

SJLES General PTA Meeting April 20, 2017

Attendees: V. Sarro, A. Redd, K. Althouse, A. Jackson, J. Cosgrove, D. Taylor, M. Fichter, P. Schickler, S. Bade, J. Kendrick

D. Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:40pm

Approved minutes from 1/10/2017

Treasurer's Report (M. Fichter)

- Funds remaining for teacher support, awaiting receipt submission from teachers
- May Day upcoming

Vice President's Report (D. Taylor)

- Meet & Greet
 - o Saturday, April 22nd 5-8pm at home in Valley Mede
 - o Get to know other parents and learn more about how to be involved
 - o Recruit for PTA positions: President, 2nd Vice President, and committee chairs
- Next PTA meeting scheduled for May 10th – time TBD
- Teacher Appreciation Week: 1st week of May
- Korean Parent Education Seminar on April 27th at Ellicott Mills Middle School – see PTA Facebook page for details

PTAHC (J. Cosgrove)

- Redistricting:
 - o New elementary school being built , providing 788 seats. Current 16% complete.
 - o Redistricting will occur at elementary level
 - o Attendance Area Committee members needed from 6 planning regions to represent their areas, with chance to be part of redistricting process.
 - Committee meetings held June through August 2017
 - Must sign up by April 28th
 - Register at hcpss.org/schoolplanning/process
 - o Information session at Wilde Lake on 4/25 and at Howard High on 4/27
 - o 10/3: Superintendent recommendations
 - o 10/26 and 11/7: BOE Hearings
 - o 11/1, 11/2, 11/4, 11/9: BOE work sessions
 - o BOE action on November 16th

- County Councilman Kittleman is postponing a decision on allowable amount of overcrowding until the next cycle, and will not submit any changes to APFO that will limit building in overcrowded area.

Committee (K. Althouse, P. Schickler)

- May Day
 - o Need class basket items for silent auction!
 - o Mrs. Sarro will approve message to be distributed to school families
 - o Food permit with county – Cub Scouts will grill hot dogs to benefit Cub Scouts; pizza will be inside
 - o Po, Darth Vader coming
 - o More rides than ever before!
 - o Ticket sale flyers were distributed this week, with pre-orders due April 28th
- Restaurant Nights in May at Glory Days

Principal's Report (Mrs. Sarro)

- Construction update:
 - o “Substantially complete”
 - o Fully functional space, exit and entrance doors, landscape is complete.
- Keep eye on school calendar for updates or changes for the remainder of the year

Special Guest (Donna Tolman – Ambassador for Maryland College Savings Plan)

- See enclosed presentation
- Maryland529.com

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. Minutes submitted by Allyson Jackson