

John Adams Middle School PTSA

ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting date: November 14, 2008

Meeting called to order: by Becky Turk at 6:35 p.m.

- I. **Presentation:** Introduction to Santa Monica High School. Presenters included Dr. Hugo Pedroza and representative house counselors, house principal, college counselors, activities director, Math and English department chairpersons, and students. They showed a video produced by students for incoming freshmen, described Samohi curriculum, programs, student activities, departments and the House system. The panel also answered parent and student questions.
- II. **Business** PTSA business part of the meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m.
- III. **Approval of minutes** Dorie Meek moved to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2008 meeting as presented. Joe McLaughlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report** Becky Turk presented the treasurer's report and transaction report through October 31, 2008. Dorie Meek moved to accept the treasurer's report and transaction report as presented. Joe McLaughlin seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- V. **Safely Ever After** Pattie Fitzgerald of Safely Ever After has completed the presentations about avoiding child predators to the John Adams students and staff. This program was funded by PTSA.
- VI. **JAMS Gazette** Jams Gazette will go green, ceasing to send paper copies home to all families. Instead it will be published on the web, with links from JAMS PALS and the school website. PTSA will print copies for the office and parent meetings. PTSA will also mail copies to those families who request it.
- VII. **Field Use** Becky Turk reported that there have been requests from Santa Monica High School to use the field for men's soccer from 3:30-5:00 p.m. There has also been a request from Santa Monica College Women's Softball to use the field starting February 10th for their games. There are three games that start before the end of the JAMS school day. PTSA has asked for a district representative to come to the next PTSA meeting in January to discuss field use.
Principal Martha Shaw spoke with the Superintendent about outside field use. There are currently no written agreements about outside field use. The Board of Education is reviewing policies for any outside use of school facilities during the school day.
There was a discussion of the need for a written policy on this matter.
- VIII. **Parking** for parents for JAMS events. The city of Santa Monica and Santa Monica College have agreed to not issue parking tickets between 14th St., 18th St., Pearl and Ocean Park on evenings with large school events. This will be announced for each event in JAMS PALS prior to the event.
- IX. **Jogathon** has a chairperson and will be held on April 3, 2009.
- X. **Next PTSA meeting**, January 15th, will feature a presentation of BB bond construction plans for the entire campus. This is an important meeting for parent input.
- XI. **Comedy Night** is scheduled for Saturday, February 7th.
- XII. **Student Store** is now offering \$5 gift cards.
- XIII. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by Alison Buell

February 2, 2009