# Pinecrest Parent Council Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2018

# Welcome

**In Attendance:** Katie Van Dorn, Meghan Drouare, Todd Swales, Amy Webster, Tanya Merritt, Marilyn Earley, April Hunt, Christie Alwin, Terah Chambers, Amy Adams, Regan Quick-Severon, Ellie Vlahos, Rhiannon Worgess-Carveth, Jason Mulligan, Brendan Cantwell, Brian Martinez, Jen Shangraw, Jasmine King, Sherry Martin & Stephanie Beeler

**Call to order:** Todd Swales called the meeting to order on September 11 at 7:00 P.M.

**Approval of the Agenda and** **Minutes:** There was a motion and a second to approve the agenda; the motion passed. There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes from the May, 2018 Parent Council meeting; the motion passed.

**Welcome:** All present did brief introductions

# Officer Reports:

**Presidents** **Report -**Todd Swales

1st meeting

**Vice President Report** – Tanya Merritt

* Marcos Pizza is the 1st Wed of the month. 1st one started off strong!
* Feb 22nd – heart hop dance

**Treasurer Report** – Amy Adams

* The current starting year balance is $2000 higher than last years starting balance. As of 9/1/18 balance was $18,267.27
* Katie mentioned the yearly bank fees and that in the past PPC was able to get the bank to waive some but has to be done every year. Bank costs a yearly amount (~$150) plus a monthly fee (~$35).

**Secretary Report**– Meghan Drouare

* Website is up to date. Nothing new to report.

**Volunteer Coordinator Report** – Katie Van Dorn

* Thanks for all the 1st day volunteers. Ran really smoothly.

**Book Fair Coordinator** – Christie

* Getting ready to submit books for all the kids & spreadsheet is out for teachers book sets

**Principal Report:** Amy Webster

* School year started off well. Welcome night was well attended. ~350 students this year for K-5 enrollment.
* Bond group met in July. There will be a community forum sometime in October.
* Some new teachers: new ELL teacher (was a 5th grade teacher at Glencairn) and a new K teacher (Lauren Holmes- was previously a PK teacher in Minnesota), Sutton moved to be the resource room teacher instead.
* Mr. Wilkenson had filled in for Kindergarten for first week. He’s back to his regular behaviorist position, He will be here for the year!

**Teacher Representative Report**- Sherry Martin

Sept 21st Broad at MSU (5th graders going there)

Some teachers (grades 2nd, 3rd & 5th) are piloting new science program (Amplify Science). Very hands on program where the kids take on the roles as scientists and engineers.

# Old/New Business:

1. Crazy Color Fun Run (April)- Friday October 5th : Same donation things as last year (cash, check, online), Fliers will go out this week/next week. Will run 12:30-1:50 & 2:40-3:30. Will need 2 groups of volunteers. Katie will do the signup geniuses. Event will be Inflatables & obstacles again with the brag tags as event item. For kids who raise $25 or more they will get the $5 scholastic book coupon. Top 10 fundraisers will get spirit wear &/or more scholastic book $. October 1st-5th will be spirit week. Kids will vote on the 5 spirit days from 10 choices.
2. PPC cork board- Jasmine will be working on this. Will include box top collection.
3. Spirit Wear – Will be an order shortly before the book fair for pickup at the Dec 3rd-7th bookfair. Order will include the 2 winning designs from last years student design competition.
4. STEAM Night – Katie Van Dorn : November 14th – will try to pull more Art into the night, will look into Reach. Harvest (chili/food) night will be included and will be headed by Todd Parker.
5. Multicultural night- Emily- Not here to update but will be in Januray
6. Parent (IT security professional at MSU) talked about hosting a Threats and Security for our Kids night (for adults to learn more). Will happen hopefully some night during the December book fair night.
7. Candy Cane Shop – will do that again in December. PPC will look into purchasing gift bags or wrapping materials for the kids.

Upcoming Events:

1. Picture Day – Thursday Sept 20th (Todd and Marilyn as volunteers, could use 1 more person)
2. Crazy Color Fun Run – October 5th
3. Walk to School – October 10th Regan – more details to come

# Open Discussion/Questions:

Christie spoke about bond meeting. Said the district is over budget on the 3 schools currently being built. They are all now in their contingency funds. Amy mentioned that Donnely is further along but both schools are on their own targets to be done on time as of Aug.

Someone mentioned that B&A was really warm but fans weren’t allowed, Amy Webster was going to look into if anything could be done but fans are a liability issue for B&A.

Terah Chambers (board member) here unofficially:

* Talked about how this year collective bargining was used with the teacher contracts. Took longer than expected but both sides seemed very happy and it was a 3rd year contract that was achieved so schedule has been set for 3 years now!
* Donelly and Glencairn are on target and on budget.
* Talks about what Red Cedar will be used for after all the schools are built. Is looking like 7 classrooms will remain.
* Mentioned that there will be a shifting of district boundaries b/c of the new smaller schools, stay tuned

Other info that was mentioned:

Pinecrest Kindergarten classrooms are 25 & 25 for student count this year.

* 3rd grade test scores were low for Pinecrest, making people aware and that it is being paid attention to. Amy mentioned Zero hour was approved and will start soon and that Pinecrest does have 2 full time employees that are here to help
* Board of Education bond reports including budget are on the bond page on the website. Bond workgroup is Oct 18th at 10am at the high school (anyone can attend)
* Late Start- B&A is trying to cover these for B&A families but WILL NOT be available for Septembers (no gaurentee for others yet). Feedback that the School/District and B&A should get the word out that there is not going to be childcare those days in the morning.
* Ideas for classes to create Time Capsules (PPC will help out with this)

# Adjournment:

* Meeting was adjourned. Minutes recorded and submitted by Meghan Drouare