# Pinecrest Parent Council Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2017

# Welcome

**In Attendance:** Madhavi Natla, Amy Webster, Ellie Vlahos, April Hunt, Nicole Martin, Jen Shangraw, Christe Alwin, Megan Droue, and Katie Van Dorn.

**Call to order:** Christe Alwin called the meeting to order on Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 P.M.

**Approval of the Agenda and** **Minutes:** The agenda was motioned for approval, seconded, and verbally approved. The April minutes, available online, were motioned for approval, seconded and verbally approved.

# Officer Reports:

**Board Updates -** Christe Alwin, Jen Shangraw, Tanya Merritt, Katie Van Dorn, and Ellie Vlahos

* **Books** were ordered for each student, including GSRP and ELSE, using Scholastic dollars. There will be 40 extra books to ensure all students have a book of their choosing to select. Shae will help organize the classrooms coming to pick out their book.
* There is enough in scholastic dollars to give $5 vouchers to students for the Color Run fundraiser next school year.
* **Marcos Pizza** earned the school $48 this month. Mr. Konett’s class won a pizza party.
* **Treasurer**/Expenses:
  + Third grade requested owl pellets to dissect as a class project.
  + Jen and Christe will follow up with Amy to ensure the 2016 taxes were filed.
* Pinecrest received a grant for the second grade to participate in a hands-on science day with Impression 5 and a pizza lunch. The activities were aligned with Next Generation Standards. The whole day cost about $8,000, Impression 5 and the East Lansing Education Foundation jointly received the funds. Lansing Pediatrics supported the transportation costs. Pinecrest hopes to be able to participate in this again next year.
* The **Carnival** is underway, led by Jen Shangraw.
  + Request extra trash cans to place throughout the carnival area
  + Placing signs around the school to advertise the carnival.
  + Volunteers are needed. Shifts limited to one hour so that parents can still spend time at the carnival with their family.
  + Many events will require tickets, which have a cost. Teachers will be able to give out tickets to students as needed for good behavior, prior to the carnival. Presale tickets available Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Tickets available day of on Friday.
  + Need teachers to ask parents to fill their baskets for the raffle in the library
  + The online auction is set up. This will be advertised throughout EL schools and the Pinecrest neighborhood.
* **Pinecrest Parent Council Elections** were held during the May 2017 meeting. The following people were elected to each position
  + Katie Van Dorn and Lisa Parker as co-presidents
  + Tanya Merritt as vice-president
  + Amy Adams as treasurer
  + Megan Drouare as secretary
  + Ellie Vlahos as volunteer coordinator
  + Christe Alwin as Scholastic book fair coordinator
  + Heather Firman as Boy Scouts liaison
* **Retirement celebrations** for Mrs Passalaqua and Mrs Rawlinson are being planned by the school’s social committee, led by Andrea Rumsey and Alicia Looney. The parent council would like to provide financial support for the party and towards their gifts.
* **Lugnuts game** coming up. Weather is predicted to be very cold. There were 122 reservations this year, an increase over previous years.
* **Spring Clean-up** coming up on May 12. The Daisy Troop offered to plant flowers in the front. Need a few adults to move mulch, remove debris, and pull weeds. There will be no signup genius. Additionally, the Boy Scouts offered to clean up the school grounds after the carnival on May 20.

**Principal’s Report** – Amy Webster

* + **Transportation** costs go through the district’s general fund. The transportation office tracks each school’s transportation expenses. If the Pinecrest Parent Council wants to support transportation costs for Pinecrest it can send an invoice to the transportation office to support these costs.
    - The PPC has historically supported the school’s transportation costs. So far this year, all financial support for field trips has been for the activity, not for transportation.

**East Lansing Board of Education** – Nicole Martin

* Bond proposal voting is going on tonight. Dori Leyko, the acting superintendent, will be doing an interview tomorrow morning, regardless of the proposal outcome.
* The school board meetings and most committees are open to the public. Parent representatives are strongly encouraged to attend these and provide input on the issues being discussed.
  + Council had a discussion about Pinecrest’s need for a behaviorist. The front office is managing several behavioral issues every day and teachers. Interested parents can provide support for this request to the school board and academic committees.

# Old and New Business

* Teacher appreciation lunch coming up. Sign-up genius for donated desserts. And for donations for a catered lunch, such as from Jimmy Johns.
* Most classes are doing an end of the year picnic.

# Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Christe Alwin at 8:00 PM. Minutes submitted by Katie Van Dorn.