

Julian PTO Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 21 @ 7:15 pm

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 - Skate night (help for the Julian PTO)
Kate Walz - DivCo	Lisa Cohen - Secretary
Renee Drew	Jean Dawson - Secretary
Amy Nadeem	Gina Demes
Stephanie Bailey	Yann Robert
Timothy Walsh	Venus Hurd Johnson
Sonay Andonov	Josh Chrisman
Andrea Troolin	Joy
Curtis Cox	Katie Trathen
DaToya Burtin-Cox	Lindsay Gaskins
Eduardo	Lisa Wister
Emil & Ana	LK

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Agenda/Minutes:

7:17pm Call to Order

1) Welcome from President and Vice President, & Introductions

- a) Explanation of what PJMS PTO does & why we need parent's support
 - i) Jennifer - Volunteer run. Last year pivoted with the pandemic for the Julian Cares program, gift program grant. This year we need to merge pre-pandemic and all the great support from this last year. We need YOU to make this happen.
 - ii) Received a lot of interest and would love for you to come in to pick something up, big or small!!
 - iii) Send in suggestions for PTO events, etc. Volunteer to run your suggestion
- b) We do have an opening for co-president

2) Principal Christian's Report

- a) School year has started very well, everyone likes being together in the building. Things are different, but seeing each other makes a difference. Block scheduling is different, sometimes lunch is right after the first period. "J" day flies by. There are some bumps and bruises and some changes we could make.
- b) Shield testing is every Wednesday -- texts will be sent out Tuesday night -- some changes made since this started and it's increased the # of students who received the test
 - i) Students cannot have anything to drink or eat an hour before the test -- so help get the students to eat before school and hold back on any gum or candy.
- c) Student celebration video coming up soon, which will highlight some students
- d) Curriculum night happened -- it was about 2.5 hours -- some issues with zoom links
- e) Parent/teacher conferences coming up -- Student focused, student based, you will have an opportunity to participate, it will be virtual and you will need to sign up. Will open it up to parents with a student not performing in a particular subject as well first to sign up.
- f) TikTok issue -- he is proud of the students after he put his foot down at Friday at noon - things have been returned soap dispensers, clock,

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garbage bags, etc. Students and parents made a massive impact on owning their mistakes and make apologies.

- i) Note: did not say he would not supply soap or took it out of the restrooms, however if students took it, it took time to replace and refill. If it was taken down there were 2 options: a) soap in the hallway so they could be seen or b) at the office.
 - g) Question to Mr. Christian: Parents wants to help or organize events for kids. Can we do things inside? Or outside? Would love your guidance.
 - i) Outside is a great option and would support.
 - (1) Are there capacity limits? Break it down by grade?
 - (a) Yes, breaking it down by grade would be possible and more beneficial.
 - ii) Inside can be problematic.
 - iii) Later conversations with Mr. Christian
 - (1) Lunch side program for kids -- Firehouse Subs and Dominos Pizza
 - (2) Cast had a program that you had to preregister for that was a huge success
- 3) Faculty Report (the "T" in PTO) - Update on Clubs, Sports & Faculty Sponsored After-School Programs - Tim Walsh, Nathan Rodrigues, Domain, Mariannell Bassett-Dilley
- a) Working on volunteers to have the Robotics program -- kick off/interest meeting on Friday, plan for smaller teams
 - b) Would love assistance on getting info on the PTO Facebook page when posters are put up in the school about programs
 - c) Art Club is starting up on Thursdays from 3:35 -- we need to get the word out on this club to get more interest - you do not need to be in an art class -- all students welcome - there is a permission form
- 4) Update from Committee Chairs
- a) Communications Committee - Jennifer Alten, Susan Raphael
 - i) Responsible for newsletter, please send info to them to get it added to the newsletter
 - (1) Parents - please read the newsletter!
 - (2) If you can recommend a way to disseminate info, please let us know

