



Emerson Junior High School PTA
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Emerson PTA Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Start time: 6:00pm

I. In attendance:

Rich Hedman, Kalin Watkins, Sara Niyati-Haddadan, Kaci Walsh, Mike Dufresne, Brianne Leymaster, Kristine Cohen, Kate Sedillo, Ms. Nayyar, Ms Shoemaker

II. Approval of minutes from January meeting: Motion to approve January meeting minutes made by Kaci Walsh. Motion second be Kristine Cohen. Motion carries- minutes approved.

III. Principal's Report – Mr. Dufresne

- Thanks for the coffee and treats last Wednesday!
- New Attendance Secretary - Isabella Hernandez
- ihernandez@djud.net - 530-757-5430 X 10. Office hiring complete.
- Request for help advertising Department Basket support
- Spring Teacher Grants?
- Planning for next year, anticipate slight cut in FTE and Counseling support
- CRS (Course Request Sheets) are in and now counselors can determine the anticipated numbers for courses for next year.
- Game Cameras installed for night surveillance
- Irrigation repairs have left some areas with open trenches on campus
- Starting to develop our 2025-2026 Site Plan which will focus funds on supporting campus culture initiatives and programs

IV. Teachers report

- **Mr. Hedman/ Shoemaker (Science)**
Tectonic plates/ where is nuclear waste stored
Natural resources
Biology: finished chemical reaction unit
What plants do/photosynthesis
- **Ms. Nayyar**
Rebuilding the recycling program at Emerson
Garbage bins/organic bin/ plastic bins
Reaching out to parent volunteers to help manage bins during lunchtime



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V. **Sara Niyati-Haddadan President Report**

- Attended advisory superintendents meeting
- Cheers for Volunteers celebration
- DJUSD awards nomination
- Hospitality update- staff breakfast in April

VI. **Officers' report**

- **Brianne Leymaster Vice President**
 - o Raised \$331 from Lamppost fundraiser
 - o Still waiting for local kitchens check
 - o Possible Raising Canes fundraiser in March
- **Kaci Walsh Treasurer**
 - o Raised \$11,100 to date
 - o Bake sales have raised \$1600
 - o Expenses of \$ 7750
 - o Currently in savings \$13,000
- **Kate Sedillo Historian**
 - o Teacher spring grants timeline proposal:
 - 2/28 applications open
 - 3/14 filing deadline
 - 3/17 PTA meeting for approval
 - 3/21 notifications send out
 - 4/1 checks being sent
 - o Adding a 2nd grant distribution date after Auction (April 22)
- **Kalin Watkins Secretary/9th Grade Events**
 - o 9th grade fundraising about 40% achieved
 - o April 1st deadline for donations
- **Kristine Cohen Auction Chair**
 - o Currently has a committee of 6
 - o Hoping for about 200 donated items
 - o Looking into 10 cakes for dessert auction
 - o Teachers/staff monitoring donated items during auction
 - o Taco food truck secured/ Steves pizza is a maybe



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- o School wide survey as an “RSVP” for food

Meeting adjourned: 7:05pm