

Jefferson Elementary School

Parent Teacher Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2016

Present

Anna Keifer, Fair Stirman, Alisha Laetzsch, Tarah Campi, Shana Kreder, Melissa LaCrosse, Myya Saad, Sara Withee, Matt Withee, Paul Terjeson, Pat McKenzie, Rebecca Gokee, Lissa Davis and Joanna Sepulveda.

Review

- **Treasurer Report:** There is \$4,135 in the PTC Account. \$2,000.00 in Carnival account. Most recent deposit was for box tops for \$813.20 for the end of last year's drive and this recent fall drive.
- **Principal Report:** Mrs. Keifer introduced Tarah Campi from Cascades West Council of Governments who was there to talk about the grant for Safe Routes to School.
 - **Safe Routes to School Grant:**

The ODOT-Transportation Safety Division (TSD) announced the call for applications for non-infrastructure Safe Routes to School (SRTS) grants and Jefferson Elementary was one of five school in the State of Oregon to receive this grant this year.

ODOT-TSD had \$300,000 available per year for non-infrastructure SRTS Programs for the following funding periods:

FY2017 (October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017)

FY2018 (October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018)

FY2019 (October 1, 2018 – September 30, 2019)

The goals of the SRTS non-infrastructure program is to increase the ability and opportunity for children to walk, roll and bike safely to and from school; promote a culture of walking and bicycling to/from school and encourage a healthy and active lifestyle; and facilitate the planning, development and implementation of projects for non-infrastructure activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption and air pollution within two miles of the school.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is all about creating safe, convenient, and fun opportunities for children to bicycle and walk to and from schools. This is important for the health and safety of our kids and to foster the creation of livable, vibrant communities. SRTS programs increase physical activity and improve unsafe walking and bicycling conditions on routes to and from school and throughout the community.

Safe Routes to School are needed for the health and safety of our children! And when we provide opportunities for kids to be healthy and safe on their travels to and from school, the entire community will benefit.

Schools and communities have the best chance of success when they combine expertise, resources and program elements that consider the "5 E's of Safe Routes to School": Encouragement, Education, Enforcement, Engineering and Evaluation.

The PTC was able to provide ideas for the project such as where additional signs might be needed, assembly engagement for students and anyway parents, community or the PTC would be interested in volunteering their time for student safety. If you have an interest please let the office know.

To find out more please check out their website:

<http://oregonsaferoutes.org/about>

- **Thanksgiving Boxes:** (Melissa) The PTC provided four complete Thanksgiving dinners and one \$50 gas card for a family with medical expenses. Every family was appreciative and thankful for the warm smiles and open hearts. Thanks PTC family.
- **Bingo:** (Sara) PTC will be having a Bingo fundraiser tentatively planned for March 17th. Dinner will be served – Bingo will be for kids and adults. Raffle basket themes will be by grade and auctioned off. Volunteers are needed – email the PTC. B – I – N – G – O!!!!
- **Movie Night:** (Fair) The BFG (Big Friendly Giant) will be shown on January 20th. Concessions will start at 5:30 with the movie starting at 6:30. There will be red carpet seating awarded for our first class readers – more to come! If Little Caesar's provides the same deal as they have in years past this year we will be selling family dinners. \$10 buys you a large pizza and four drinks – mark your calendar!

- **Zumba:** Rebecca Gokee is a licensed Zumba instructor and currently teaches Zumba at the middle school. She has asked the PTC to sponsor her so she can utilize the middle school for community Zumba – she would charge \$3 a class. PTC agreed - more to come.
- **Circus:** (Heather) Fair for Heather. Date set of May 23rd, 2017. The JMS field is reserved and insurance will need to be covered by the PTC and cost is around \$300.00. If you know of an Albany or Salem business who is willing to purchase tickets to sell please let PTC know and we will advertise them as a community partner.

Upcoming Dates to remember

Next meeting Tuesday January 10th 2016 at 6:00pm

Movie Night January 20th concessions open at 5:30pm Movie starts at 6:30pm