

SJLES General PTA Meeting September 18, 2016

Attendees: J. Nichols, K. Kendrick, P. Guha, P. Paramahamsan, B. Wachter, A. Ivory, M. Fichter, L. Chinthapally, S. Pasha, A. Sudireddy, H. Birch, H. Moore, J. Moore, S. Shen, W. Shen, S. Cho, S. Moskowitz, M. Moskowitz, J. Sibley, B. Grenier, M. Priimak, D. Techathuranan, S. Patel, M. DeSimone, V. DeSimone, K. Kreyling, K. Kreyling, K. Nordhote, M. Nordhote, L. Barrick, T. Barrick, E. Mason, M. Mason, L. Tittsworth, M. Tittsworth, S. Hastings-Hauf, J. Kingsley, M. Kingsley, J. Stevens, K. Capelle, D. Choi, D. Cook, D. Singapalli, A. Davis, M. Cho, E. Clow, M. Cho, S. Kovvuri, M. Wang, S. Qaivi, H. Yonky, N. Kandel, C. Plank, J. Plank, R. Sapkota, E. Taylor Ng, S. Poudel, S. Ryo, S. Kandel, E. Porter, P. Mackin, O. Ogbolu, M. Abraham, N. Ogbolu, T. Zhao, O. Adger, T. Mei, A. Herr, A. Olchowski, J. Olchowski, E. Francia, J. Collins, A. Hetzner, L. Stepanek, C. Thompson, B. Honza, M. Rafferty, A. Brooks, J. Rothenberger, A. Caldwell, L. Marquess, C. Marquess, G. Veakatesan, N. Subramamian, S. Enaganta, S. Binu, E. Burrell, S. Ritter

John Nichols called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Welcome and President's Report (John Nichols)

- Overview of the PTA and why it is important to join
 - o Stay informed, make your voice heard, connect with parents, redistricting information
- Summary of events sponsored by PTA and what the PTA provides
 - o T-shirts for Field Day, enrichment programs, staff appreciation, family events, etc.
- Fundraising opportunities
 - o Membership dues, direct donations (bronze, silver, gold level incentives), May Day, Book Fair, Box Tops, Restaurant Nights, Memory Book sales (46% of our fundraising earnings is from May Day; 38% of fundraising earnings is from membership/direct donations)
- Money raised from fundraising will be spent to give grants to teachers, purchase color printers, and purchase laptops for classrooms
- Next PTA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11

Treasurer's Report (Megan Fichter)

- 2017/2018 school year budget presentation, including:
 - o Total projected income: \$24, 350
 - o Total projected expenses: \$ 29, 945
 - o Savings account: \$5, 595.55
 - o Stressed need for Silent Auction volunteers as this is a large part of projected income
- A motion to approve the budget was put forward by Pam Paramahamsan and seconded by Pallavi Guha
- Budget was approved by all; no adults opposed.

Principal's Report (Mrs. Sarro)

- We want children to feel excitement and joy of knowledge. "This is their right to learn all they can."
- SJLES Mission and Vision stated
- SJLES is in the Top 25 Public Schools in Maryland according to NICHE
- Stevenson University named SJLES "School of the Year" for our character education program
- Importance of Family File was stressed. All files must be updated ASAP.
- Parents can access classroom information through Canvas.
- Bullying Policy Review was given

Asst. Principal Report (Mrs. Redd)

- New behavior management system has been put in place of the clip chart. 1, 2, 3 Magic is being used across the school
- Assessment overview was given: 1st grade will begin MAP testing in late September, MAP is given 1st-5th grades but 3rd-5th will not take MAP in the spring due to PARCC testing