

SJLES General PTA Meeting September 1, 2015

Attendees: G. Bock, J. Gales, A. Jackson, E. Francia, S. Rao, R. Cohoon, T. Jensen, E. Carvalho-Kane, K. Althouse, K. Hukmani, T. Wang, K. Kendrick, J. Simering, S. H. Yoon, J. Ozcan, J. Meckes, R. Kurstin, J. Cosgrove, S. Kang, M. Marshall, J. Taylor, A. Buckler, P. Shickler, A. Baer, K. Nichols, S. Kurian, A. Kimack, P. McQuay, D. Cook, K. Clark, M. Fichter, T. Shaileh, P. Yalakki, L. Taduri, E. Teachey

Greta Bock called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

Introduction of PTA Officers

President: Greta Bock
1st Vice President: Jodi Cosgrove
2nd Vice President: Robin Cohoon
Treasurer: Kris Althouse
Recording Secretary: Allyson Jackson
Corresponding Secretary: Joanne Gales

Welcome and President's Report (Greta Bock)

- Gave an overview of the SJLES PTA and why important to join
 - Table at front door to sign up
 - SJLES Directory: explained its purpose and importance of not restricting your contact information
- Gave a summary of the events PTA sponsors (e.g., School and Grade-Wide Assemblies, Author's Visit, Staff Appreciation, Field Day t-shirts, Back to School picnic, Walk to School, etc.)
- Need May Day Chair

Treasurer's Report (Kris)

- Presented the 2015/16 School year budget
 - Break down of budget
 - Total projected income: \$26,100
 - Total expenses: \$36,100
 - Savings account: \$10,000

Approval of Budget

- A motion to approve budget was put forward by Joanne Gales, a second by Jodi Cosgrove.
- Budget was approved by all; no one opposed.

Amend Bylaws for 2nd Vice President definition

- A motion to approve the bylaws for the 2nd Vice President position definition was put forward by Amanda Buckler, a second by Jodi Cosgrove.
- Amended bylaw for definition was approved by all, no one opposed.

Principal's Report (Mrs. Sarro)

- Introduction of county's Vision 2018
- App for Howard County Public School System now available on iTunes and other sources
- Emergency notices now delivered via text and/or email using the contact information provided to HCPSS Connect registration.
- Twitter account for SJLES: @hcpss_sjles. SJLES also has a Facebook account.
- Twitter account for HCPSS Superintendent, as well as blog
- Overview of HCPSS Connect: holds Synergy (for student records) and Canvas (collaboration system for parents, teachers, and students)
- Importance of Family File through HCPSS Connect: replaces the emergency contact card. Takes 10 minutes to complete. Asks for 100% completed by Friday (9/4).
 - Login and password issues – contact SJLES front office

Asst. Principal (Ms. White)

- Testing/assessment overview (eg., MAP – given 3 times during year, PARCC – shortened this year by 90 minutes and given in one session vs two sessions last year, CogAT)

Guidance Counselor (Ms. Poirer)

- Behavior Hierarchy
- Bullying policy review.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm. Minutes submitted by Allyson Jackson