

## SJLES PTA MEETING MINUTES

**Date & location:** Wednesday, March 3<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, Zoom

**In attendance:** (24) Diana Choi, Jenna Groman, Meg Halvorsen, Meg Ballman, Kathy Etheridge, Ogechi Ogbolu, Maria Laskey, Amanda Essey, Katia Klein, Mokhtar Akhtari, Dan Notari, John Nichols, Melondy Monestine, Linda Ferguson, Mary Brown, Tiffany Burns, Tara Scully, Sandi Cresswell, Ward Morrow, Simon M., J Polchowski, Eda Senveli, Huemei Yu, Nasr Majid

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

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### **AGENDA:**

1. Event Reports
2. Treasurer Report
3. Upcoming Events
4. PTA Elections for 2021-2022 School Year
5. PTACHC Update

### **MINUTES:**

1. Event Reports
  - a. Diana coordinated the first back-to-school lunch and stocked the teachers closet, based on donations received. The teachers were very grateful for lunch. We will plan more lunches (see more below) and monitor needs.
2. Treasurer Report
  - a. Kathy provided the Treasurer's update. She reported that we received about \$1,500 in donations for lunches, supplies, and more. We have a balance of just over \$20,000, but operating expenses will go up over the next few months due providing lunches, stocking the teacher supply closet, etc.
  - b. A question was posed about whether we have funding to do anything fun for the kids returning to school. We can allocate funds if needed, and we will continue to brainstorm ideas. Mr. Notari noted that the school is all set for recess equipment.
3. Upcoming Events:
  - a. Walking Wednesday: There will be no Walking Wednesday this year due to COVID-19 and the current schedules. It would be too difficult to coordinate for both in-person and virtual cohorts.
  - b. Teacher Lunches: The next will be on March 15 and will be personal hot pizzas. Diana will order the pizzas; Jenna, Meg B, Kathy, Sandi, Mary and Tara are willing

to help shop for drinks and snacks; and Mary and Katia are willing to bring individually packaged drinks. Meg B or Tiffany can help set up. We will need another lunch idea for March 29.

- c. Virtual Hangouts: We did not receive enough interest, but may send out the survey again in April to reassess after the children get settled in the hybrid schedule.
  - d. Spring Event: The PTA discussed whether we should consider another spring event – perhaps similar to the Turkey Trot – in place of Field Day and May Day. Turkey Trot was reported to be a big success. It might be nice to do another before the end of the year to celebrate the nice weather and successful school year.
4. PTA Elections for 2021-2022 School Year
- a. We will hold elections for Board positions for the next school year at the May meeting. An email will be sent to all PTA members to ask for interest. The following members indicated interest during this meeting:
    - i. President – Meg H was nominated
    - ii. VP 1 (Activities) – Maria volunteered
    - iii. VP 2 (Fundraising – Tara is willing to stay in role
    - iv. Treasurer – Kathy is willing to stay in role
    - v. Recording Secretary – Jenna is willing to stay in role
    - vi. Corresponding Secretary – Meg B volunteered
    - vii. PTACHC Representative – John is willing to stay in role. Tiffany volunteered to replace Ward.
  - b. Encourage other PTA members to join the May meeting so that we have a quorum for the election!
5. PTACHC Update
- a. Ward provided an update from the last PTACHC meeting. There was a lengthy discussion about next year’s budget – it is difficult to plan during COVID-19, as we cannot accurately predict numbers. The PTACHC is also planning their elections for next year. The School Board is scheduling meetings with PTA Presidents to build relationships. Also, as announced, school buses now have cameras to capture drivers passing buses illegally and fines will be issued beginning April 1.