

Jefferson Elementary School PTA
April 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

* NOTE – this meeting was held virtually via Zoom

Attendees:

Jenny Elder, President

Katie Jones, 1st Vice President

Brett Bielewicz, 2nd Vice President & School Principal

Amanda Rost, Treasurer

Anne Clarke, Recording Secretary

Nicole Lust, Corresponding Secretary

Jill Kushnir, Historian

Elizabeth Smith

Marisa Hupe

Tracy Young

Mindy Ranney

I. Call to Order

President Jenny Elder called the meeting to order at 9:01 am and welcomed all members in attendance.

II. Executive Committee Reports

A. President's report – Jenny Elder

Mrs. Elder began by offering the following: The garden club (chaired by Mandy McGreech) will get started on the raised garden beds. She will be focusing on a "3 sisters garden" (corn, beans & squash). She will also add some brothers (sunflowers and tomatoes). Ms McGreech will be working with Mr. B on how to involve the children in the garden, part of which will be a garden cleanup, adding fresh compost and the planting of seeds. Also Karen Wolling is kicking off the spring spirit wear sale today. It will wrap up on 5/1. Info on the spring spirit wear sale will go out in Mr. B's newsletter today. Estimated delivery is 5/17. The PTA will get 15% of the sales. Kona ice day will be after school on 5/21. The PTA will get 25% of those sales.

B. 1st Vice President's report – Katie Jones

Mrs. Jones stated that she did not have anything to report at this time.

C. 2nd Vice President's report – Brett Bielewicz

Mr. Bielewicz stated that he was able to jump into a principal meeting on Wednesday. He believes field day will most likely not occur this year because if some of the elementary schools could not do field day then none of the schools could do it. There will be no volunteers permitted this year. He does feel comfortable with it being outside at JES, so it will be able to continue. JES will also do a 5th grade clap out. Marybeth Irvin gave the blessing to allow the 5th graders to do something one afternoon. For next year, all typical events are going back on the calendar. Cyber kids – field day and 5th grade farewell, he is comfortable with having the cyber kids come into school to participate if comfortable. Only cyber teachers at JES are Mr. Austin and Mrs. Forrest. For field day, he is looking at having some outdoor and some indoor activities so that the cyber kids could participate during the indoor activity.

D. Treasurer's report – Amanda Rost

Mrs. Rost reported the following:

Mrs. Rost presented the March 2021 Treasurer's report. [Click here to view the report.](#)

E. Recording Secretary's report – Anne Clarke

Mrs. Clarke submitted the following report:

Mrs. Clarke noted that the minutes from the March 2021 PTA meeting have been distributed to all via the PTA's email of Wednesday, April 14, 2021. She asked for a motion to approve those minutes. Mrs. Katie Jones motioned to approve the minutes and Mrs. Nicole Lust seconded the motion. The motion passed.

F. Corresponding Secretary's report – Nicole Lust

Mrs. Lust stated that she had nothing new to report at this time.

G. Historian's report – Jill Kushnir

Mrs. Kushnir stated that she had nothing new to report at this time.

III. Standing Committee Reports

A. Membership – Elizabeth Smith

Mrs. Smith reported that our membership totals have remained the same as they were in February.

B. Fifth Grade Farewell – Marisa Hupe

Mrs. Hupe reported the following: thanks to Megan Zadecky and Amanda Harris for chairing march madness this year. The 4th grade raised the most money overall.

Memory books – Sarah Olbrich is taking the lead on this.

End of year celebration – this is an ongoing process. After clap out, the children will meet at the MTL main park for cupcakes and then will be able to head to the pool from 1-3. They can bring pre-packaged snacks. The only caveat is that if there are not enough lifeguards to staff the pool, then we will stay at the park. Permission slips to allow the children to go to the pool will go out by end of next week. All cyber kids are included.

C. Field Day – Mindy Ranney

For this year, field day will need to be modified. Mrs. Ranney reported the following: one hour only. Usually it's a 2 hour event but this year it will 1 hour outside by grade. They will run through the 5-6 stations by class. Also, in addition to one hour outside, there will one hour indoors – maybe a one hour “among us” online game or something along those line. Cyber kids can join into that also. The children will get a popsicle at the end of the one hour outdoors. No parent volunteers will be allowed to be present at the outdoor event. Teachers will run the outdoor events. The Field day committee will explain the stations to teachers in advance. The Field day committee is made up of Sharon Casper, Jill Kushner, Mindy Ranney and Amanda Harris. Some of the ideas for stations are: potato sack race, obstacle course, water relay, jump rope station, hula hoops, tug of war. The budget for this event is \$250. From Mr. B = Hoover and Markham may also be doing something similar but some other schools won't be doing anything so we may need to rename field day to something else so other schools don't feel left out.

D. Memory Brick Sale – Jenny Elder

Mrs. Elder reported the following: April 30th is the deadline to buy bricks. We have sold 23 so far and our goal is to sell 50. A paper flyer is going home with the students to remind them to purchase. Mr. B stated that head custodian is retiring this year so the staff will be purchasing a brick to honor him. Mrs. Rost, stated that there was \$ in the budget for retirement gifts.

E. Virtual Bingo Night – Jenny Elder

Mrs. Elder reported the following: this year the PTA is moving forward with virtual bingo. Everyone will get 10 color coded games to help keep organized. An app will call bingo. Mr. B will be the MC for the evening. If you win a game, you will unmute yourself and call bingo. There will be 2 winners for every game which will allow the PTA to give out more prizes. A card explaining how to log on, how to play and how to win will go home in the bingo bundle with the children.

F. Yearbook – Amanda Rost

Mrs. Rost reported the following: first, sales are in the 100's. The contract is to purchase 300 books. If the PTA doesn't sell that amount, then the price per book will go up. We need to sell much more. We will send an email to parents who have not yet purchased a yearbook. All photos for the yearbook are due next Friday on 4/23.

G. Teacher / Staff appreciation – Anne Clarke / Nicole Lust

Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Lust reported the following: Teacher appreciation will take place May 3-7. The budget for this event is \$400. Some thoughts were to decorate the teachers' lounge after school on April 30th so its ready when the teachers arrive on Monday May 3rd. We would then offer a treat of some sort for the teachers in the lounge each day during the week – maybe a cookie tray one day, a tray of individual rice crispie treats with nice little sayings on them, etc., maybe a veggie platter another day, and then Friday May 7th will be the tentative date for a teacher appreciation luncheon. We are looking into offering some type of boxed lunch that day. We are meeting this Sunday to finalize all plans and should have our costs worked out by that time. Mr. B stated that we should account for 35 teachers – he can clarify the actual number of people who would be there on each of the days.

IV. Other Business

A. Voting for the 2021-2022 Board.

The names were presented in March and have sat for 30 days. The slate for next year is the same in all respects except for Historian which will be Tracy Young. Ms. Elder asked for motion to approve. Elizabeth Smith made the motion and Jill Kushnir seconded the motion. The slate was approved. The slate will be presented to all for the fall.

B. Proposed Budget for 2021-2022

Mrs. Rost stated that for next year, she is assuming 140 families will join the PTA. Fundraising for the fall will consist of: Square One Art, the holiday shop, cocoa bombs, bingo night, Kona ice, restaurant nights, and amazon rewards. We are planning to start a local business rewards program – looking to support them and then get some type of kick back to the PTA. Library and art fund will continue and the money will go back to them. [Click here for the proposed 2021-2022 budget.](#)

VI. Adjournment

Mrs. Elder offered a final word of thanks to everyone in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 10:05 am.

The next PTA meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday May 12, 2021 via Zoom.