



Jackson Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes - April 2024

Date and Location: April 4, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at Jackson Library

Meeting Called to Order By: Jamie Shaieb at 6:36 p.m.

Attendees:

President: Jamie Shaieb
Vice President: Hanna Calleri
Treasurer: Shawna Hook
Secretary: Christina Simpson
Financial Secretary: Jamie Williams
Room Parent Coordinator: Stacie Roberts
Community Team: Adaria Torres
Principal: Michele Williamson
Cheryl Gutierrez
Courtney Thayer

Welcome & President's Report: by Jamie Shaieb

Review of the meeting minutes from March 2024.

MOTION: Stacie Roberts makes a motion to approve the March 2024 minutes. Adaria Torres seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

A couple weeks ago, Ben Glickman and Jamie attended the El Dorado County School Boards Association awards banquet. Jackson PTO, Walk with Austin, the CSD, and the Rescue School Board were recognized for their completion of the new all abilities playground at Jackson. It was a lovely event and we are grateful for being recognized for all the time and effort that was put into this project. Michele and Ben spearheaded this project. Thank you so much for all the hard work that was put into making this playground happen.

On March 12, 2024, the PTO Board unanimously approved via email vote \$4,450 to finish the sensory pathway on the blacktop by the school garden. The pathway was completed over spring break and can now be enjoyed by all.

A majority of the 2024-25 board positions have been filled. We are still looking for a vice president or a couple of people who would like to handle the job jointly. If anyone knows of a

candidate, please contact Hanna or Jamie to discuss the role. We are also looking for someone to design the Friday Folders for next year.

Fifth grade room parents are busy working on promotion ceremony plans and end-of-year parties. Only two months to go!

Financial Report: by Shawna Hook

March fundraising was astronomical! We received \$102,000 in income from the Gala, plus \$24,550 from the Gala fund-A-need. Other miscellaneous income included \$49 from script/marquee and \$172 from spiritwear.

March expenses included \$31,000 for Gala, \$1,838 for science fair, \$1,431 for a garden greenhouse, and several smaller miscellaneous amounts.

The current bank balance is \$226,074.

Principal's Report: by Michele Williamson

We went over the teacher's wish list for the 2024-25 school year. The amounts and categories are largely the same as last year. Several additions include \$2,000 for garden items, \$2,000 for a new dance floor, \$500 for recorders, \$700 for recorder "karate belts" and \$3,000 for Brain Pop Jr. The teacher's wish total is \$60,100.

State testing will be the last two weeks of April. Classes are preparing now. 4th grade pioneer day is April 5. The talent show will be in the first week of May.

Michele will be retiring at the end of the 2024-25 school year. Discussion regarding possible legacy projects. Details TBD.

Committee Reports:

Dining for Dollars: by Jamie Shaieb for Kelly Brenk

Sky Sushi is going to deliver the check from last month's event to the office. Steve's Pizza was also a success. We raised \$191 at that event. The next event will be at Chipotle on April 10, 2024. Flyers will go out in this week's Friday Folders. The final event for the year will be at Relish Burger Bar in May. A location we have not finalized, but are working to add is Crumble Cookies.

Room Parent Coordinator: by Stacie Roberts

Teacher appreciation week is coming up May 6-10. The theme is "Destination Appreciation." The email is set to go out to parents. We could still use more parent assistance with TAW.

Gala: by Hanna Calleri

Gala was a huge success! We raised over \$100,000. When you add in the fund-A-need the total is around \$125,000, which is amazing. Big thanks to Hanna for taking on the enormous job of putting the gala together.

Science Fair: by Jamie Shaieb for Danille Rios

We had 25 entries, which was down from last year's 50+. We had more than 25 participants though, since a handful of projects were worked on by 2+ kids. We had an abundance of help with judging, and everything went very smoothly that day. The only unfortunate thing was the lack of entries.

I've been told that many families found having it the day after the JAG performance, leprechaun trap making, and being close to S.O.S, made it so that many of the older kids did not participate. Since everyone liked the idea of having it separate from the Family Science Night, we'll make sure that they are in the same month, back to back weeks.

New Business:

Cheryl Gutierrez presented regarding the art program she has been doing with the Jackson classes. Cheryl went through the art curriculum that she has been teaching and presented examples of the art the children have created. Each class gets 5 classes throughout the year, beginning in late-October after the dance programa wraps up. The classes go to the art room for varying lengths of time, depending on their grade level. This year, Cheryl was given \$12,000 from the PTO for her art classes. She is asking for an increase of \$2,000, or a total of \$14,000 for next year. This matter was taken under submission and a decision will be rendered at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the library

Meeting Adjourned: by Jamie Shaieb at 8:37 p.m.

Minutes compiled: by Christina Simpson, Secretary