

MINUTES

Jane Addams Junior High PTA

November 15, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Michelle Pikscher, Amy Mackey, Amisha Shah, Danielle Rybicki, Christine Antoon, Jhina Tabulina O'Brien, Lawe Ohki, Ingrid Ackerman, Chris Bingen, Lisa Heidler, one other guest

Call to Order - Welcome/Introductions @5:32pm

Michelle Pikscher

Minutes (October 2021) Filed

Michelle Tunquish

Treasurer's Report (October 2021) Filed for audit; Taxes filed

Amy Mackey

Principal's Report

Chris Bingen

- We survived the first trimester
 - So exciting to see all the in-person activities in the building, even the smell of bunsen burners in science classes!
 - More excitement with team sports like basketball. There is a high demand and limited space, we do feel bad about that as we are all excited to have sports back.
 - Culver's Fundraiser on 12/1 where staff will be flipping burgers and serving food. Come on out and join in the fun!
 - Looking at tentatively hosting a community event of Bingo at Addams if all continues to go well. We are aiming to host the event on Feb 3rd and looking for PTA support.
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Committees

Committee Chairs

- Dine to Donate - December 1st at Culver's 5pm-7pm
 - Membership - 119 members so far. Continue to advertise on social media
 - Reflections - 1 project turned in, Showcase at District office on 11/22
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New Business

- Auction Meeting Updates - PTAs are asked to donate 5 baskets, 5 \$25 gift cards, and 3 bottles of wine. If you would like to donate, or know of a company that might be willing to donate something, let Michelle Pikscher know. Deadline to have basket ideas finalized is Feb 4th.
 - Post Meeting Materials on Website <https://addams.sd54.org/pta/>
 - Eighth Grade Party - this will happen inside or out depending on how things go. Date would be in mid to late-May. Try to secure District Carnival Games for the party. Watch for more details.
 - Substitute Shortage - The school and district are aware of the huge shortage of subs available. Many staff members are giving up their plan time to fill in for absent teachers. While this is not ideal, plans are in the works with job fairs and the beginning process of hiring on two full time subs based at Addams. Principal shares concerns of the sub shortage and is working hard to try and remedy the situation.
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Adjournment 5:57pm

Dates to Remember

November 22 Reflections Showcase, District Office, 6-7pm
December 1 STC Meeting, via Zoom @ 7pm
January 12 STC Meeting, via Zoom @ 7pm

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PTA Meetings:

Dec 13 at 5:30 p.m.

Jan 10 at 5:30 p.m.

Feb 14 at 5:30 p.m. - *General PTA Meeting to elect nominating committee*

Mar 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Apr 11 at 5:30 p.m. - *General PTA Meeting to elect new executive committee*

May 9 at 5:30 p.m. - *Last meeting/Recognition party*

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