

SJLES PTA 1/10/18
Meeting Minutes

Attendance: John Nichols, Megan Fichter, Lisa Soto, Kelly Kendrick, Jeff Kendrick, Pamela Piegols, Pallavi Guha, Emily Kirshenbaum, Pam Schickler, April Baer, Stacey Williams, Jeanne Seifert, Amanda Buckler, Alexcia Redd, Vicky Sarro, Susan Alter, Pam Paramahamsan

John Nichols called the meeting to order at 3:34.

President's Report (John Nichols)

- There is a need to adjust the budget for school supplies needed by staff.
- Minutes from previous were reviewed. Lisa Soto motioned to approve the minutes and Jeanne Seifert seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report (Megan Fichter)

- Team leaders have expressed need for supplies. Ideas were discussed regarding where to cut budget to fund supply need. There was a proposal to cut Field Day budget to \$3500 from \$4000 to cover costs. Amanda Buckler and Pam Paramahamsan will look for 3 quotes to price Field Day t-shirts to see if this is feasible.
- The PTA had budgeted \$1700 for supplies but that money has been spent with more supplies needed.
- Pam Schickler and April Baer will organize a supply drive to ask families for donations of supplies before we begin cutting budget.
- Each grade will send out information to parents regarding supplies that are needed.
- John Nichols confirmed that everyone supported this strategy before making budget cuts.
- Mrs. Sarro wants supplies to be distributed fairly rather than each team getting more based on donations.

Vice President's Report (Pam Paramahamsan reported for Jodi Cosgrove)

- Jaguar Jamboree is scheduled for January 26, 2018. A sign up genius will go out for volunteers. February 2 is the make up date.
- There was discussion about moving the date to February to 2 due to a half day on January 26. (Follow up: the date remained January 26)
- There are no cultural arts programs scheduled yet. Only fourth grade team leader has responded to request for program suggestions. Teams should contact Jodi Cosgrove with suggestions/requests.

Vice President's Report (Pam Paramahamsan)

- Book Fair is scheduled for March.
- It was suggested that we sell leftover fidget spinners at the Book Fair.

Principal's Report

- Spelling bee is January 11, 2018.
- This month there will be a walk through with central office staff. Follow up regarding building concerns will be on school website.
- January 22-26 is the Great Kindness Challenge.
- Thanks to the PTA for nominating Mrs. Peddicord.

Vice Principal's Report

- Testing season has started.
- Ell tests January 8 through February 9. Parents have been notified.
- MAP opens January 29-February 23. Testing will probably start with first and second grade.

PTAC Report

- John Nichols expressed concern about collecting and sharing student public health programs.
- The superintendent has a term length of 4 years.
- Howard County transfer tax rate reduction for teachers to live in county was discussed.
- APFO proposal to have a school facility surcharge for any new construction.
- Jeff Kendrick added that PTAC is active on Facebook. Governor Hogan's Accountability of Education will be discussed at next PTAC meeting.
- Lisa Soto noted that the next Bethany Glen meeting is scheduled for the end of February. She also noted that there is concern over location of high school 13.
- APFO is up for new legislation in 2018. Our area is considered an established community.
- January 16 is the next testimony opportunity regarding APFO.
- There is a traffic study on Route 99. Residents should send complaints and concerns.
- There will be a BOE meeting with Elkrige community to discuss high school 13.
- Megan Fichter expressed concern that redistricting could be a concern again next year.
- Mrs. Soto shared that a public hearing on budget will be held on January 30. Proposed cuts are drastic and the budget did not include funding for a new high school land purchase.
- January 20—coffee and conversation with BOE.
- Superintendent would like all schools to have a social worker on staff.

Notes

Pam Schickler inquired about car pool stickers for car loop. Mrs. Redd suggested contacting Mrs. Poirier for a sticker.

John Nichols adjourned meeting at 4:27.