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- ii) Note: Facebook page is not run by the PTO
- b) Volunteer Committee - Gail Gearhart
 - i) We want your info and what events you might want to help with
 - ii) Collected over 100 signatures on the back to school day - thank you!
- c) Diversity Committee - Kate Walz
 - i) We need a volunteer for committee co-chair
 - ii) Developed an equitable process for input and decision making (who benefits, who is left out, what did we fail to consider, has everyone been given input?)
 - iii) Events - last year did an art event and black lives matter week, support efforts of social justice club
 - iv) This year - will be building a calendar of events for all of Julian
- d) Wellness/Jayhawk Support - Meredith Farster
 - i) Last year - we could help families directly with small donations to Target, CVS. There was a confidential process to apply and receive the gift card. Over \$6-7,000 in donations for families in need and is now a part of our fundraising for this year.
 - (1) Do teachers recommend? How are people identified?
 - (2) Meredith worked with the social worker and there was a qualification form -- reach out to Meredith for more details
- e) Fundraising Committee - Gina Demes & Renee Merrill
 - i) Sale of Julian Signs - have a quote, need approval
 - ii) Dine Around Town - First one is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29th with Surf's Up -- it's an all day event with 10% of the proceeds going to the PTO
 - iii) Update on Lunch program - no update just yet on this
- f) Fundraisers Meeting for PTOC - Council
 - i) Last night, Gina and David met with the PTOC for Fundraising
 - ii) Click to donate technology has made a difference in raising funds and will roll out a formal approach, but you can always donate and it's very appreciated
 - iii) Biggest fundraising event is the lunch program
- g) Programming & Events - Gail Gearhart
 - i) Skating at Ridgeland Common - in discussions with ice rink, and we have an event to reschedule from last year and they have offered the following date: Monday, October 11th from 1:30-3:30

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- (1) More kids will be allowed this year on the rink
- (2) It is on first come, first served basis

5) Finance Report - Sanjay Patel and Jamie Howe

- a) Early in the fiscal year (August 1 - July 31st)
 - i) Expect to raise \$28k in revenue
 - (1) Were very conservative budget for amounts we can raise
 - (2) Some things have not been factored in such as the Julian yard signs and Dine Out
 - ii) But if we want to do all the great things we want to do will cost \$53k
 - iii) Not much in actual spend just now
- b) Scrolled thru the budget and it really highlights a lot of the events and programs that the PTO puts on at Julian so that we can assist with funding for teacher events or supplies
- c) Question: Do teachers need to go thru the principal before they request funds before asking the PTO?
 - i) Stipend for \$300 per team and it is a line item in the budget and those may not need to be approved by the Principal
 - ii) There is a volunteer who will be reaching out to teachers -- teacher outreach
 - (1) Teachers can reach out to the treasurer email: percyjuliantreasurer@gmail.com
 - (2) Is there any formal communication for new teachers? No, but it's something we should probably consider
 - iii) The executive board does need to discuss a grant program that involved Dr. Fitzgerald
- d) Question: Considering a movie night at Barrie park like Irving recently did, how do we get that reviewed and added?
 - i) Present to the PTO Board
 - ii) Email: percyjuliantreasurer@gmail.com
 - iii) Email: ptojulian@gmail.com

6) President's Report

- a) Commented throughout the meeting :)
- b) Key issue for PTO, executive board, what will we be pushing in terms of programming and events -- what can we begin to plan right now, that can

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take place outside -- we need YOUR help to put our heads together to get this going

- i) There is an exec group called Basecamp to get some of the discussions going to present any events or fundraising items
- c) Next PTO executive meeting: October 19th

7) Old Business

- a) Approval of the last public meeting minutes [here](#) (May 5, 2021)
 - i) Motion to approve
 - ii) Approved

8) New Business

- a) Exec Board - need your assistance to reach out to folks that said they had interest in to get that going and get them integrated into the PTO!
- b) Need assistance for Teacher Appreciate -- Lindsay Gaskins (lindsay.gaskins@gmail.com) volunteered to run, is new and needs some direction. Yay Lindsay!!!
- c) Suggestion from chat: Bingo night or trivia night

9) Adjournment

- a) Motion to adjourn at 8:20 -- approved!