

Julian PTO Meeting - Draft

Date: Tuesday, October 19 @ 7:15pm

Attendees:

David Gullo– PTO President	Jennifer Alten - PTO Vice-President
Sanjay Patel - Co-Treasurer	Susan Raphael - Communications
Jamie Howe - Co-Treasurer	Mariannell Bassett-Dilley - TA at Julian (Help for Julian PTO)
Renee Merrill - Outreach	Gail Gearhart
Kate Walz - DivCo	Jean Dawson - Secretary
Breanna	Meredith Farster
Gina Demes	Lindsay Gaskins
Principal Christian	

Agenda/Minutes:

7:18pm Call to Order/Welcome

1. Approval of [September's Meeting Minutes](#)

- a. Approved

2. President's Report

- a. Will have to push off some fiscal discussions until our next meeting

3. Principal's Report

- a. 8th grade, group red was able to eat together in the commons today -- was smallest group to try to get kids more together, but maintain social distancing
- b. Support needed from community groups for Shield testing -- tomorrow it will occur during PE since it's a J day (Wednesday, Oct 20th) - get the word out
- c. Working with superintendents - how to use lockers, how we can phase that in (as winter will bring heavy coats and boots, etc.) -- locks will be \$6

d. Discussion of 3 issues:

i. Bullying & bad behavior on buses

1. How should the PTO respond when we hear about things? How can we direct them?
 - a. Tag Mr. Christian in and direct them to the school Facebook group
 - b. Call or contact Mr. Christian and Ms. Carr (new role as culture and climate)
 - c. Keep the communication open and transparent between PTO exec and Mr. Christian

2. Did parents bring it up on any of the calls last week, Mr. Christian?
 - a. There have been some issues, but they are few
 - b. Did not know about anything on the bus

ii. Lunch time logistics & shortness of eating time

1. There is enough time for lunch, however there were some things the staff didn't follow and it hopefully has been corrected
2. Each student has 22 minutes to eat and the other time is spent outside -- which is by design so that their masks are off a limited time and ensure they can just eat (not talk)
3. Will there be any hot lunch choices? Not been discussed yet at the district

iii. Update/Discussion of in-school activities (such as PTO lunch and winter carnival)

1. Not quite ready for that level of opening of the school
2. No issue with events outside the school (parking lot or field, with correct approval)
3. Principal Christian would love to bring the lunch back and will be bringing it up at a meeting next week

4. Finance Report - Discuss later or over email

a. 2021-22 Budget Review

b. Request for PTO grant for SWIVL - does not need a vote?

5. Updates from Committee Chairs

a. Diversity Equity Inclusion (Kate)

- i. New co-chair - Lindsay Gaskins -- welcome!
- ii. Building Heritage Month calendar -- in conjunction with the culture and climate coach for D97
- iii. PTOC Coat Drive - Start collection on Oct 25th and will pick it up at the end of the week, will be checking within families in our own district to make sure we are getting them where they are needed
 1. Info will be coming out in Principal Christian's newsletter on Friday
 2. Would love help getting the word out as well -- share via basecamp for the newsletter and eblast

b. Fundraising

- i. Sign Sales - have 100 signs (cost \$7/each) - Sold 6 (\$20/each) officially, but have more interest, trying to work out how to identify -
- ii. PTO Donations? Will reach out to treasurers

- iii. **Dine Around Town**
 - 1. coming up next week at Q
 - 2. was in the newsletter and will do an email blast

- iv. **Direct Appeal - [Doc used by Irving to create publicity/understanding PTO funds](#)**
 - 1. **ACTION:** Who can help put something together like the Irving sheet?
Committee to get this going?
 - a. David
 - b. Susan
 - c. Jamie/Sanjay - we need a treasurer
 - d. Any marketing folks/volunteers? David and Susan to look thru the list
 - 2. Would like to get something out for the end of the year giving season

c. **Events**

- i. **PTO Dinner for Teachers - Thursday evening**
 - 1. Received quotes for options - selected Versatility catering offers a lovely dinner with chicken and rice with vegetarian/vegan options
 - 2. Did a signup genius for beverage and snacks -- lots of people signed up and items have been received

- ii. **Winter Carnival Planning**
 - 1. Maybe at Ridgeland?
 - 2. Ideas, thoughts, comments on how we could plan this event?
 - a. Maybe wait until spring when we could do it outside
 - b. Considering 11 yo kids can't be vaccinated yet and we have to be concerned with keeping families safe

d. **Spirit Wear Update**

- i. Teachers have asked how this will work - they might like some stuff
- ii. Right now, we partner with Shabby Fly - order on demand, link is on the PTO site
- iii. We are planning on exploring other options to purchase to provide equitable options for students and staff
- iv. Can we possibly sell spirit wear at events?
 - 1. we would have to keep an inventory and provide the initial outlay

6. **Old business**

- a. Continue putting on skating events?
 - i. Unless we have volunteer coordinator -- get more people to assist
 - ii. This last one we collected funds, which was tricky as some paid online and some at the door
 - iii. Ways to make it more successful if we did want to continue

iv. Focus energy on larger events, ones that more kids can come to

7. New business

- a. Something to bring up with Mr. Christian -- would staff come to any of the Julian future events?
- b. Gail is going to check out the Brooks event at the end of October to see what they are able to do to assist us in our events
 - i. Not done by PTO, it's done by the Bravo Board
- c. Acknowledge Gail for all her work with the last several events!!! Thank you so much!

8. Adjournment - 8:33