

SJLES PTA Executive Board Meeting
September 8, 2009 3:30 p.m.
SJLES Media Center

Attendees: *Dana Hemelt, Rose Bullock, Vicky Sarro, Anne Swartz, Laura Munns, Lisa Higdon, Caroline Bodziak, Amy Cargiulo, Allison Anderson, Mary Olds, Brenda Reiter, Krista Suri, Susan Hill, Lisa Scarbath, Sarah Bates, Beth Eisentraut, Kevin Ashman, Terri Gainey, Mary Reif, Pam Piegols, Jeanne Siefert.*

Laura Munns called meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – Dana Hemelt:

- August 25, 2009 minutes were emailed to all XB members. No changes or corrections offered. Minutes were presented for approval. Motion to approve made by Susan Hill. Motion seconded by Amy Cargiulo. All in favor, none opposed. Minutes approved.

President's Report – Laura Munns

- Please check the master calendar for an applicable event dates. Calendar will be sent out via email.
- All committee heads should have received the Committee Head Guide via email.
- By-laws are up for review. If you are interested in helping with this process, let Laura know. Lisa Scarbath volunteered to help.
- There was an issue with registering for Giant Bucks Back – the situation has been remedied and parents may register their card online.
- Youngest and only distribution system going well, despite a few glitches. Some families are still receiving more than one copy.

Principal's and Assistant Principal's Report – Mrs. Sarro and Mrs. Swartz

- Very smooth opening week. Thank you to the parents who helped with morning buses. Some buses are still a bit late, but the situation is improving. No buses are overcrowded.–
- Mrs. Sarro and Mrs. Swartz visited all the classrooms/pods this week and spoke about Howard County policies (no weapons, even toys; safe school; expectations; introductions)
- Bus driver breakfast is October 1st at 9:30 a.m.

Treasurer's Report – Krista Suri

- Taxes are paid for 6/09

- Many teacher reimbursements are being paid out
- A new disbursement request form is in the mailroom on the bulletin board
- Working on creating a receipt to be given to people making donations (for tax purposes)

Committee Reports

- Membership – to date \$2931 in dues; \$378 in donations. 341 members from 209 families
- Entertainment Books – sales are trickling in
- Summer Reading Program – have received 106 logs with a total of 1635 books read. Readers will receive a bookworm charm.
- Family Fun Nights – Discussion of costs of programs and possible new programs. Will move Jaguar Jamboree to January. Possibility of Talent Show in April instead of Bingo. In order to do more programs, budget increase is needed. Motion made by Beth Snyder to increase FFN budget to \$1000. Motion seconded by Sarah Bates. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.
- Volunteer Coffee – Tomorrow at 9:30; expect mostly new Kindergarten parents.
- Market Day – Orders due 9/16, pick up 9/23 between 6:00 and 6:30.

New Business

- Membership – We have not begun the membership drive for staff. Discussion of reducing membership cost for staff. Confirmed that we can charge different amounts for membership. After discussion, motion made by Lisa Scarbath to make staff membership dues \$4.00. Motion seconded by Beth Snyder. All in favor, none opposed.
- Survey – results attached. Discussion of the possibility of opting out of fundraiser participation by making a direct donation instead. Possibility of putting membership online so people can join electronically. Overall satisfaction with PTA is high.
- Suggestion made to note the next few events at the bottom of any email communication.
- Sarah Bates proposed the idea of a gala fundraiser, similar to local preschools. Discussion tabled until future meeting.
- Lisa Higdon suggested discussing the possibility of holding PTA events for fathers (i.e. Donuts for Dads). Discussion tabled until future meeting.

Unfinished Business – none

Meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Dana Hemelt