

**SJLES General PTA Meeting  
December 14, 2016**

Attendees: K. Althouse, A. Jackson, J. Gales, V. Sarro, D. Taylor, S. Williams, M. Fichter, A. Baer, A. Brooks, A. Buckler, T. Rippeon, A. Skellchock, A. Muirhead, P. Schickler, R. Okun, K. Thomas, M. Pisca, N. Hill, L. Martinez, A. Collin, P. Hughes, P. People, C. Roy, K. Coffey, C. McWatters, S. Alter, C. Eassa, C. Harkness, A. Craig, T. Peddicord, D. Ebbe, S. Fauver, L. Momodu, A. Jorquera, M. Lagoueyte, M. Schropp

D. Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:32pm

Approved minutes from 11/9/2016

Vice President's Report (D. Taylor)

- Call for Nominations for President: M. Schropp Nominated by K. Althouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Fichter, vote approved
- Author Visit: reviewing possibilities and related expense; exploring one additional recommendation
- Family Fun (update from A. Muirhead): Jaguar Jamboree on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> (snow date Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Adopt the Staff: Staff Appreciation sign-up genius needs volunteers for March, April, and May
- Science Fair scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- PALS (Parent Assisted Learning at School) – volunteers are needed
- Misc. party prizes received, and will be used at PTA sponsored events --- more are welcome!

Treasurer's Report (M. Fichter)

- Budget update provided. Membership revenue exceeded \$8,000
- Teacher support funds still available.

VP's Report (K. Althouse)

- Chef Paolino's fundraiser tonight
- Book Fair scheduled for March 6-10; Read-a-thon pending final approval
- May Day: Volunteer coordinator needed; contact A. Brooks or K. Althouse
- Teacher of the Year and Principal of the Year nominations are being sought, submissions due in mid-January

County PTA Council Representative (S. Williams)

- January 31<sup>st</sup> public hearing on proposed budget
- May 4<sup>th</sup> public hearing for budget changes
- May 11<sup>th</sup> public hearing on the operating budget
- May 25<sup>th</sup> Board scheduled to approve the budget

- PTAHC Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be asking each school's PTA representative to provide a position. Motion for SJLES PTA to abstain from the vote, Motion: S. Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup>: J. Gales.

#### Principal's Report (Mrs. Sarro)

- Staffing updates: Health Assistant starts on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>; Current openings in custodial staff, with interviews in process; Night Chief moved to a different building and position is open; Kitchen Manager expected to continue to be out; Mrs. Seifert hopeful to return in January
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents: Patapsco Middle School info night on Jan 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; Dunloggin info night TBA
- Construction continues with progress being made.
- School Start Times: Please vote and express thoughts for the options for school start times. Options include maintaining current start times or three new start time options.
- The First IEQ (Indoor Environmental Quality) walk through with the county team occurred in November. Ms. Redd, Parent Representative, and School Staff Member were included in the walkthrough. No major findings during the walk through; findings were at building custodial and maintenance level and not deemed significant. Next walk through will be in the Spring. Any IEQ reports will be available on the school website.

#### New Business

- Next PTA meeting is scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup>; request received to hold a meeting on or around January 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Food Services: inquiry to Ms. Sarro regarding our school's need. Ms. Sarro to explore the request.
- Assigned seating at lunch. Free choice seating to begin again as part of Positive Behavior Initiative.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm. Minutes submitted by Allyson Jackson