

PTA Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2014

Attendees: 15

Volunteer Hours: 100

- 1) Safe Routes to School Presentation
 - a. Tell about the program and status update regarding program status. Local Champion for Jefferson. Schools apply for Safe routes to school. Federal funding. Schools have to apply for it. Have done monthly rock and roll to school days. Bike blender at May Day.
 - b. Golden sneaker contest. Mode chart to track mode to carpool to use active and shared transportation. Award for strongest class. Looking for someone to co-chair the golden sneaker contest.
 - c. Parent survey of standard mode of travel
 - d. Call for volunteer participation to assist with safe routes to school
 - e. Plan to get a newsletter blurb put together.
 - f. Looking at district wide bike to school event
- 2) Berkeley Public Schools Fund: Gave \$6794 to individual teachers; 13 grants to Jefferson. Projects include field trips, math manipulatives, library materials
- 3) 4th grade got PG&E Grant (\$8500); Berkeley Public Schools Fund grant; with those funds the 4th grade will be able to go to camp arroyo. May or may not need funds from PTA (\$2K) currently in the budget to cover final costs.
- 4) Need to assure that funds are planned to send teachers to the Berkeley Pub Schools Fund Celebration luncheon.
- 5) Testing: each school is getting and learning to take tests in chrome books. This year is an anomaly practice year. Scores don't count. Changed testing so its 3rd grade and up. Typing website that kids can use to practice typing/keyboarding. Will send information to the room parents.
- 6) Math Day recap (Jessica Reich)
 - a. Great event. Great for all years. General feeling that kids loved doing math. Put up a sign for teacher's lounge and did the worksheets. Got 4-5 teachers to replicate activities in their class. Tailor the activity to the grades.
- 7) Events
 - a. Art night: Feb 7th.
 - b. Silent Auction
 - i. Currently looking for donations. Range of options
 - ii. Theme is Mardi Gras
 - iii. Looking for helpers
 - c. Math Night—March 14th is coming
 - d. Community Meeting is April 12th. Replace the SGC annual survey. Combining this with the pancake breakfast event with the community meeting. Contact Maggie riddle to get involved.
 - i. Idea of focus group for 4th/5th graders

- ii. Idea of sharing the questions or broad question topics with the PTA at the Feb Meeting or possibly sharing i
 - e. MayFair
 - i. Changed from Saturday to Sunday so that it can be more likely to get people to do events. See if we get different people to come and broader group. Starts at 11 after most church events. Try for this year
- 8) Thank Yous
 - a. Veronique for stuffing envelopes
 - b. Jess reich for book fair
 - c. Mas Honda for math day
 - d. Art night (walmart caldas)
 - e. Laura atkins, Emily castile, Margaret Copeland huge thank-you for directory
 - f. Christina hernandez, Carmen borg: jeffersons and daughters gift drive (helped 17 families)
 - g. Grandwriting committee
 - h. Phil and Magli for giving campaign
- 9) Jefferson Times is happening again. Beginning to be put together. Soliciting entries for grades.
- 10) Volunteer Needs
 - a. Need someone participating to volunteer to learn walkathon for next year
 - b. Need volunteer for safe routes for schools
 - c. Need volunteer for Mayfair food to mentor. Most of the food is donated. First weekend of May and we transform the yard with various sales and events. Need individuals to get letters out to request donations for
 - d. Plan to send out request for volunteers on e-tree, volunteer spot, and so on.
- 11) Budget Update
 - a. Walkathon made more money than projected (yea!)
 - b. Giving campaign... funds are coming in well, ahead by over \$4K
 - c. Ashby lumber event was great
 - d. Moved up silent auction to March 1, so that when we vote in May we can actually have a real budget based on what we bring in from silent auction and Mayfair, not just a hoped for projection.
- 12) Q& A
 - a. What is ELAC? (ELAC was meeting just before PTA meeting); English Language Learner Advisory Council