



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

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TJ RPM General Meeting  
Monday, November 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. Welcomed all new parents. Talked about having current paid membership to RPM to be eligible to vote. Christopher Gonzalez was nominated a new board member, co-president for the 2025/26 & 2026/27 school year. Motion to approve was made, seconded and approved.

**Secretary's Report:** Sonja Kropp presented the meeting minutes for May 19, 2025. Motion to approve was made, seconded and approved May minutes. The September 15, 2025, meeting minutes were also presented. Motion to approve was made, seconded and approved September minutes.

**Principal's Report:** Assistant Principal TJ Young noted the Trunk or Treat event was a huge success. Hosted over 250 families indoors this year as the weather was too rainy. Looking to continue hosting indoors for next year as well. Music concerts were a success. The winter concert is on December 18, 2025. There was a great turnout for Student Led Conferences. The Spirit of Giving assembly is December 17, 2025. There is a QR code that students can scan to request a wish. The idea is to teach the gift of giving. Student body ASB secretary Stephanie spoke about the Holiday Helpers program. This supports giving small gifts to children. There will be more information sent out with opportunities to donate sent in the newsletter. The deadline for all late work to be turned in is November 19th.

**Athletics Report:** Athletic Director Courtney McCurry noted that the girls soccer made it to the 4th round of the WCD tournament. They had an amazing season! Girl's swimming had two individual qualifiers for state and one relay team. Boys' tennis are WCD champions! Two doubles and two singles are advancing to State in the spring. Cross country had two girls, and one boy qualify to run in the State tournament. Winter sports season officially kicked off today. Girls' bowling started November 3rd and Girls gymnastics November 10th.

**Treasurer's Report:** RPM Treasurer Carina Cline presented the balance sheet and year-to-date financials. RPM balance on 11/14/24 was \$165k and on 11/14/25 the balance is \$180.5k. This is a YOY increase of \$15.5k (9.4%). Auction sales should start picking up and bring in more money.

**Fundraising:** President Tara Zuehl talked about fundraising. There is a pdf fillable form available on the RPM website. Once the form is completed it can be emailed to the RPM at [rpm@tjrpm.org](mailto:rpm@tjrpm.org).

**Auction Report:** Tom Norris, auction chair, spoke about the auction for this school year. Auction is March 14, 2026. Ticket sales are currently open and have an early bird special. Each ticket is \$65 and will go up to \$85 after January 1, 2026. Last year the auction raised just shy of \$70,000. This year's goal is to raise \$75,000. When you purchase your ticket, you get a party code that you can share with friends and family to ensure you sit at the same table. 16 tickets have been sold so far this year. The night will have trivia and an additional third game this year as

well as the popular wine toss from last year. There is corporate sponsorship available this year. It's not too early for clubs and sports teams to be procuring donations for their purpose. Co-president Justin Baas encouraged asking businesses you frequent for donations. They are looking for end-of-year tax breaks. All auction related forms can be found on the RPM website. Please turn in forms as soon as possible, the deadline is February 14, 2026. Please keep items until you receive further instructions on how to package and when/where to drop off items. Looking for an assistant for Carina Cline, the item coordinator. Questions or if you would like to help please reach out to Tom Norris at [tnorris@fwps.org](mailto:tnorris@fwps.org).

**Grants and Foundations:** Chris Gonzalez, committee chair, spoke regarding this new committee. He is looking for some members that can help "do the homework" of researching the money that is available out there. He is currently looking into three possibilities. Schools Out which is focused on the needs of inequity. The Norcliffe foundation is education based and Technology Access foundation that helps to provide tech equipment such as laptops.

**Scholarships:** Chris Gonzalez, committee chair, spoke regarding this launch committee. RPM is looking to take a more active role in scholarships. President Tara Zuehl talked about how this committee is in the early stages and are doing "fact finding" to see how the current procedures and processes can be streamlined.

**Staff Appreciation:** Chris Gonzalez, committee chair, talked about needing help to celebrate the teachers and staff in the spring. Looking for people to join this committee.

**Officer Recruitment:** Co-president Justin Baas encouraged people to get involved and engage in opportunities that interest them. Currently looking for co- chairs in all positions.

**Social Media Report:** Raegan Baas is the social media chairperson. RPM has Instagram and Facebook accounts. There are QR codes to take you directly to the accounts. This is a great resource to find the upcoming events happening at TJ.

**From the Community:** Girl's basketball coach Flip is looking for food donations for his team after their long away games. The girls' and boys' basketball teams just held a fundraising event on Friday the 14th. They played the Federal Way Police Department in a basketball game. Free admission and had a raffle. Over 150 people attended the event. They raised over \$1,000. Music Theater parents shared that there are two upcoming plays in January. Brian Quist, chess club advisor, talked about the need for fundraising for chess club. They currently have a debt to pay back. They would also love to obtain T-shirts for the chess club. They will be hosting a regional tournament on February 14, 2026, at Thomas Jefferson.

The next RPM meeting is Monday January 12, 2026

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.