

SJLES General PTA Meeting September 6, 2016

Attendees: G. Bock, A. Jackson, K. Althouse, J. Gales, J. Cosgrove, V. Sarro, D. Taylor, I. Nnoli, L. McManamy, E. Porter, J. Porter, S. Alter, A. Marshall, D. & S. Knickelbein, D. Stotler, O. Elam, S. Shane, A. Baumer, R. Sturm, G. Raithatha, P. Goha, T. & R. Ruth, Z. Abdella, A. Skellchock, J. Simering, A. Baer, R. & M. Thompson, E. & S. Burrell, S. Moskowitz, N. Donley, S. Saxer, S. Kay, V. & E. Smothers, M. Moschel, L. Rosman, T. Wang, M. Chang, D. & C. Easter, J. Garrett, C. Ritter, J. Ravolsky, K. & K. Longo, K. Murdock, P. Mizrahi, M. & E. Mason, V. Barth, T. Stevens, P. Kumar, B. Ivey, C. Storer, K. Lord, M. Bissell, H. Kwan, M. John, A. Akella, V. Emani, J. gu, Y. Cho, J. Taylor, K. Drummond, N. Gable, S. Berma, M. Raftery, J. & A. Mabee, M. Berger, S. Xavier, M. Gahunia, R. Mehna, B. Flynn, Y. Burke, S. & D. Luck, E. Lanthier, K. Kendrick, S. Belcher, J. Ferguson, V. Liyann, S. Kudithipiedi, Y. Mallaiyan, D. Chinnan, S. Burrell

Greta Bock called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Introduction of PTA Officers

President: Greta Bock
1st Vice President: Denise Taylor
2nd Vice President: Kris Althouse
Treasurer: Megan Fichter
Recording Secretary: Allyson Jackson
Corresponding Secretary: Joanne Gales

Welcome and President's Report (Greta Bock)

- Overview of the SJLES PTA and why it is important to join
 - Table at front door to sign up
 - SJLES Directory: explained its purpose and requirement that parents "Opt In" and allow their information to be shared via Family File on HCPSS Connect, in order to be included
- Summary of the events sponsored by PTA (e.g., School and Grade-Wide Assemblies, Staff Appreciation, Field Day t-shirts, Back to School picnic, Walk to School, etc.)
- Local development meeting on Monday, September 12th 7:00 re: development proposed behind Upton Road
- Need volunteer for Walk to School day in October
- Jaguar Jamboree has been moved to February
- If 385 members (excluding staff) join PTA by October 31st, students earn a dance party at school
- Need May Day coordinator volunteer

Treasurer's Report (Megan)

- 2016/17 School year budget presentation, including:
 - Total projected income: \$25,800
 - Total expenses: \$31,395
 - Savings account: \$5,596

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 adults opposed.

Principal's Report (Mrs. Sarro)

- Introduction of Mrs. Alexia Redd, SJLES new Assistant Principal
- SJLES Mission and Vision updated this summer
- Email news: School news, HCPSS news, Emergency notices
- App for Howard County Public School System available for Apple and Droid products
- Emergency notices delivered via text and/or email using the contact information provided to HCPSS Connect (Family File) registration.
- Twitter account for SJLES: @hcpss_sjles.
- Twitter account for HCPSS Superintendent, as well as blog
- Facebook account for HCPSS
- HCPSS Connect: contains 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 ASAP.
 - Login and password issues – contact SJLES front office
- School Wide Behavior Expectation: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready to Learn
- Bullying policy review
- Student Led Conference – pilot program in November with select teachers, March conferences will include all teachers for this program; the last 5 minutes of the conference will be reserved for only parent and teacher to speak.
- Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ) Team: every school in HCPSS will have a team. At SJLES, includes HCPSS coordinator, School Team Leader (Mrs. Redd), Nurse, Chief Custodian, Staff Member, Integrated pest management representative (on call), parent representative – PTA. The team will be trained to perform two walkthroughs as a team during year, with a summary report of the walk through. Results will be posted on the SJLES website. Teachers will also perform quarterly checklists regarding IEQ.

Asst. Principal (Mrs. Redd)

- Testing/assessment overview

- MAP – given 3 times during year in grades 1-5 beginning Sept. 26th
 - PARCC – state exam for grades 3-8
 - CogAT – for grades 3 and 5 in December
- NGSS Science Curriculum (nextgenscience.org)
- Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA) – replaces Science MSA
- New HCPSS Interactive School Menu app (hcpss.nutraslice.com)

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm. Minutes submitted by Allyson Jackson