

SJLES PTA MEETING MINUTES

Date & location: Wednesday, March 2nd at 8:00pm, Zoom

In attendance: (15) Meg Halvorsen, Mary Brown, Angie Kramer, Jane Fisher, Jenna Groman, Meg Ballman, Tara Scully, Dan Notari, Vanessa Zawodny, Emily Vainieri, Tolly Peddicord, Sara Goggin, Linda Ferguson, Kathy Etheridge, Sandi Cresswell

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 6th at 8:00pm

AGENDA:

1. Welcome
2. Monthly Updates
3. Upcoming Events
4. Principal's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Next Steps
7. Q&A
8. Adjournment

MINUTES:

1. Welcome: Meg Halvorsen, PTA President, welcomed attendees to the meeting.
2. Monthly Updates:
 - a. Thank you to Jane Fisher and Mary Brown for coordinating the Staff lunch during conferences! The PTA received a very nice appreciation email from 3rd grade teacher Ms. Byle.
 - b. Bagel Bin Fundraiser goes through March 14. Meg B is making the advertisement. Jane and Meg H will deliver orders on April 7 - they could use help if anyone is available.
 - c. Hershey Park and Dutch Wonderland tickets are available until April 22. We've sold 45 tickets so far!
 - d. Yearbook orders are due by March 15.
3. Upcoming Events:
 - a. Vision and hearing screenings are on March 23. Amy Leisner (Health Room Assistant) may need volunteers. Jane will reach out to Amy to see what is needed and set up a sign-up genius.
 - b. Bingo Night is planned for April 22. A planning call will be held following the PTA meeting.
4. Principal's Report:
 - a. Staff Appreciation: Thank you to Jane and Meg for providing lunch to all staff during conferences! Mr. Notari is continuing the appreciation events this week

with cookies and milk, SJLES swag, lunch, and more. More than 250 shoutouts were received from the community - thanks for sending those in!

- b. Today is Read Across America Day - the school celebrated with buddy reading activities, Harry Spotter (thank you Ms. Lerner!) and VIP visits from Dr. Martirano and Dr. Ball.
 - c. Masking changes have gone into effect. Thank you to everyone for talking to kids in advance, they all knew what they were supposed to do.
 - d. Mr. Notari shared concern about the walker entrance and safety of kids on Southview Road. Kids walk in the middle of the road, and there is a lot of traffic, and blind spots. He asked everyone to please put safety over efficiency and use the car loop. The PTA discussed ways to make the car loop more enticing, including funny signs and regular visits from Harry Spotter.
5. Treasurer's report: Kathy Etheridge shared that we've had good Hershey Park ticket sales and are still selling spiritwear.
6. Next Steps:
- a. Meg H will reach out to the May Day Team to schedule a check-in meeting.
 - b. A Bingo Night meeting was held following the PTA meeting.
 - c. If any volunteer opportunities are available outside of school hours, please let Kathy know! There are some high school seniors still looking for service hours. Ms. Peddicord suggested helping to make artwork for the art show.
 - d.
7. Q&A
- a. Are field trips happening? Mr. Notari shared that field trips were reinstated as an option, but that not all families are comfortable with this yet. Some teams are beginning to plan for spring.
 - b. Are author visits allowed and of interest? Definitely! Please share any ideas with Mr. Notari.
8. Adjournment: Meg Halvorsen adjourned the meeting.