

## **SJLES PTA MEETING MINUTES**

**Date & location:** Wednesday, December 14 at 8:00pm, Zoom

**In attendance** (26): Meg Halvorsen, Jane Fisher, Tiffany Burns, Emily Vainieri, Jenna Groman, Angie Kramer, David Bridges, Phaedra Larner, Candace Knott, Nina Philipsen, Dan Notari, Pay Liam Lim, Mary Brown, Avanti Shetye, Katie Coffey, Linda Ferguson, Sandi Cresswell, Seba Kurian, Colleen Burnett, Jenn Devine, Marianne, Chinedu Agbakwuru, Shelly, Stef Oh, Tara Scully, Corinne Plank

**Next Meeting:** January 11, 2022 at 8:00pm, Zoom

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### **AGENDA:**

1. Welcome
2. Board of Education Update
3. Monthly Updates
4. Current / Upcoming Activities
5. Education Enrichment Grant Program Update
6. Treasurer's Report
7. PTACHC Update
8. Principal's Update
9. Adjournment

### **Minutes:**

1. Welcome: Meg Halvorsen, PTA President, opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.
2. Monthly Updates:
  - a. We had a fantastic Turkey Trot last month! Thanks to Mary Brown, Linda Ferguson, Christine Den Herder and Marianne for leading - and to the many volunteers!
  - b. 234 toys were donated to Toys for Tots through the Toy Drive! Thanks to Ashley Callaway for organizing!
  - c. Original Works orders were sent home last week. Thanks to Jane and Mary Brown for spearheading and all the volunteers and teachers for making it happen.
  - d. The PTA provided staff meals during conferences. Thank you to Mary Brown, Brittany Gutierrez and Vanessa Zawodny for organizing!
  - e. HCPSS Central Office replaced the bike racks in the back and front of the school!

- f. We are looking for a new vendor for the spring Spirit Wear sale - thanks to Linda Ferguson for leading! A member suggested looking for something with jaguar print.
  - g. The October survey proved that people like PTA events! The calendar is full this year, but we'll look at the new ideas and think about what/how to plan for next year.
  - h. The PTA is evaluating school supply boxes - there are many companies and different types. Ordering deadlines are generally late June / early July.
- 3. Current / Upcoming Activities:
  - a. The next Restaurant Night is Yama Sushi on December 21! We'll also have Honey Pig Hot Pot on January 26 and All American Steak House on February 6. Thank you to Jenn Devine for organizing such yummy ideas!
  - b. The Read-a-thon will kick off in early January with Cozy Reading Night. Thank you to Vanessa Zawodny and Sandi Cresswell for organizing, and the many teachers who volunteered to read!
  - c. Multicultural Night is coming up - thanks to Stephanie Errera, Amber Drenner, Tara Scully, and Jane Fisher. Please sign up to participate!
  - d. Book Fair will be in March - thanks to Emily Vainieri and Sandi Cresswell for organizing!
- 4. Education Enrichment Grant Program Update
  - a. This new PTA program provides discretionary funds to teachers and staff to enrich and enhance student experiences at school. \$3,200 was allocated in the budget.
  - b. 5 applications were received and the grant committee met to review applications in November. The committee approved Mrs. Foster's application for a class set of ukuleles, 5 applications received. This directly benefits all students, enriches experience and has direct curriculum impact. They have already been purchased!
  - c. The committee recommends a budget adjustment for an additional \$1,100 to enable the grant program to fully fund a second project - an application submitted by Ms. Larner for carpets for all first grade classrooms.
- 5. Treasurer Report
  - a. Candace Knott provided an update on income, expenses, and budget status. Expenses over the last month focused on teacher and team support, motor room improvements, Turkey Trot expenses, staff appreciation, and spot-o-gram store prizes.
  - b. Candace outlined a budget adjustment proposal to address the Education Enrichment Grant Program committee's recommendation. Tara Scully motioned to approve this budget adjustment and Sandi Cresswell seconded the motion. 19 members voted 'aye' and 0 members voted 'nay.' The motion passed and \$1,100 was reallocated to support the second grant approval.
- 6. PTACHC Update:
  - a. Nina Philipsen shared recent PTACHC updates, also captured in this [Google doc](#).
  - b. The county shared a [safety and security update](#) and discussed the types of lockdowns.

- c. HoCo by Design is ongoing. It affects school planning, which affects us - we need to be an advocate for schools when it comes to development. Everyone has until January 16 to submit comments.
- 7. Principal's Update:
  - a. Mr. Notari provided a safety and security update. SJLES has received new locks on all doors, including interior doors, and new doors were installed today for pods without doors. The school is always working to balance safety with being warm and welcoming - but safety comes first.
  - b. Buses and times are working well right now.
  - c. Concert season is coming up - everyone is doing great!
  - d. Today's staff meeting focused on how staff know our Jaguars. They list all students and discuss how well they know them all. They are working now on a plan to improve with students with less engagement.
- 8. Adjournment: Meg Halvorsen summarized feedback and adjourned the meeting.