



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

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TJ RPM General Meeting  
Monday, September 15, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm

RPM President Tara Zuehl opened the meeting with a reminder to sign in and if your name isn't on the list to please add it. Welcomed all new parents. Talked about having current paid membership to RPM to be eligible to vote. No minutes available for the May meeting. Will vote on May and September minutes at November's meeting.

**Principal's Report:** Assistant Principal T. J. Young noted that the New to TJ/Back to School BBQ was well attended. He made around 300 burgers and hot dogs. They have had the freshman orientation/assembly organized by the leadership team. They also had grade level assemblies and had an all-school assembly coming up. Leadership has been present during lunches to help with student engagement. Schedule adjustments were made, and the district has cut any overload for teachers. The Senior class just celebrated Senior Sunrise with a great turnout, enjoying hot cocoa and cider. Open House tomorrow night from 5:30-7pm. Friday during lunch there will be a Power Hour to promote the clubs at TJ, no advisory that day. September 26th Latino Student Union will host a Hispanic Heritage Fair.

**Athletics Report:** Vice Principal TJ Young noted that the Tennis team is undefeated, Soccer is 1-1-1, Boys & Girls Golf is 1-1, Football and Volleyball both had tough losses 0-1, Cross Country has their first home meet next week on Wednesday the 24th. The Game of the Week this week is Golf.

**Treasurer's Report:** RPM President Tara Zuehl went over the financial sheets including the proposed budget. Overall account balance as of September 4, 2025, is \$161,000. This time last year the balance was \$159,000. At the end of our fiscal year, July 2025, RPM made \$200,423 in revenue. With the overage of \$423, RPM will need to file a 990 non-profit long form; looking for an accountant to help with this or may need to hire a contractor to help with taxes. Tara shared a pie chart showing where fund balances are allocated, \$128,559 Club/Sport specific with the remaining in RPM fund for administration and program funding like scholarships, grants, and specific school wide line items in the budget. Tara introduced the proposed operating budget for the 25/26 school year, discussion was had, motion was made and seconded. The operating budget was approved.

**Committee Reports:** Justin Baas discussed what RPM is, like PTA. Provides support to clubs, sports and activities. All the money raised goes directly back into these programs to support students. RPM is looking for more support and large involvement with committees.

**Auction Report:** Tom Norris spoke about the auction for this school year being held at Green River College on March 14, 2026. Looking for people to back up/support others already on committee. Tom offered to support anyone interested in helping out. It's not too early to start talking to coaches and club advisors about putting together auction baskets for their specific club or sport. Having a parent liaison is helpful for communication purposes.

**Social Media Report:** Raegan Baas is the social media chairperson. RPM has Instagram and Facebook accounts. She is trying to build a team to help support and grow the outreach. This is a great resource to find the upcoming events happening at TJ. Students have expressed interest in volunteering in this capacity and earning volunteer community hours for school projects.

**Officer Recruitment:** Tara Zuehl spoke about the need for incoming officers for next school year. The current board members are in the second year of their term. Ideally RPM would love to see co-positions for president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary. This helps us to share duties and responsibilities for the positions as well as have an overlap of board members year to year. Tom Norris was nominated for at large position on the board for the 2025/26 school year. A motion was made and a second heard. Tom was approved as an at large member of the RPM board. Tara also spoke regarding active status for clubs and sports. This requires a parent, advisor, or coach to be present at four of the five RPM meetings in a school year. General meetings are held on the third Monday of every other month – September to May with the January meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday due to the holiday.

**From the Community:** Coach Mads talked about an upcoming fundraiser for boys and girls swim teams. The athletes will swim for 90 minutes for laps for cash. 150 maximum laps. She will have a Google form with links to donate a set cash amount or a certain dollar amount per lap.

The next RPM meeting is Monday November 17th.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.