treasurer Report. The report is attached [here](#).
  
  - v. **Recording Secretary**  
In Anne Clarke's absence, a motion was made by Jenny Elder to approve the September meeting minutes. Amanda Rost motioned to approve the minutes and Katie Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- vi. Corresponding Secretary  
Nicole Lust had no report.
- vii. Historian  
Tracy Young had no report.

### III. **Standing Committee Reports**

- i. Membership  
Elizabeth Smith updated us that we have 28 new members, a total of 108 Family Memberships and we are halfway to our goal on Faculty memberships as well.
- ii. Homeroom Parent Coordinators  
Tracy Young stated that Halloween plans have been set - grade levels met and decided on party plans. Some discussion took place on the fewer number of opportunities available this year for volunteering in the classroom and the manner in which some HR Coordinators were choosing volunteers. Tracy stated that she would continue to pass along all school opportunities available to parents through HR Coordinators (in hopes that they would share).
- iii. Read-A-Thon  
Kristin Archbold and Melissa Maher are in the middle of Read-A-Thon right now. Neither Kristin or Melissa could be present for this morning's meeting but Jenny read aloud Tuesday's announcement for students with the minute count update. Attaching here - Tuesday Read-A-Thon announcement here -

Wow, Jefferson Jimmies! You are truly reading monsters gobbling up so many good books!!

I'm thrilled to report that our school has read an unbelievable **33,900 minutes** so far! That's more than **565 hours**! You also completed an impressive **41 Book Reports**!

Here are our homeroom leaders:

- Our Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade homeroom leader is still **Mrs. Yablonski's class** w/ Mrs. William's class right behind them.
- **Mrs. Holloway's class** is still leading the way for our 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade homerooms with Mr. Zimmerman and Mrs. DiGregory's classes on their heels.

Thank you for joining us for a Book Before Bed online last night and to Mrs. Auslander for reading such fun books! Don't forget to join us again tonight, Keep tracking your minutes and have a great time reading today!

- iv. Lunch Clubs

Google Form created - link for parents to sign up and/or teachers. In December kids will get sign-ups for January/February. 10-12 kids per club. Kids will eat in the classroom & have clubs in the classroom.

v. Square 1 Art

Making art this week. Art work due by Monday to Square 1. All items will be shipped to school to help with shipping costs.

vi. Reflections

Megan Zadecky informed us via email there were no submissions from Jefferson Elementary this school year.

vii. Fifth Grade Farewell

Nicole Lust/Erin Appelt

Nicole Lust reported that all t-shirts have been ordered and will be delivered in time for 5th graders to wear to their fall service project. She informed us that Jill Kushnir and Julie Hall were heading up the Fall Service Project with Brookline. We will have a school wide Food Drive the week of November 8th and the 5th graders will come together to package and deliver the goods to Brookline after school on 11/15.

Nicole updated us on how well pretzel sales are going and thanked Brett for streamlining the pick up lines on Wednesday after school.

viii. Bingo Night

Ginny Chambers and Kara Barton updated us on the planning for our Bingo Bash on 11/5. All homerooms have a basket to raffle and they will organize items and wrap baskets on Thursday. They are working to secure the Teacher Raffle Baskets. All Raffle Baskets will have an option to purchase tickets virtually this year for families that cannot attend.

Silent Auction examples include Steeler tickets, jewelry, fire truck, police ride home from school, JES business owners donated services as well. They are still looking for some Bake Sale donations and volunteers for the event.

ix. Shopper Rewards

Gina Florez updated us via email that we are up to 4 businesses participating in our JES Community Rewards Program. Paper Reign is being spotlighted in November. Please send any recommendations her way.

x. Yearbook

Amanda Rost stated that we had sold XX yearbooks.

IV. **Other Business**

V. **Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 10:41 am.**

**Next meeting: November 16, 2021 at 7 PM - JES Library**