# Pinecrest Parent Council Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2017

# Welcome

**In Attendance:** Katie Van Dorn, Lisa Parker, Tara Panther, Nichole Martin, Ellie Vlahos, Jasmine Brown-Moreland, April Hunt, Sara Beer, Tanya Merritt, Jasmine King, Marilyn Earley, Todd Swales, Karen McCloskey, Christie Alwin, Bilyana Fauebora, Diane Tuinstra, Matt Pacer, Meghan Drouare, Sally Lambert, Roxana Fernandez, Stephanie Beeler, Amy Webster, Emily Schnurr

**Call to order:** Katie Van Dorn called the meeting to order on October 3rd, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

**Approval of the Agenda and** **Minutes:** There was a motion and second to approval the meeting’s agenda; the motion passed. There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes from the Sept 12, 2017 Parent Council meeting; the motion passed.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Everyone present introduced themselves.

# Officer Reports:

**Presidents** **Report** – Katie Van Dorn

 Looking into moving the donate button from current set up to PayPal button instead. Then there would be no annual fee and should be much cheaper overall. Will email Austin Drouare for help on switching the button.

 Found out it’s between $250-$800 for a bike rack. Now will connect with safe routes to school group as the next step.

 Lugnuts tickets- blocked off about 100 seats. It will be Friday May 4th at 7:05. Tickets will be $11 per ticket. Kids eat free. Will suggest Star Wars day!

**Presidents Report** – Lisa Parker

 No spirit wear orders yet but now will hopefully coincide with the bookfair before the holidays.

**Vice President Report** – Tanya Merritt

 Marcos Pizza Night – first one is tomorrow night (Oct 4th). After 50 orders, top classroom earns a pizza party!

**Treasurer Report** – Amy Adams

 Not present. No report.

**Secretary Report**– Meghan Drouare

 Website is being updated as people/events need it to be.

**Volunteer Coordinator Report** – Ellie Vlahos

 Fun Run is FRIDAY! All positions covered.

Follow/Like the FB page. There is also a private volunteer page.

Directory- Will be done soon. Should be out for the Friday blast.

**Book Fair Coordinator Report**- Christie Alwin

 Bookfair will be 1st week in December. Will be 5 days. New signage for it has been ordered. Looking into making teacher bins more visable. PPC has $2100 in scholastic dollars. All students who raise at least $20 for the fun run will receive $5 scholastic money for Dec bookfair!

**Principal Report** – Amy Webster

 4 children won the summer reading program, they will receive their scholastic $ awards closer to the bookfair.

 Title 1 teacher received grant for Fact Fluency (30-35 licenses)

 Sean Millhouse will be doing coding for the Nov. 15th STEM event. All activities will be in the Gym.

 School Improvement plan from data. Teachers/staff have been going over lots of data, finding out who in the 1st grade will receive specific reading plans.

 Remember parent/teacher conferences are coming up. Please talk to your teacher if you aren’t yet signed up. Ask questions such as “How did my child score on these screeners?” “Running records” “What can I do at home?”

**Teacher Representative Report**-

None present. No report.

**Board member report**- Nichole Martin

 For more info on the bond, the planning sessions are Thurs 10AM-noon. There is a Red Cedar forum tomorrow night at 6:30pm in the MacDonald Middle School library/media center.

 Thanks to Pinecrest parents for coming to talk at last board meeting. She encourages parents to come for help and for awesome stuff. The school board meetings are the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

 Other things the board will be working on: Busing is an issue; More mental/health awareness & comprehensive plan ; “Handle with care”- for critical incidents; Academic talk of foreign language in lower grades; 2nd step goes through 8th grade, trying to get all elementaries on more similar setups so it’s an easy transition to middle school (for behavior).

Someone asked what was the process for the rebuild schedule of schools- she didn’t know, said she’d ask at next meeting.

# Old/New Business:

#  **Crazy Fun Color Run** – April

 Volunteers meet up at 12:30. There are 3 inflatables and 4 color stations. Since shirts were $1600 last year, to save money there are no shirts this year. There will be class pics this year, staggered run start times and backpack brag tags. She would like the FB page to encourage donations (ie show where we are at and where we want to be). Wants to advertise our goal more (trying to earn $8000!) Playmakers did give some money for the event. Wants people to think up a new name for next year.. like the Doneley Dash, so Pinecrest SOMETHING?!

 **Movie License** – Has been secured

 **Budget & Future teacher/school funding**

We don’t have a process. We need a process. 1st we need to know our budget before funding extra things. In December we find out costs for already pre-approved donation things (Wharton ticket costs are already known just need put in). Ideas – We want a grant process. Want it to be equitable. Ideas such as teacher fills out a form that principle has to sign off on. Parent council will have a set grant amount with a fall deadline (possibly early January) and Spring deadline. Every parent at the next meeting will vote on the grant forms received. Will get a copy of the middle school form for grant form idea.

 **Box Tops**

 November and March deadlines. Need to get the envelopes with the teachers names into their box (will do). Pizza party for top class (Marcos will give discount). Talked about ideas for building momentum. Talk of other options for kids to contribute- possibly loose change, or other products.

# Upcoming Events:

 **SRTS: Walk to School Day (Oct 4)**

 **Crazy Fun Color Run (Oct 6th)**

 **STEM / Harvest Night (Nov 15)** 6pm-8pm

 If any parents want to do an activity- please contact us! 18/25 tables filled. Nichole got 4 Impression 5 passes donated!

 **Scholastic Book Fair (Dec 4th- Dec 8th)**

 **Multicultural Night (Thurs Jan 25th 6-7:30)**

Sign up for food again- give allergy info. Emily Schnurr will do a flier with invitation form to see who wants to participate. Desire to create a sticker board for where in the world we represent- can we get a world map from Scholastic? Christi will check.

# Open Discussion/Questions:

 Shout out to Ms. Snyder for sending home a packet on how to help at home (for reading).

 Questions for school board: Teacher contract negotations are happening now. Board is trying to be proactive on this and hoping to be done by early spring. Public comment at board meeting can comment on the calendar or anything else.

 School board - Working on all 2nd graders going to Impression Five for field trip again this year along with 2 hands on activities in classroom.

# Adjournment:

 Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Meghan Drouare