

SJLES PTA MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date and location: Wednesday February 7, 2024; Zoom

Board Members in Attendance: K. Brewer, C. Buzzerd, C. Agbakwuru, C. Matthews, S. Day, S. Ingle., S. Kurian, D. Notari

Agenda Item	Minutes
<p>Call to order Approval of December 2023 and January 2024 Minutes</p> <p>President's Report (K. Brewer)</p>	<p>Called to order at 8:02 pm Approved by acclamation</p> <p>Had some very successful events including Read-a-Thon in January. Thank you to all those that helped make RAT a success. Exciting events upcoming in February and beyond. I attended a parliamentary training with PTACHC last week and am planning to attend Free State PTSA legislative reception in Annapolis on 2/15.</p>
<p>Principal's Report (D. Notari)</p>	<p>Parent-teacher conferences ongoing. Thank you to all PTA volunteers including staff appreciation State report card was issued, went from 5 stars to 4 stars but still performing well in terms of percentiles (87 percentile, up from 86 last year). Additional data collection upcoming including Job satisfaction survey going out to teachers and staff.</p> <p>Student report cards are available.</p> <p>Proud moments were shared about how the students continue to uphold the values of the school.</p> <p>Employee appreciation week upcoming, link to be sent to community to highlight teachers who are doing a great job. Please fill out as many shout out surveys as you can.</p> <p>Discussion about proposed budget and how it might impact elementary schools. Impacts are mostly on GT classes and orchestra.</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report (C. Mathews) -financials -Budget amendments</p>	<p>Reviewed financial reports - preliminary report is Read-A-Thon netted around \$12K. This would bring the PTA revenue to a \$4K surplus at this point in time, however we are not yet ready to allocate this surplus for additional spending until we have better projections for May Day and silent auction fundraisers.</p> <p>Budget amendments were suggested by the treasurer and were approved by unanimous vote of the members present. The amendments were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Increase Staff Appreciation category total from \$7,200 to \$7,700● Increase Family Fun category total from \$10,690 to \$11,190

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase Student Activities category total from \$9,775 to \$10,694, earmarked for the 5th grade committee. ● Add a line item under income for the National PTA Healthy Minds Grant- \$1,250 ● Add a line item under Community Programs for the Healthy Minds Grant- \$1,250
PTACHC Report ()	
<p>Ongoing Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. National PTA Grant and needs assessment survey update (S. Sherry) b. Enrichment grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PTA grant team is still planning some great activities for the Healthy Minds program. More details to come. b. No additional grant applications at this time. We might be able to offer an additional grant if funds allow later this year.
<p>Committee and Event reports (various)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Read-a-thon b. Bingo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Multicultural night will be 2/22. An excellent and exciting line up of performers, presentations, and tastings. Performae b. RAT- raised >\$15000, >700 minutes, >330 readers. A number of SJLES participants were entered into the nationwide drawing for a Disney World Trip. One participant per grade was randomly selected to have a trip to the prize store at the school. Students were able to use their "RAT bucks" to buy prizes from the RAT system . 2025 readathon date was selected (for now) 1/13. Thank yous to staff, media team, participants, parents, and everyone who helped make RAT a success. c. March - sushi; April - shopping day at Clark's Ace Hardware. One more for May TBD d. Staff appreciation - parent teacher conference meal on 2/7, courtesy of Amazon wish list donations. January - hot cocoa bags. End of Feb - planning teacher appreciation week in May e. Book fair - posters are coming out. Busy planning for book fair starting 3/14.

