

February 9, 2016 PTC meeting notes

In attendance; Shelley Henderson, Katie Fjeldheim, Marie Thompson, Shana Kreder, Elizabeth Jones, Melissa LaCrosse, Myya Saad, Lisa Hunter, Michael Knudson, Marie Thompson.

- Treasurer report- No updated report as of now, same as last month (\$2,400 in main account and \$2,000 in carnival account).
- Request from Ms. Gokee for \$75 to purchase 36 journals for her class, Mr. Knudson requested \$75 for Mrs. Neys class (if needed) as well. Request was approved.
- Staff gifts for winter were a hit! The candy, popcorn and Redbox movie code were very much appreciated. Liz will bring some ideas to the next meeting for spring gifts.
- Cookie dough fundraiser- Myya & Shana volunteered to stuff parent letters into fundraiser envelopes. Monday, Feb. 22nd four volunteers will be going class to class during supper announcing and explaining the fundraiser and the paperwork they will receive. Our goal is for every student to sell at least 1 item. Each person who sells an item gets a prize. Fundraiser will be closing & orders will be due on March 7th. Processors for cookie dough orders are needed...a sign-up sheet was passed around the meeting but Shelley will contact more people to see about volunteering for processing.
- Candygrams for this year are giant Smarties packs. Myya and Shana have processed the bulk of them already (more than 300) and there are still orders coming in. They will be delivered Feb. 12th.
- Grandparents Day will be March 4th. Four volunteers will be standing at the gates to greet and welcome grandparents for approx. 30 min. while they arrive.
- Super Self Managers - Mr. Lake and Mr. Naugle will be hosting the next SSM party. To try something different SSM will go to the gym for about 45 min where they will get to participate in different fun activities. Mr. Knudson has talked to the teachers about having the criteria to be a SSM be the same for all teachers.
- Movie night concessions- Shaw and Heather weren't at the meeting but all who attended said it went great and looked to be a success.

- SMART reading volunteer program- Marie Thompson first thanked any volunteers that come in on a regular basis. She can see the difference it makes in the kids! Our school looks like it would be a good fit for the SMART Program. SMART (Start Making A Reader Today) Reading Volunteer Program in a nutshell is a program that recruits volunteers from the community to come and listen to kids read for an hour per week. They are screened (background check) by JSD and also the SMART program. The program targets K-3 students and tries to encourage a love of reading early on in children. The volunteers commit to come to the school for an hour per week for the year. In order for our school to have a SMART reading program, we need to have a site coordinator. In the beginning this is a 6-10 hour a week volunteer role while we get set up and then will taper down. The schedule for the coordinator is flexible around their schedule. They do not have to be a parent at the school to be involved. Is this something you are interested in? What about someone you know who lives in or near Jefferson? We would like to submit an application ASAP to be considered to begin next year but can't complete the application until we have a site coordinator. Consider it - this program is awesome!!
- Classified appreciation- Shelley will contact the Certified Staff member who is the coordinator to get the ball rolling for PTC support and involvement of this week that celebrates our amazing Classified Staff.
- Staff dinner- Fair will be coordinating the dinner for our staff during conferences. Dinner will be on Wednesday, Feb 24 starting at 5:00. If staff is unable to break away for dinner, we will have volunteers to deliver plates of food. Game day fare is the theme for dinner. Please contact Shelley or Fair if you would like to bring a fun finger food to add to the spread.
- Title 1 presentation by Michael Knudson- JES has been a Title 1 school since September of 1997. Title 1 funds are provided to low income/high need schools where at least 40% of the students get free or reduced lunches – A little over 60% of our students are on free or reduced lunches. The funding level this year is \$275,493. Funding level previous years: **2014-15/\$276,573** **2013-14/\$294,428** **2012-13/\$325,000**. Most of our funds go towards staffing. We have two full time reading teachers, a full time reading instructional assistant and a ½ time counselor. The rest of the money goes towards materials to support the reading and math curriculum. There is a

separate Title program that supports professional staff development. Some money is set aside for the homeless/disadvantaged and private schools. Title dollars roll over into next year's funds if not fully used. Parents have the right to request teacher qualifications, be notified of non-highly qualified teachers for four or more weeks, request opportunities to meet regularly with staff for parent involvement, participate in decisions affecting their child, review the school's Title I-A plan and make suggestions and to participate in school activities.

The next PTC meeting is Tuesday, March 8th at 6:00pm in Room 24.