



Thomas Jefferson Raider Parent Movement  
Supporting the 4As at Thomas Jefferson High School

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TJ RPM General Meeting  
Monday, November 18, 2024, TJHS Commons

Meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm

RPM President Tara Zuehl opened the meeting with an Introduction of this year's board members. Co-President Justin Baas, Treasurer Carina Cline, Secretary Sonja Kropp and Member At- Large, Amy Belcourt.

Justin Baas presented a quick recap of the 2024/25 goals for RPM. **Growth** - TJHS community, family and advisors, **Raise** - funds to drive our mission, **Awareness** - who we are and why we exist and **Active** - 80% active status (attend 4 of the 5 meetings a year). Changes to RPM, Transparency - Balance sheets, Statement of Activities, Meeting Minutes and Governing By-laws are posted to [www.TJRPM.org](http://www.TJRPM.org) after each meeting.

**Secretary Report:** Secretary, Sonja Kropp presented the minutes from the general meeting on September 16, 2024. No modifications or changes were heard. A motion was made to approve as presented, second received and all were in favor of approving the minutes for filing.

**Principal's Report:** Assistant Principal Francesca Bisciglia noted the new morning drop off policy for students, no drop offs in the staff parking lot or over by Health Point. After the students return to school from winter break the school will be rolling out a new hallway tardy policy to encourage student participation and presence in the classrooms. On November 12 many students received new schedules resulting in smaller class sizes. The leadership staff and students are working on Spirit of Giving and are trying to grant all wishes big and small. The winter concert for choir, band and orchestra is on December 12.

**Sports Report:** Winter season started today November 18. Fall Celebrations- Girl's Soccer made it to the first round of West Central District. Boys' tennis is NPSL and West Central District champions. Girls' golfers Adrianna Le and Ema Petrik qualified as individuals for Districts (Spring 2025). State Celebrations-Fiona P. and Angela N. qualified for girls State Swimming. Emily K. and Sasha D. qualified for State Cross Country. Vincent/Jason P. and Sanchit S./Lucas S. qualified as a doubles team for State Tennis (Spring 2025).

**Treasurer's Report:** Carina Cline, Treasurer, noted YOY increase of \$14k or 10% in RPM total fund balance. RPM's newly invested Money Market made \$283 in interest for the month of October projecting an annual amount of \$3,400.

**PBIS:** Delaney Hanon presented Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. PBIS is a school wide system for student success. Acknowledgement of the behavior we want to see in students versus the behavior we don't want to see. PBIS is supported using Raider Recognition tickets to use at the Raider Treasure Chest every Wednesday. The PBIS team meets the first Tuesday of every month from 2:05-3:05 pm and welcomes everyone.

**Spirit of Giving:** Leadership student Clinton Vu talked about how the Spirit of Giving is divided into two categories. Winter Wishes that the student body can request/fulfill and Holiday Helpers that support families in our

community. This program is fully funded through the RPM as ASB funds are not permitted to be used. See last year's video from this program here. [2023 Recap Video](#)

**Grant Request:** Coach Springfield spoke about the grant request he submitted for Girls Flag Football. This is the second year of the sport, and it is not ASB funded or recognized by the WIAA. He is asking for \$500-\$750 to support the program by purchasing gear such as a tent, heaters, jackets, uniforms, helmets, cleats and mouthpieces. A motion was made to approve a \$500 grant for Flag Football, second was received and all were in favor. Grant approved.

**Committee Reports:** Homecoming was a success. Thank you to everyone that helped. Board Development Chair, Tara Zuehl is presenting at the Federal Way Rotary on November 20 at 12 pm. If anyone is interested in helping please contact Tara Zuehl ([RPM@tjrpm.org](mailto:RPM@tjrpm.org)). A Chair is needed for the Scholarship lead. The Social Media Chair is Raegan Baas. She has created and is maintaining the Facebook and Instagram pages for TJRPM. This is to extend our reach and information to the students, staff and community. Raegan welcomes anyone who would like to help.

**Staff Appreciation:** Staff celebration will be held on May 8, 2025. It will be a day-long event starting at 7a.m. and continuing through the school day. Looking for anyone interested in leading this celebration of our staff.

**Auction:** Tom Norris noted that the auction is to be held at Green River Community College on March 8, 2025. Last year the auction raised approximately \$60,000. There are three ways to support the auction, 1. Buy your tickets to the event. \$60 per person, includes a sit-down dinner. So far 40 tickets have been sold and the goal is to sell 250. 2. Donate to the auction. This can be done through clubs, and sports. There were upwards of 300 items donated to last year's auction. 3. Corporate sponsorships, a new way to support the auction this year. [www.tjrpm.org/auction](http://www.tjrpm.org/auction)

**Senior Grad Night:** Amanda Threlkeld and Ashlee Lopez spoke about starting up a Senior Grad Night celebration again. They have a committee of seven so far but need at least ten members. They sent a poll out to students to gauge interest and are discussing fundraising/promotion ideas. They are hoping to keep the cost out of pocket to around \$125 per student. If anyone is interested in being a part of the committee, please contact Amanda or Ashlee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.