

# Special JSIS PTSA General Membership Meeting Minutes, Featuring Thad Williams, Phd

Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Join Zoom Mtg. -

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Questions or need to add an item? [president@jsispta.org](mailto:president@jsispta.org). Thank you

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## 2020-2021 JSIS Staff Representatives

Principal: Sarah Jones X	Teacher: Karol Franz
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## Special Guest

Dr. Thad Williams, Phd  
International Education Administrator

**Other attendees: Christine Sanders, Patrick Williams, Yuki Sofronas, Heidi Wrightsman, Analia Castanos, Maru Almeida, Hem Nalini Morzaria Luna, Melissa Barbera, Kihiro Nelson, Sangeeta \_\_\_\_\_, Kulbir and Tina, Zoila Pena**

### JSIS PTSA MEETING RULES

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

### MEETING MINUTES

#	Agenda Item	Time	Objective	Owner
1	Call to Order	6:32 pm	Welcome, review rules, land acknowledgement	Antoinette / Vivian
2	Volunteer Appreciation Acknowledgment	6:38 pm	Volunteer Appreciation, Gratitude. Thanks to all who have helped provide support during this extra challenging year including but not limited to those helping with: the school directory, eNews, the PTSA website, Room reps and Coordinators, staff appreciation, Students first campaign, virtual kindergarten tours, Parent Race & Equity Task Force, Spanish families network and the Japanese Community Group. Thanks to the many parent volunteers who helps JSIS!	Vivian

2	JSIS PTSA Business Items	6:30-6:55 pm	<p>-Vote on Nominating Committee is first order of business. We currently have two interested candidates. Flor Guerrero and Megan Silver. We do not have a third candidate therefore we cannot form a nominating committee at this time. We will take nominations from the floor at meeting in April for next year's PTSA Board members.</p> <p>-Amendments to JSIS Standing Rules, which were outdated. Board has recommended an increase to the current price of \$15 for a teacher membership and a \$35 family membership (for two or more adults in the same family). Students are considered honorary members. Motion to approve by Margaret; unanimous by the board and with a 15 total members voting yes.</p> <p>-Amendments to general budget. Vivian explains our change to our budget this year, given the pandemic. We have fewer expenses this year. We had some overage from last year, as well as Amazon smile donations pending. \$5000 reserved for school support – library, PE, teacher needs and community events; upcoming R&amp;E task force with a speaker planned soon.</p>	Antoinette
3	Students First Campaign	6:54-6:58 pm	<p>Update on Students First Campaign</p> <p>Moving along, now at about \$240,000 in funds. We do need to try to solicit more funding. Team has been active in eNews and in the community trying to provide information. Please contact Yomara with any recommendations and feedback as how we can further capture funds. <a href="mailto:fundisis@gmail.com">fundisis@gmail.com</a> or directly to Yomara.</p> <p>As a reminder, checks can be dropped in the YELLOW wooden schoolhouse on the steps just inside the JSIS front entryway.</p>	Yomara

4	Advocacy Issues	6:58-7:15pm	<p>Advocacy topics</p> <p>Ongoing concerns with Special Ed in SPS. The PTSA for special ed has taken a vote of no confidence in SPS Special Ed services. Something we could consider doing or could request more information regarding. We welcome emails regarding this topic. A parent could contact the board if they were interested in supporting this cause. SPS special ed now under federal investigation related to this issue. One member offered perspective that this could be a powerful group to stay connected with (Seattle Special Ed PTA). You can join anytime.</p> <p>Another issue is the transportation issue (yellow bus transportation to option schools). SPS Board has proposed cutting busing to option schools, Tiers 3-4. They are anticipating \$70 million budget shortfall. Exceptions might be made for Tier 1 schools. Budget savings would only be ~\$500,000. Presidents met with Board Director Lisa Rivera. Vote to pass this budget would occur in July 7. No notice given to principals; no impact assessment made to families or possible other issues (enrollment numbers could drop, traffic could increase, families will not have access to after school transportation for care, etc). No consideration was given to race and equity tools. --60-80 families needs the after school bus for transportation to boys and girls club. Only public hearing would be on the same day of July 7<sup>th</sup>, which is when budget would be adopted. Two board directors are currently against this (Leslie Harris and Lisa Rivera Smith); four total are needed to pass this.</p> <p>JSIS PTSA Board has been collaborating with McDonald International and other PTSAs at option schools to write letters to the board as well as Seattle city Council. Hem has been instrumental in helping with this, as has Ms. Sarah and other school principals. Action should be taken fairly quickly given the urgency of the situation. Hem shares that Director Hampson spoke to this issue at the Board</p>	Vivian/Antoinette
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			<p>Meeting today and explained that it is due to the requirements of COVID 19, and that more buses would be needed to keep this service for option school. She indicated that they wanted families to know ASAP, so they could not choose an option school if transportation were an issue.</p>	
5	Guest Speaker	7:16 pm	<p>Presentation on Dual Language Learning in SPS.</p> <p><a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tS2Ykq_uoLmm45LNsQMSKdXuYRzJF4vFD?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tS2Ykq_uoLmm45LNsQMSKdXuYRzJF4vFD?usp=sharing</a></p> <p>Dr. Thad Williams joined us to give a presentation on Seattle Dual Language Program. Please see recorded presentation, which will be included separately.</p> <p>Some highlights: Goals of International Education include bilingualism and biliteracy, grade level standards in both languages and sociocultural competence. (Three pillars of dual language education)</p> <p>State level work includes increasing capacity of DLI by 2030 (access for all student, per Superintendent Chris Reykdal).</p> <p>Clear benefits for DLI in the research.</p> <p>Challenges with DLI in the remote learning setting.</p> <p><b>Tips for Supporting Language Learning at Home:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Every home is a rich and important space for learning language</li> <li>-FREQUENCY more important than DURATION</li> <li>-focus on talking with your students /encouragement to keep trying</li> <li>-Write out household words and phrases in partner language</li> </ul>	Dr. Thad Williams, International Education Administrator

			<p>-Staggering reading and writing activities between languages</p> <p>-Amplify the language they practice least at home:          -watch shows in the partner language, read aloud books in the partner language, have student try to retell parts about story in partner language and look for and discuss cross-linguistic connections (cognates, for example)          -Language partner or buddy          -Practice and Patience          -as tough as it may be, it is not your job to be the dual language teacher!</p> <p>Ongoing Language Projects occurring in our NW pathway as well as district wide.</p> <p>Question and Answer time</p> <p>Dr. Thad Williams can be reached at <a href="mailto:tbwilliams@seattleschools.org">tbwilliams@seattleschools.org</a></p>	
	Adjourn meeting	8:05 pm	Motion made to end this meeting, approved. Thank you for all to joining us this evening.	Antoinette / Vivian

**JSIS PTSA Board Meeting Agenda - Item description**

***Please provide as many details as possible on the topic you will present, this will provide background and help the board meeting end on time.***

**Topic**

1. Purpose [what is the issue]:
2. Background [provide information on how this issue arose]:
3. Why is a board recommendation necessary [what is the decision the board needs to consider and why]:
4. Alternatives [what happens if the decision is not implemented]:

**5. Related documents [Optional, link to policies or websites that provide information]: 6. Costs [What there costs associated with this decision, provide a description]: 7. Timeline: [When should this issue be acted on]**