

JPAC MEETING NOTES

Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 6:30pm

In Attendance: Shannon Blasy, Jefferson principal
Katie Condon, JPAC President Shawna Ruple, Restaurant chair
Sarah Hamilton, JPAC Vice-President Lisa Chappell, Concessions chair
Leslie Dean, JPAC Treasurer
Leslie Hamel, JPAC Secretary

Principals's Report: - Jefferson has been busy with scheduling courses for next year. Dow High counselors worked with 8th grade students regarding 9th grade schedules and requirements
- 6th Grade Parent Night happened 1/28 in JMS gym
- Assistant Principal visited elementary schools to talk with current 5th grade students regarding middle school daily life, class choices
- Honors Assembly is coming up, 2/25 - 9am, 11am or 1pm
- Jefferson Jumpstart program continues to show major improvements with students who are failing classes; students meet during lunch with administrators and work on plans to turn-in missing assignments, improve class grades, Example 6th grade improvement 1st quarter, 50% improvement and 2nd quarter 80% improvement in class grades
- "Newsies" Play begins this week! Get your tickets! Some ELA classes have been able to watch the play during school hours

President's Report: 1. **Restaurant Nights:** December, Panera fundraiser did not meet minimum requirement of \$150 (we were \$120.) In addition to newsletter, facebook, website, consider adding student announcements during that week. January A&W restaurant fundraiser received zero orders (snowstorm), so we'll try again another date. Firehouse Subs, Feb. 20. March TBD, possibly a pizza night?, April Buffalo Wild Wing's. Note for future, attempt to align Restaurant Night with February Strings Clinic for 6th-8th grade, reach out to Mrs. Thoms regarding date (pizza?). Chair, Shawna Ruple.

2. **Ski Day.** February 23, 2026. Deadline to sign up is this Friday 2/13. 80+ attendees are currently signed-up. Chair, Sarah Hamilton. Sarah will communicate with all the attendees regarding arrival time and final details.

3. **Teacher request.** Mrs. Hazen will be taking a group of Jefferson Art Club students to the Detroit Institute of Arts in conjunction with Northeast Art Club students. Art Club students are raising funds to help offset busing and admission costs. JPAC will match \$300 in funds to support this field trip. Approved 2/10/26.

4. **Spring Book Fair.** Spring Book Fair will be held 3/9 - 3/12. We've moved the book fair earlier from April as to avoid spring testing dates, also to coincide with 'March is Reading Month.' No school 3/13. Looking to add Teacher Wish List's and possibly condense the book fair schedule during the day so as to avoid 'down time' for volunteers during the day. For future consideration - possibly coordinating with spring play (February) so that evening shopping could be available for families participating or attending school play, otherwise there isn't an evening opportunity for parents to shop the physical book fair. Consider raffle prizes (example: Spend \$20 at the fair, name entered for chance to win gift certificate or Free book marks with \$10 or over purchase, etc.)
Chair, Leslie Hamel.

5. **Concessions update:** Basketball concessions going well. Discussion and consideration on how to most easily create a system for new parent volunteers to staff concessions table for home sporting events (develop 'How-To Guide'). Access to Husky closet?, table set-up?, popcorn machine instructions and cleaning instructions. Coordinate with Tony & Barry - custodial staff for table set-up and Deanna Borkowski for popcorn machine availability. Chair, Lisa Chappell.

6. **Cash Drive.** March 2 - March 12, 2026.. Corporate sponsors have been contacted - waiting to hear back. New envelopes have been printed. Consider creating a sponsorship area in Jefferson building somewhere for sponsor advertisements to be displayed. Envelope stuffing will take place 2/25, 9am in Jefferson conference room. SignUp Genius to go out in Friday newsletter. 2026 Goal is \$25,000 for funds for next school year. Average fundraising goal per student, \$27.59. Expecting to distribute materials on 2/26-2/27. JPAC board will coordinate daily funds collections and counting. Chair, Leslie Dean.

Treasurer's Report: Updated Budget Report was presented and approved.

Other Business: Discussion regarding utilizing electronic kiosk in front of Jefferson to advertise restaurant night fundraisers, book fair, cash drive, et.

Meeting Adjourned. Minutes submitted, Leslie Hamel JPAC Secretary, 2/12/26.

NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday, March 10, 2026 6:30pm @ Pizza Sam's backroom, downtown Midland.**