

# General PTA Meeting Notes – January 10, 2024

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Around 21 attendees

Started at 7:05 pm

## General Reminders:

- Name yourself in Zoom to list your name, grade and teacher of child(ren)
- Open Forum for questions as we go through topics – and will have time for questions at the end

## Principal Update

- Thanks to Mrs. Rezik for joining meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Special Education teacher
- Beginning of calendar year has started well – thanks for working with delayed opening today

## Secretary Report

- Minutes posted each month at stcloudpta.com
- Motion to approve and seconded
- Participants approved minutes from December meeting
- December meeting was with Special Guest Mrs. Berg, Math Supervisor

## Treasurer Report – Brian provided updates

- General overview of financials
- Jaguar Jog is our big fundraiser in the spring
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## Presidents Update

- Gaga Pit is installed – some additional work being done on it
- 12 A/Cs purchased last year – installation still under way
- Jersey Care Coat Drive was a big success – thanks for the generosity!
- Continuing to update ideas of where PTA can add improvements
  - Rugs
  - Laminator Rolls

## Ways & Mean

- Family Skate Night is Friday January 19 6:30 to 8 pm
  - Free for St. Cloud families
  - PTA members get free skate rentals (otherwise \$5 for skates)
  - Sign up is required
  - Volunteers needed for check-in etc
- St. Cloud Stars Talent Show February 23
  - Mr. Price confirmed date
  - More details and logistics will be sent out soon
  - Looking forward to St. Cloud kids to show off their talents (2 minutes each)
- Jaguar Jog – April – BIG Fundraiser
  - April 15<sup>th</sup> is Kickoff Pep Rally

- Theme is World Changers (inventors, etc)
- Final Run is Wednesday April 24 – Parents are encouraged to attend

### **Cultural Arts**

- January 31 – Author assembly
- Jubilee Choir and Step Team planning in progress

### **Membership**

- Current membership is 154 – goal is to get over 206 (last year’s numbers)
- Remind your friends to join PTA – never too late and the dues are used for our kids

### **Diversity Council**

- Coordinated Gift Drive – we were able to support more than 25 families across the district
- MLK March on Jan 15– former St. Cloud parent Matt Dragin is involved all are welcome to join
- Black History Month events being planned
  - Question about BLM at School Week –
    - Programming may be slightly different than previous year
    - District level is reviewing curriculum for BLM at School week
    - One parent brought up concerns about the formal BLM at School Week format and curriculum – and that it may not be suitable for the St. Cloud elementary community
    - This year, the committee is focused more on Black History Month with past, present, and future African American figures instead of the BLM at School program
    - All are welcome to join Diversity Council to discuss BLM and Black History Month- next meeting is January 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm
  - Will also be having a forum to discuss BLM and Black History Month items
- Lunar New Year – Feb 10<sup>th</sup>
- Ramadan – March 10
- Local Musician Carl Brister joined to discuss Love & Unity Week
  - May 13-18
  - Love and Unity Fest started in 2016 – to share love through the arts
  - This year, Carl is sharing information with parents for elementary schools as there are themes for each day of the week
  - Flyers will be sent out
  - Last year, St. Cloud started “Chalk the Walk” – to express what Love and Unity means to you
    - This year, this will be done as Chalk art throughout the town
    - Will be a partnership with St. Cloud Diversity Council
    - Ms. Rezik is the advisor for Student Council and Safety Patrol – they can help partner to get the word out too
      - Would also be open to partnering with PTA and Diversity Council to have Student Council and Safety Patrol to connect in programming

### **5th Grade committee**

- Jan 17- Family Dine Out Night @California Pizza kitchen
  - Can order online with the code from Wednesday folder
  - Bring flyer
- Spring Plant Sale in April/May

- 4-6 other fundraisers being planned
- March 14 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
  - Going to Medieval Times
  - All 5<sup>th</sup> graders will get T Shirts
- Yearbook efforts are underway
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade parents will have actions to take to share photos from the last 6 years (watch out for emails)

#### **ASP**

- Spring program is being finalized
- Parent volunteers still needed (and get early chance to register)

#### **Spirit Wear**

- February 23 will be Spirit Day (students wear your red/white or St. Cloud gear)
- Online store is open

#### **Q&A**

- Valentine's Day event will be open to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents – school coordinates and details will be sent out

**Meeting ended at 7:58 pm**