

P. J. Gelinas Jr. High School
General PTSA Meeting in Minutes
January 17, 2023, at 7:00 pm

1. Welcome and Pledge –

- Heather Fortner led the pledge.

2. Principal's Report – Corinne Keane – not in attendance.

3. Assistant Principal's Report – William Corrao

- Midterms will start next week.
- First Annual Cabaret night show was a huge success, looking into making it an annual event.
- The play is starting their rehearsals.
- Starting the plans for the 9th grade trip to Great Adventure in NJ on June 2nd, 2023, organized by the Student Government.

4. Board of Education Report – from Sue Rosenzweig, not in attendance but sent report

- We have a governing committee meeting of the strategic planning committee.
- Strategic planning committee has been a large focus of BOE since our last PTSA meeting.
- We are preparing to move it to the next phase, thank you to all the parents, staff and community members who offered their research and feedback.
- You can expect to get a survey thorough an email which includes detailed explanations of everything that is under consideration.
- Another focus of the BOE is working with this year's budget with the budget committee.
- Thank you so much and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

5. Vice President's Report – Heather Fortner nothing to report currently.

6. Treasurer's Report– from Yiming Xu not in attendance but sent the Treasurer's report

- Treasurer's report for December 2022 is published on the PTSA website.
- Any questions, please reach out to Yiming

7. Recording Secretary's Report – Luisa Urso

- Meeting in minutes for 11/15 /22 is also published on our PTSA website.
- Motion to approve 1st motion Kate Popuolo 2nd Heather Fortner

8. Corresponding Secretary's Report – Hua Wang

- Did not receive any correspondences from our mailbox. Nothing to report.

9. PTA Joint Council Report – Kate Puopolo

- Joint council talked about surveys that are going out by the end of this month and turned in before February break and results will be shared with all the stakeholders. They will try to reach out thru QR codes, emails and will send out post cards.
- Mr. Scanlon emphasized on gathering information and listening to our community.
- Will be observing National Autism Day is next month.
- Look out for surveys in your email or mailbox.

10. Student Government Report – from Kaede Urso not in attendance but sent a report.

- Throughout last week of December Student Govt continue to sell socks for our fundraiser to benefit students. Hoping to continue this tradition which we started last year.
- Student Govt was invited to meet with our Administrators and our Superintendent regarding new ideas for our school district.
- Coming up, Student Gov't is working on our 8th and 9th grade Winter Dance on Feb 3rd.
- If any of your children are looking for community service opportunities, please reach out to Student Govt . It's a great way to earn community service hours.
- Thank you for your time.

11. President's Report (Membership, school store, spirit wear, PVSA)– Shamma Murphy

- Not in attendance.

12. Miscellaneous

- Hua Wang had a question about who signs the hours for PVSA over 15 hours and Heather responded that it must be in a letter head with a signature by the person in charge of the organization.
- As per Heather any other PVSA questions please defer to Shamma or Mrs. Weinstein who the new PVSA chair for the district.
- Hua Wang asked about how parent should handle notification for absences on students who are getting pulled for Orchestra or Band etc. Students are not necessarily absent but marked on the portal. Mr. Correo responded the Orchestra/Band teacher usually reports that the student is in their class, and it should automatically void the absent status in their file. Email if you have any questions or to verify that the absence was removed if they were in fact in those classes.
- Hua Wang also asked if our school is doing something in observance of the Chinese Lunar New Year. Heather responded that in one of the elementary schools they provide lunch for students. Mr. Correo responded that he will find out about it.
- Luisa Urso asked if we are having the 8th & 9th Grade Winter Formal this year on Feb 4th because its two weeks away and Mr. Correo verified that the school is having the event this year.
- Hua Wang asked about the 9th grade yearbook and Heather responded that we have until Feb 2023 to submit.

13. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn 1st motion Hua Wang 2nd Heather Fortner