

SJLES PTA MEETING MINUTES

Date & location: Wednesday, January 6th at 6:30pm, Zoom

In attendance: (12) Diana Choi, Jenna Groman, Dan Notari, Mary Brown, Ward Morrow, John Nichols, Koko Yan, Meg Halvorsen, Alexcia Redd, Dina Zhuravel, Kathy Etheridge, Maria Laskey

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 3th at 6:30pm

AGENDA:

1. Treasurer Report
2. Events
3. PTACHC Update
4. Administration Report
5. Other Business

MINUTES:

1. Treasurer Report:
Kathy noted that there has not been much activity. Statements will be sent out by the end of the week.
2. Events:
 - Restaurant Nights: We have held Glory Days and Chipotle. Kathy has reached out to Ernesto's and Jenna reached out to EC diner, without response. Tara is reaching out to additional restaurants. Diana noted that Chick fil A is not doing fundraisers this year. A decision was made to see what response was from first two Restaurant Nights before planning more.
 - Pottery Painting: Kathy spoke with Pottery Stop who offers 2 pottery painting programs for PTAs. It was unanimously decided to do individual orders, for which Pottery Stop handles all orders and distribution, and the PTA will receive 10% of proceeds. The average item is \$20 but there are items in the \$10 range. There will be a 2-day window to pick-up items – Kathy will schedule with Pottery Stop for mid-February (perhaps before the long weekend).
 - May Day: May Day will not happen this year – while we could consider a virtual silent auction, it is hard to ask for donations this year.
 - Book Fair: Diana will look into another book fair in March – we raised \$500 for the Media Center this fall, but no cash for the PTA.
 - Student Socialization: John suggested the PTA continued to discuss opportunities for student engagement during the continued virtual learning. The PTA decided

to host grade-level zoom meetings for students, with small break-out rooms with parent hosts to allow students to engage with each other. Maria agreed to lead this effort and will put out a sign-up genius for both students and parent hosts.

3. PTACHC Update:

- John Nichols and Ward Morrow shared updates from the recent PTACHC meeting. The BOE and County Council meet on January 11 and the budget will come out on January 21. There is concern about a decrease in school enrolment this year due to COVID, which will impact the next 3 years of budget funding. School capacity has changed since redistricting – SJLES is still over 100% capacity, but significant decrease from last year (which was 118%). There is a lot of discussion between the state PTA and national PTA, negotiating electronic work, elections, and more.

4. Administration Report:

- Mr. Notari shared the administration update. He shared that climate (both staff and kids) is strong right now, and instruction is going well. They are always thinking about how to keep students engaged and ready to learn – teachers are reaching out to families when needed to help them be successful. Staffing projects are being started for next year, and they are looking at the school improvement plan.
- Mr. Notari and Ms. Redd continue to work on providing opportunities to get children together socially with lunch bunches. This month, there will be virtual ‘field trips’ with the Robinson Nature Center – we are piloting a new program for them and are receiving the opportunity for free.
- Middle school articulations are beginning, with orientations next week.
- At home MAT testing will be the 1st and 2nd week of February on Wednesday – more information will be shared soon.

5. Other Business

- The PTA needs a new President for next year – but don’t worry, Diana will continue to help! Mr. Notari is also happy to discuss what is involved and how he can partner with the PTA President. Reach out to Diana or Mr. Notari to discuss further.
- The PTA unanimously decided to move to bimonthly meetings for the remainder of the year. The PTA will meet at the scheduled times in March and May; February and April meetings will be cancelled.
- Link to PTA website: <https://sjlespta.org>
- Follow PTA on Facebook (official notices & events): <https://www.facebook.com/SJLESPTA>
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