



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

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TJ RPM General Meeting
Monday, March 17, 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.

Secretary Report: President Tara Zuehl presented the minutes from the general meeting on February 10, 2025. No modifications or changes were heard. A motion was made to approve as presented, second received and all were in favor to approve the minutes for filing.

Principal's Report: Assistant Principal T. J. Young noted that student led conferences are coming up. SLC's will be an arena style set up on Wednesday/Thursday March 26/27 and by appointment only on Friday March 28. Raider Shout outs start tomorrow, lots of participation from the students and the teachers so far. Grades have been turned in. Multicultural night will be on April 17th and Senior Prom is set for May 9th at Pioneer Park Pavilion in Puyallup.

Sports Report: Athletic Director Courtney McCurry noted that the winter sports season has wrapped up and was very successful. Girls Bowling won state and will be traveling to Fort Wayne, Indiana in early June to compete in Nationals. Girls Gymnastics are the Academic state champions with one athlete, Madison Burt advancing to Nationals in Florida middle of May. Wrestling also had several athletes that competed in state and placed. Spring sports season has started. The home opening softball and baseball games are today on the new fields. Track meet this Thursday.

Auction Results: The auction was a success this year! Made over \$69,000! Had 2 corporate sponsorships, hoping for more next year as this was the first year for corporate sponsorships. Sold the 2nd highest number of tickets at 235. New this year was the Fund-a-Need. Helps provide funds to students/teachers/coaches. The Desert Dash raised \$7000. RPM is in need of committee members for next year. Next year's auction date is set for March 14, 2026.

Grant Requests: DECA-Brandon Tonseth spoke about the students who are trying to go to Bellevue for International Career Development. Board of Directors approved. A motion was made and approved. DECA will receive a \$500 grant. Robotics- Todd Biquist spoke about the Robotics team qualifying over the weekend to go to Districts in Cheney April 2-5. They are taking 22 students. Motion made and approved. Robotics will receive a \$500 grant.

Committee Reports: Justin Baas reviewed how RPM almost went under last year due to lack of involvement. Engagement, leadership, committee members and volunteers are needed to make RPM a success. Asking coaches to start leaning on parents to start being involved. Is ideal to have co chairs for all board positions. If co-

positions are not filled, RPM may need to go dormant. This keeps the 501C3 status active to turn over to a new Board within a time established by the dormant Board.

Senior Grad Night: Amanda Threlkeld and Ashlee Lopez spoke about Senior Grad Night celebration. They need help with volunteers, donations and getting seniors signed up. There are 4 seniors signed up so far and only 1 paid. Trying to get the excitement going for the seniors to sign up. It was asked if the cost may be a factor in students not signing up. Ticket prices go up April 1st. Discussed sign up through QR codes and social media need to be shared. There are 2 fundraisers set up for April and May, Red Robin and Mod Pizza, information will be shared on social media. No sponsorships yet to help with the cost. Transportation contract can change from 2 to 1 bus within 10 days before the event notice is needed. If Senior Grad night doesn't happen, RPM will take the loss of the \$3k deposit. Sarah Tenzler will talk to the senior class. Amanda is reaching out to the company to see what our options are.

Next RPM meeting is Monday, May 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.