Jefferson Elementary PTO

April PTO Meeting 2025

April 8, 2025 / 6:00 PM / Media Center

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Admin Update-Ms. Brueske
    - Kinder connect this Thursday, looking forward to meeting new Kindergarten students
    - We are Jefferson night is next week, working on a map to have families know where the events are inside/outside (pizza and bookfair, too)

- Teacher Rep Update –4th Grade
    - MCA testing, thank you for the gum and mints for students
    - Thank you for funding for ice skating field trip

- Conference Meals Recap–Annie
    - Meals were appreciated by staff
    - $65 in donations towards meals
    - Thank you to Annie, Ummies (Erin), John and Jeanne Schlack, and all families who donated and set up

- Budget Update–Erin
    - Approx. half of teachers have used their budget, due end of May (this does not carry over to next year)
    - Budget spreadsheet available to look over (passed around to those interested)

- May Meeting Date Adjustment–Renata
    - Conflict with previous date, moving to May 6

- We are Jefferson Night—Book Fair–Amanda
    - Additional case of chapter books will be offered (feedback was given to help reach older readers and siblings)
    - More volunteers needed, especially with the set up and take down at the end of the night (if families/staff are there towards the end and can stop in and help, it would be greatly appreciated)
    - Vouchers to teachers and media center
        - Additional $5 off $20 for teachers- this is for own money order, not with scholastic dollar voucher

- Carnival Committee Update–Annie/Renata
    - A few changes to games
    - Food and dessert (looking at one new dessert option)
    - Working on donations and family experience packages (looking to narrow down more Mankato area and basket items to use at home such as games)

- Jefferson Jog Chair Update–Erin/Stephanie
    - Stephanie Fischer will be chairing the Jog for the 2025-2026 school year - thank you!
    - A BIG thank you for all of Erin Amdahl's hard work with the Jog planning, fundraising, and exciting activities and celebrations for the students over the past years!

- T-shirt sales—Strategy for Selling
    - Discussion on selling shirts to those who would like additional or for parents/guardians/siblings
    - Ideas on using the remaining shirts for incentive when volunteering or using for the Jog next year for volunteers on the road

- Popsicles on the Playground- Planning–Becky
    - Third year
    - The "why" is to have a fun event for families, students, and staff to meet each other and kick of the start of the school year
    - Looking for someone to join in the planning for 2025-2026 and to take over for the 2026-2027 year
    - Thank you to Becky Bailey for planning the event the past years

- Treasurer Vote
    - Vote passed for John Schlack to become treasurer for the 2025-2026 year

- April staff appreciation - discussion of ideas
- Thank you for all the planning, time, and energy in the yearbook! Order link will be sent out to families. Thank you to Stephanie Drago, Shannon Zika, Lindsey Gramentz, and Ellen Baynes

2024-2025 Meeting Dates
May 6, 2025 (*changed date)

Event Dates
April 10th Kindergarten Connection

April 15th 5:30-7:00 We Are Jefferson and Book Fair

May 29th 5:30-7:30 Spring Carnival

June 5th Last Day of School

PTO Officers

- President - Renata Perrizo
- Vice-President - Annie Kenne
- Treasurer - Erin Amdahl
- Secretary - Amelia Jirak
- Executive officers - Becky Bailey, Sonja Sowders, Amanda Stevens

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