

SJLES General PTA Meeting October 14, 2015

Attendees: G. Bock, J. Gales, A. Jackson, Mrs. Sarro, Ms. White, Ms. Cummings, Ms. Hughes, Ms. King, R. Cohoon, P. Schickler, Ms. Harkness, Ms. Hill, Ms. Kirshenbaum, Ms. Coffey, P. Muniandy, E. Teachey, J. Pollitt, C. Hammill, D. Oli, Ms. DeVincent, Ms. Siefert, A. Nahee, Ms. Kirby

Greta Bock called the meeting to order at 3:35pm

Approved meeting minutes from 9/1/15 PTA meeting

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support) – Ms. Poirer and Ms. King

- Team comprised of teachers from classroom, related arts, administration, etc.
- Meets monthly
- 61 incidents in SY 2014-15 – occurring primarily in classroom and cafeteria
 - o In SY 2015-16, only 3 incidents school-wide, with 0 in cafeteria
- PBIS team trained over the summer; attend statewide training
- Discussed Homeroom lunch seating and related benefits, with “open seating” for grades 2-5 on last day of the week
 - o Improved relationships in classroom
 - o Safety
 - o Focus on lunch/eating

Staff Demo on iPads – Ms. Hill, Ms. Harkness, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Cummings, Ms. Kirby, Ms. DaVincent, Ms. Kirshenbaum, Ms. Coffey

- Classroom discussions are interactive, by iPad “mirror-ing” to PC and shown on projector
- Apps – math, reading, science, weather (nearly all found on on-line parent support page, Canvas)
- Rotation schedule within the classroom for tests and practice on iPad
- Kindergarten Readiness Assessment
- Extra educational support (eg., language arts multiple times per day) doesn’t seem burdensome to kids that require the additional support – more fun
- Listen to stories/books, learn complex words
- Used in classrooms and related arts
- Assist with English language learning

President’s report

- Bylaws presented, waiting for approval
- Dr. Foose coming to SJLES on November 4th
- Student proposed a Buddy Bench on the playground – need someone to coordinate
- Membership and donations only at 45% compared to budget

- May Day Chair found!

VP's report (J. Cosgrove & R. Cohoon, presented by G. Bock & R. Cohoon)

- Committee positions mostly filled, except Cultural Arts and Silent Auction for May Day
- Turkey Trot coordinator found!
- Spirit Wear coming soon
- Restaurant fundraisers soon

Principal's Report (Mrs. Sarro)

- Thank you for condolence basket

Treasurer's Report (K. Althouse, presented by G. Bock)

- Reminder to Staff to request \$

Committee Report

- Family Fun:
 - o Back to School Luau was a great turn-out, Kona Ice was positive addition
 - o Next Event is Jaguar Jamboree in late January 2016

Meeting adjourned at 4:38pm. Minutes submitted by Allyson Jackson