**LWVSJ Observer Corps\* Notes: SJI School Board, April 26, 2023**

Fred Woods announced that May 7-12 is Professional Educators Week and encouraged everyone to recognize our teaching team at all our schools.

Woods presented several students from Griffin Bay school, and they talked about the benefit of being able to continue their education through the school and the dedicated teachers. There are 41 students as well as others who may only take one class or two but are not considered full time at the school.

Aaron Orozco, the high school student representative said Junior/Senior prom was April 23, and the attendees had a very good time and raised money for the senior graduation evening.

Woods reported construction work continues at the STEM building. The sprinkler system at the middle school will be inspected but the timing has not been determined. The 2023-24 budget should be ready for review by the May board meeting and adoption at the July board meeting.

April enrollment at all schools is 765 students. The incoming kindergarten class may be less than anticipated but will not be confirmed for some time.

There was disappointment that the state legislature failed to address between various size school districts. Special education may have received a small increase in funding but until everything is signed by the Governor and reconciled by the legislature it is not clear. T.J. Heller will review all the legislation that affects school districts at the May board meeting.

A SJISD special school board meeting will be held to discuss and vote on Resolution 23-006, WSSDA (Washington State School Directors Association) Amply Funded Staffing Levels Position Revision. Additional action on proposed WSSDA positions may be discussed and acted on.

Graduation for FH High School and Griffin Bay School will be June 10. FH Elementary School and FH Middle School promotions will be on June 15th.

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