

Jefferson PTO Meeting Minutes, September 13, 2011

Attending: Terri Guerrero, Carrie Sanford, Becca Busch, Gretchen O'Brien, Lillian Easton, Michelle Olsen, Sue-Ellen Kraft, Leah Bauman, Sue Lindley, Erika Kershner, Kevin Campbell, Mary Campbell, Emily Ferguson, Beth Crabb, Tracy Allan, Ingrid Larson-Alexander, Lindsay Murray, Katie Osorio, Stacey Mishler, Rachel Kowalski, Louisa Monger Total: 22

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

- **Welcome:** Terri Guerrero introduced herself and Christine Amsdill as Co-Presidents, Carrie Sanford introduced herself as Vice-President, Becca Busch introduced herself and Tricia Murphy as Co-Treasurers and Gretchen O'Brien introduced herself as Secretary.
- June 13, 2011 minutes were reviewed and approved. Motion made by Ms. Kraft, seconded by Mrs. Olsen and approved by members.
- **Officer's Reports:** Terri expressed her and Christine's excitement at sharing Co-President duties this year. The PTO is seeking community support from parents and teachers to keep events going.
- **Treasurer's Report:** will be presented at next meeting
- **Principal's Report:** Mrs. Olsen asked all members present to introduce themselves as a means of getting to know one another. Lillian Easton introduced herself as Volunteer Coordinator and asked that volunteers contact her should they have interest in helping at an event. Mrs. Olsen offered a huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered. We have had an amazing start to the year!
- **Committee Reports:** **Fun Run 2011** information will be going home with students on September 28th. Students collect pledges to try to reach a goal...students then run, jump and read for 15 minute intervals for this event. Christine Amsdill will coordinate Fun Run this year. Fun Run monies have not been allocated towards a specific event.
- **OPI Field Trip:** This trip for 6th graders will take place October 26-28th. Jefferson would like to make this trip an ongoing tradition. This will be a great opportunity for science learning time as well as being together as a group, teammates and classmates. 6 people have made donations towards this trip. We also have a grant from OPI due to our high percentage of students on free and reduced lunch. An equipment shed with sleeping bags, boots, thermals and camping supplies is in the works for check out by students for future OPI trips. Ms. Bauman is currently checking with retailers on donations for the shed.
- **Books and Beyond:** This is the 9th year of this program, which is a home reading program with rewards for each level attained. When students achieve a level they receive a prize. This year's prizes are pencils, free swim, bowling, Star Video, recess and popcorn passes. At the 6th level, students receive an Applebee's gift certificate and medal at the end of the year. This is a fun event. Christine Amsdill is coordinator.
- **School Pictures:** Pictures will be taken on Thursday, October 6th & Friday, October 7th. Order forms will be sent out soon. Forms need to be returned the day the student's class is having pictures taken. Help would be greatly appreciated.
- **Friday Food Bags:** This begins Friday. We need volunteers and plastic bags for this weekly event. We will need a bin in the office for plastic bags. We are working to make lunch bags as healthy as possible...no pop, candy, cookies. We are also partnering with our sponsor church Lighthouse Christian Center, whose members are collecting juice boxes for the food bags. The Presbyterian

Church will collect fruit cups. This is a great program with a way to meet a need. We need a lead person for this program.

- **10% Back to Schools:** Tomorrow everyone will get info about 10% Back to Schools promotion and volunteer forms for collecting receipts. If you have your Safeway card connected to our school through eScrip we will get a donation to our school based on your previous purchase of Back to Schools items. If you are not linked to a school or organization, a code will print up on your receipts. We can enter these codes and earn money for Jefferson. We will begin collecting receipts at our local Safeway stores beginning Monday, September 19th through Saturday, October 9th. Codes can only be redeemed once. Mrs. Olsen also stated that bringing your children to the stores while collecting is probably not the best idea as it is very busy and we need to be as professional as possible.
- Everything with the exception of a safe has been purchased from the list of items approved for purchase at the June 13th PTO meeting.
- **New Business:** Volunteer opportunities for the near future are as follows: **Open House, Friday Food Bags, School Pics and Fun Run.**
- **Fun Run** water bottles were purchased for \$278.10 with redesigned logo.
- **Announcements:** Katie Osorio spoke as a representative for the Shane Park Playground Committee. Katie presented that Sept 25th will be Family Fun Day from 10:00-4:00 and will feature a car show, dunk tank and things for kids to do. She is looking for volunteers to run games and make bakery items. She will be available after the meeting to speak with interested persons. Mrs. Olsen said different schools will be helping with this event and that Jefferson faculty members Ms. Chang, Ms. Kraft and Mrs. Winn will be in the dunk tank at various intervals from 12:30-1:00. All proceeds go towards the Shane Park Playground Project.
- **Jefferson online:** Carrie spoke about our Facebook page and our new email address: jeffersonwolvespto@gmail.com. This contact information is on our bulletin board.
- **Spring Carnival 2012:** Louisa Monger requested being on next month's agenda regarding Spring Carnival. She would like a co-chair to help with planning and more importantly, execution of the event. April 20, 2012 is the Spring Carnival date.
- **Miscellaneous:**
 - Carrie asked that anyone wanting to be on the agenda to email items to Terri
 - Our website will have meeting minutes and info on upcoming events
 - Jack Slowriver asked if we are still recycling inkjet cartridges...we are...and cell phones as well
 - Mrs. Olsen stated that businesses may also recycle cartridges with us
 - Ms. Bauman brought up Box Tops and soup labels as another way to benefit the school. Box Tops are worth 10 cents each and Labels for Education allow us to accrue points that we can spend on items such as playground equipment
 - Carrie has posted info about Box Tops on our website and information on obtaining extra Box Top credits. Carrie will be working on linking more money raising opportunities/information on our website
 - **Adjournment:** Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30pm. Meeting concluded at approximately 7:20pm.