

**SJLES General PTA Meeting
February 8, 2017**

Attendees: M. Schropp, A. Jackson, J. Gales, V. Sarro, M. Fichter, A. Redd, A. Muirhead, M. Lagoueyte, L. Soto, S. Alter, K. Nagy, J. Moon, B. Taylor, P. Piegols, R. Okun, K. Thomas, N. Hill, S. Williams, K. Althouse

K. Althouse called the meeting to order at 3:35pm

Recognition of Award Nominees

PTA spoke about each nominee and presented them with flowers

- Mrs. Tolly Peddicord – nominated for HCPSS Teacher of the Year
- Mrs. Sarro – nominated for HCPSS Principal of the Year
- Mrs. Rachel Okun – nominated for ABC2 News Teacher

Approved minutes from 1/10/2017

President's Report (M. Schropp)

- Volunteer Appreciation
 - o Family Fun Committee for Jaguar Jamboree
 - o May Day Committee, including Silent Auction
- Piloting a PTA Calendar to link to PTA Website
- Boosterthon Planning Committee:
 - o 10 people expressed interest, only 1 attended the planning meeting.
 - o An additional meeting to be scheduled, with hopes of gathering additional input.
 - o Not going to impact May Day
- Survey Results:
 - o 155 responses, was provided to all PTA members that receive PTA email
 - o Most popular methods of communication: fliers and newsletter
 - o Preferred methods of communication: Email blasts and fliers
 - o PTA exploring the ability to attend the meeting virtually
 - o Events: Book Fair/Ice Cream Social has highest percentage involvement, with May Day a close second
 - o Suggestions received for future PTA meetings, including topics related to certain audiences
 - o Survey results will be shared

Vice President's Report (K. Althouse)

- February 22nd: Chick Fil A – earn 20% of sales; must have flyer
- March 15th: White Oak Tavern – earn 10% of sales
- March PTA meeting may be rescheduled

Committee Report (A. Muirhead)

- Bingo Night on March 24th
 - o \$1 per child
 - o Snack
- Book Fair March 6th – 10th
- Ice Cream Social on March 7th or 8th – to be confirmed

Principal's Report (Mrs. Sarro)

- Construction update:
 - o Good progress, benefiting from good weather days
 - o Correcting varying widths in steel beams
 - o New sidewalk/concrete and brick siding outside 2nd grade area
 - o Expect additional 4 weeks of construction
- Mrs. Pisca is on leave, seeking a long term sub
- Interviews next week for night custodian supervisor
- Kindergarten registration at end of the month, and is administered by the school, rather than PTA.
- Parent conferences on March 9th and 10th – expect to see sign ups available in a couple weeks. These 15 minute conferences are for those with concerns or questions regarding math, with the child's math teacher.
- Family Fit Night on February 23rd
- Ms. Redd: MAP reports expected to be sent on February 17th; COGAT reports mailed on February 23rd (5th graders) and March 6th (3rd graders)
- Testing season starts in March – 5th graders for Science and other testing after Spring Break

PTAHC Update (S. Williams)

- Allowing Public to speak at the 2/16/17 Planning Board meeting with Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO)
 - o PTA position is requesting the APFO to consider high school tests and lower capacity threshold before approving development
 - o February 16th meeting at Planning Board Meeting
- Public Work Session III on Superintendent's Proposed FY2018 Budget on February 14th at 1pm
- National PTA Statement issued on Betsy DeVos appointment
- Maryland PTA meeting in Annapolis on 2/9/17

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm. Minutes submitted by Allyson Jackson