

Jefferson Elementary School PTA

February 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:**

<i>Jenny Elder, President Brett Bielewicz, 2nd Vice President Amanda Rost, Treasurer Anne Clarke, Recording Secretary Tracy Young, Historian</i>	<i>Ginny Chambers Kristen Misutka Bailey Tata Leslie Kiley Emily Myers Andrea Croom Lynn Crogan Kaitlin Roth</i>
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**I. Call to Order**

*President Jenny Elder called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and welcomed all members in attendance.*

**II. Executive Committee Reports**

**A. President's report – Jenny Elder**

*Mrs. Elder began by offering the following: Last week she attended the MLEA (MTL Education Association union) president's meeting. She received great feedback from the teachers. The two biggest requests were laptops and a desire to re-hire curriculum directors.*

- The district offers either a desktop or chromebook. Most teachers chose desktops, but during the lockdown, the chromebooks did not function well thus the request for laptops. The feeling was that every child and every teacher should have a laptop.*
- Re curriculum directors, the feeling of the teachers was that a facilitator would be greatly beneficial to take some of the burden off of the teachers.*
- Mrs. Elder stated that she was unable to attend the president's meeting with Dr. Irvin because Mrs. Elder was working with the children for the Kids Heart Challenge. She noted that the information from the meeting advised that the schools would be lessening the rules regarding in person events and having assemblies return to the school. Also, more parents would be allowed to come into the building for various events with the children. The intention is that the school will go back to normal cafeteria*

seating instead of requiring the children to eat their lunch sitting on the gym floor.

- MLEA PTA - Carol Holloway and Karen Wolling are the union representatives, but they noted that they did not attend because they were told that they did not need to be there because there were sufficient numbers. Mrs. Elder noted that their absence was a non-issue and it was fine that they were not in attendance.
- In January, we discussed that STEAM night would not be in person, but rather it would be a take home activity. The take home activity was a LOT of work for the chairs, however it turned out to be a very big success. Next year, we hope that the night can be in person, however, this year's STEAM night turned out very well.

**B. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's report – Katie Jones**

Mrs. Jones was unable to attend the meeting, so Mrs. Elder read her report. Mrs. Elder reported that lunch clubs continued successfully. We have spent \$128.00 which is below our budget. Regarding restaurant nights, we do not need to have any further nights for fundraising.

**C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's report – Brett Bielewicz**

Mr. Bielewicz reported the following: JES has had The Great Kindness Week Challenge which worked out great. The goal of the fundraiser was \$1500. The JES community raised approximately \$1200 toward that goal. The Kids Heart Challenge also was a success. STEAM week also went well and the final products the children produced were great. The winning classes were Mrs. DiGregory and Mr. ZDP. Coming up will be Read Across America week in March. Mrs. Auslander is looking into doing an open house in the future as well.

**D. Treasurer's report – Amanda Rost**

Mrs. Rost presented the January 2022 treasurer's report: [click here](#) to view the report. The report was also attached to the February 14, 2022 PTA email.

**E. Recording Secretary's report – Anne Clarke**

Mrs. Clarke submitted the following report: Mrs. Clarke noted that the minutes from the January 11, 2022 PTA meeting have been distributed to all via the PTA's email of February 14, 2022. She asked for a motion to approve those minutes. Mrs. Leslie Kiley motioned to approve the minutes and Mrs. Lynn Crogan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**F. Corresponding Secretary's report – Nicole Lust**

*Mrs. Lust was unable to attend the meeting so Mrs. Elder read her report. We got a thank you note for the PTA from Pam McClosky, PCA who works most often in the 3rd or 4th grade room. She thanked the PTA for making her feel so welcome.*

**G. Historian's report – Tracy Young**

*Mrs. Young reported the following: She has been getting good traction on getting back the forms from committee chairs so that people will know what to do next year. Now that the district has lifted the strict regulations on who can volunteer and come into the building, she will reach out to the homeroom coordinators to let them know that parents are permitted back into the building for those who are interested in helping out.*

**III. Standing Committee Reports**

**A. Membership - Elizabeth Smith**

*Mrs. Smith was unable to attend the meeting so Mrs. Elder read her report. She reported the following: The goal is 140 family memberships. As of today's date, we currently have 132 total memberships. Of that number, 116 are family memberships and 31 are faculty memberships. The goal for the faculty memberships is 30. She wanted to recognize Karen Wooling for getting so many faculty memberships.*

**B. Nominating Committee - Anne Clarke, Leslie Kiley and Emily Myers**

*Mrs. Myers reported the following: we received many nominations for the Executive Board for next year. We have more nominees than positions. We will be emailing all nominees tomorrow with detailed descriptions asking each nominee to identify which position(s) they would be willing to accept if nominated along with any past experience or skill that would be relevant for the position. Responses are due back by 2/23.*

**C. Fifth Grade Farewell - Nicole Lust & Erin Appelt**

*Mrs. Lust was unable to attend this meeting but Mr. Bielewicz reported the following: Everything is moving forward with the memory book for the fifth graders. The chairs have been coming up with some great ideas and everything is on track.*

**D. Yearbook - Amanda Rost**

*Mrs. Rost reported the following: Bailey Tata has been helping her with the yearbook. They are trying to come up with a theme for the yearbook. "In A World Where You Can be Anything" is the theme this year. Some of the*

*money in the PTA overage can be used to purchase yearbooks for students who don't have money to purchase one. The final purchase needs to be sent in by early May therefore we need to know exactly how many we are ordering by late March / early May.*

#### **IV. Other Business**

##### *Standing Rules 2022 - vote to update from 2018*

*Mrs. Elder presented the 2022 updates to the Standing Rules and asked for a motion to approve the updated Standing Rules. Mrs. Rost so moved. Tracy Young 2nd the motion. Vote taken. Unanimous vote to approve. 2022 updates to the Standing Rules passed. Updated Standing Rules adopted.*

#### **V. Adjournment**

*Mrs. Elder offered a final word of thanks to everyone in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.*

*The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 9:30 am in the JES Cafeteria.*