

JSIS PTSA General Board Meeting Minutes

Sept 24, 2020 - 6:30pm to 8:00 pm. Zoom video conference. (Time limits enforced)

Questions or need to add an item? president@jsispta.org. Thank you!

JSIS Meeting Rules

Assume good intent ♦ Be respectful ♦ Listen ♦ Ask questions ♦ Don't let the process stop you from participating

2020-2021 PTSA Board

Co-President: Antoinette Angulo X	Co-President: Vivian Maritz X
Vice President: Jose Antonio Lucero X	Director of DLI advocacy: Amy Pace
Treasurer: Nicole Miller	Assistant Treasurer: Hermann Calabria X
Secretary: Travis Jo Cufley X	Director of Communications: Angélica Esquivel X
Co-Director of Community Building: Margaret Holt X	Co- Director of Community Building: Lisa Bowie X
Director of Fundraising: Yomara Gómez-Naiden X	Director of Curriculum Enhancement: Pam Vasudeva

2020-2021 JSIS Staff Representatives

Principal: Ms. Sarah Jones X

Teacher: Ms. Karol Franz

Other attendees: please see attached list at end of minutes

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### **6:33 pm: Call to Order: Antoinette and Vivian**

#### **Tony: Recognition of land acknowledgement**

Welcome/Introductions & review of agenda; sharing of meeting rules.

Introduction of the Board Members. Approval of board members: Vivian, Tony, Hermann, Nicole. A motion was made to approve these members, and was seconded. A quorum was reached.

Acknowledgement and gratitude to the numerous volunteers from 2019-2020.

**6:40 pm: Vivian: Goals of JSIS Board.**

These have changed given quarantine and remote learning.  
Goals include facilitation of community via:

~*community connections*: communication work, parent education and events including tech help, new virtual events and the Racial & equity task force.

~*dual language learning*: in and outside classroom, and with advocacy.

~*communication to link into*: eNews, JSIS PTSA website, room reps, JSIS FB families group and WhatsApp groups to stay connected.

~*Please consider volunteering and becoming a JSIS PTSA member.*

**6:50 pm: Antoinette:** JSIS PTSA has Standing rules as well as WSPTA Universal Bylaws that we must follow

2019-2020 Year end Review was conducted by outgoing treasurer, two new treasurers and president and co-president.

**6:53 pm: Vivian.** Status of PTSA Budget in regards to General Operations. Preliminary Balance Sheet was sent out for all to review.

**6:55 pm: Antoinette:** Nominating committee info.  
Opportunities to serve to help recruit future board members. Must be a PTSA member. Short tenure.

**6:56 pm Antoinette: Seattle PTSA has proposed a Members' Vote: Approve Resolution on Dismantling Institutional & systemic racism**

Questions about the actions needed to support this resolution and who will initiate. Will Seattle PTSA be conducting audits? Will they provide the framework to take action? Or will this fall to individual school PTSA groups? Consensus was that more information was needed.

**7:05 pm: Update from Ms. Sarah**

Thanks for staff appreciation to PTSA. Staff have been working hard on remote learning.

Given that we do not have interns this year, IAs will be helping in all grades and will provide ongoing support where most needed.

Commitment to biliteracy continues but given remote learning we have fallen into our previous curriculum. We will return to biliteracy once we return face to face.

Acknowledgement of technical difficulties. Recommend close out of Teams and restart, text a friend or email Ms. Sarah. More information forthcoming in an email tomorrow regarding this topic.

Thanks for our fundraising. We have had Mr. Michael fulltime because of the generosity of family contributions via Student First campaign and this has been invaluable especially right now.

Questions about language immersion schedule, and parental concern about every other day vs. keeping it with half days per our traditional model. Ms. Sarah provides update that this will likely be the model for this year, which was decided after discussion with staff.

Questions about screen time and utilizing more print outs. Some challenges with kids spending time on Seesaw and typing numbers etc, which requires more time on the computer and navigating computer skills rather than doing the task at hand (math, writing, art, for example) Questions about stylus use, but cost was high and staff thought these might be lost.

Questions about assessments and what teachers will use. Teachers (English) will be meeting with kids one on one in grades 1-5. Immersion language assessments will also happen, depending on grade levels, with speaking and reading. Ms. Eastman is assessing the kindergarteners.

Ms. Sarah shares she is starting her 5<sup>th</sup> year at JSIS. She is excited to be back! She is going to try to meet with each student for lunch virtually, per her tradition, starting with 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Curbside Library book pick up is coming starting Sept 30<sup>th</sup>! Will be able to keep books for two weeks. Staff excited to offer this option.

Virtual recess options will start in October during lunch for 15 minutes. Optional. Has worked well at McDonald International so far.

Questions about giving screen time breaks, and what is acceptable for kids to miss in school. Staff may check in on students that are missing certain activities but parents ultimately can help determine when breaks are needed, or if ok to miss a class or activity.

Kudos to Ms. Sarah for her dedication and guidance and phenomenal job she and staff are doing to lead us through remote learning. All should consider joining Ms. Sarah's coffee chat. Staff have also enjoyed receiving notes of thanks from families, so keep these coming.

### **7:41: Juan Pablo Recinos and David Kruger: update on Race & Equity Task Force**

Started to create space to address concerns of BIPOC families and to provide appropriate education for all of the community.

Actions: meetings every month, play in 2019 “Me llamo Celia”, and some policy recommendations, as well as a Juneteenth art display. Has been worked with school equity team and with JSIS PTSA.

Next meeting: Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, via Zoom. Invites will be forthcoming.

[Jsisreparents@gmail.com](mailto:Jsisreparents@gmail.com) for contacting the group.

Ms. Sarah shares that Ms. Ahmed is school equity team leader. They are working on staff development and education. JSIS BLM shirts were given (black artists designed and printed) and families will be able to purchase shirts upcoming.

### **7:52: Yomara Gomez-Naiden: Fundraising Update**

General Overview of Fundraising efforts at JSIS. Normally to fund in person events, funding of additional staff, other academic support and our community events (Ice Cream Socials, Dia de los Muertos/Obon, La Fiesta, Japan Night, PTSA and education meetings, eNews, Website, etc.)

Students First Campaign – Still needs to happen this year to fund 2021-2022 school year. Funds our IAs, Interns, and Counselor. JSIS Staff decides how the funds are used.

**Last year:** Started in November, the ask was \$1000 per student or \$125/month. Needs to be this early, as Ms. Sarah needs to provide her budget and extend offers to staff by February. Then staff can be rehired for the following school year. We did fall short on our fundraising goals for 2019-2020. We had 72% school participation. Average donation was ~\$900 per student.

Decisions for 2020-21: Still being made. Please consider volunteering! Contact Yomara at [fundraising@jsispta.org](mailto:fundraising@jsispta.org) She is forming a team and welcomes all ideas. Additional information will be sent via eNews.

**8:04 pm: Thanks for joining us. Meeting Adjourned.**

**List of Additional Meeting Attendees:**

David Kruger  
Juan Pablo Recinos  
Len Castanos-Davis  
Analia Castanos- Davis  
Catherine Salgado  
Kulbir Walha  
Tina Walha  
Paola Mizrahi  
Hem Nalini Morzaria Luna  
Jackie Siska  
Abby Crossen  
Sarah Moore  
Maru Almeida  
Flor Guerrero  
Elise Worthy  
Dana Shemorry  
Zolia Pena  
Catherine Maxson  
Tal Lev  
Patrick Williams