# Pinecrest Parent Council Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2017

# Welcome

**In Attendance:** Katie Van Dorn, Meghan Drouare, Kath Edsall, Bilyana Fauibora, Alexis Haubold, Nell Kuhnmench, Madhavi Natla, Todd Buckingham, Synita Tucker, Sojin Park, Amy Adams, Lisa Parker, Ellie Vlahos, Sara Beer, Tanya Merritt, Todd Swales, Karen McCloskey, Christie Alwin, Sherry Martin, Taiwoo Park, Matt Pacer, Stephanie Beeler, Amy Webster, Jen Shangraw

**Call to order:** Katie Van Dorn called the meeting to order on November 7, 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 October 3, 2017 Parent Council meeting; the motion passed.

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

# Report:

# **Todd Buckinham – Safe Routes to school coordinator**

New coordinator for Safe Routes to school. Wanted to introduce himself and meet us/get a feel for the school. He will also be observing/counting different things outside of the school coming up (looking at things such as kids walking to school, how kids get to school, etc).

Question on bikes – they are not actively promoting for Elementary schools but is willing to go over bike safety if school board/school is okay with it. And is personally hoping that bike riding to school for elementary schools happens.

Bike racks then bike safety information.

Talked about walking bus routes.

# Officer Reports:

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

STEM night is Nov 15th. Stephanie is helping to coordinate. Should be great! If you want to donate chili please sign up! Also need a few more volunteers. Cravata (music teacher) is doing a 3rd grade fall concert, 15 mins per class.

**Presidents Report** – Lisa Parker

Exceeded our color run goals ($8,500). Top 11 kids all raised over $150, they earned spirit wear or gift certificate to bookfair. Amy Webster will follow up with winners. Major props to April for the color run!

**Vice President Report** – Tanya Merritt

Marcos Pizza Night – first Wednesday of every month. After 50 orders, top classroom earns a pizza party!

**Treasurer Report** – Amy Adams

$5,000 of Color run donations were online contributions.

Encourage teachers for reimbursements.

We are still listed as a private foundation.

Don’t have amounts for 5th grade trip or 3rd grade Zoo trip.

Someone said that tickets for students that receive free/reduced lunches get refunded tickets from Wharton and Greenfield village (Amy will look into this as well- our school has 40% free/reduced).

**Secretary Report**– Meghan Drouare

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

**Volunteer Coordinator Report** – Ellie Vlahos

STEM- need volunteers for 2nd shift

Need Bookfair volunteers (thinking about giving bookfair coupons to parent volunteers for this)

**Book Fair Coordinator Report**- Christie Alwin

Bookfair will be Dec 4-8th. 8-9am, 3:30-4:30 and one late night

Sign up genius will go up as soon as STEM night is over.

**Principal Report** – Amy Webster

Mid 90% attendance of parents at parent/teacher conferences!

Put 1st grade on 3rd grade reading law: doing Read to succeed & MSU Reading

Equity work: Dream Drum (whole school song along with it)

Received additional $90,000 in title 1 money (federally funded)

Will get ~$10,000 in addition for early literacy grant

-Will be meeting this week and next to figure out what to do with all this money!

**Teacher Representative Report**- Sherry Martin (Speech)

Thanks for doing STEM night.

4th grade teacher wanted to know if/how to get reimbursed for Randy Baker (half the cost would be $260)

**Board member report**- Nell Kuhnmuench

Josh Roberts is the new principle at Marble (was 3rd grade teacher)

At the end of regular board meeting on Monday they are interviewing for a Trustee position. 8 candidates including Todd Swales (Pinecrest parent)

3rd grade reading level is getting lots of attention.

Vrbonic (she is a 4th grade Pinecrest teacher) is the new Sex Ed director and doing a great job!

FYI- There is legislation going through for conceal to carry in schools and a passage of a milage of school funds to go to charter schools (including online charter schools)

# Old/New Business:

1. **Box Tops**- Next date is March.
2. –
3. **Spirit wear orders** – due before Thanksgiving break
4. **Teacher grants** - 2 sided form for extra teacher grants -Draft was presented and Katie will put in some things that were suggested and them get them out.
5. **Other** – Multicultural night – Jan 25th 6-7:30

* lots of ideas talked about
* will reach out to more groups and people
* Draft form was presented, will update it and get it made for teachers to distribute.

# Upcoming Events:

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

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

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

**Heart Hop Dance** – Friday, February 23 – Sock Hop Theme

# Open Discussion/Questions:

Idea to possibly incentivize Fun Color Run more to increase donations

Newsletter- be thinking of what to have in it in January.

# Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Meghan Drouare