# Pinecrest Parent Council Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2017

# Welcome

**In Attendance:** Katie Van Dorn, Lisa Parker, Karen Hoene, Mary Ellen Vrbanac, April Hunt, Todd Swales, Tanya Merritt, Amy Webster, Meghan Drouare, Regan Quick-Severin, Jee-Yae Koo, Ellie Vlahos, Bilyana Zawbora, Christe Alwin, Amy Adams, Jen Shangraw, Emily Schnurr, Sara Beer

**Call to order:** Katie Van Dorn called the meeting to order on September 12, 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 May 2, 2017 Parent Council meeting; the motion passed.

**Welcome and Introductions:** Katie Van Dorn then everyone else present introduced themselves, including the new board. The new board: Katie Van Dorn and Lisa Parker are the co-presidents; Tanya Merritt is the vice-president, Amy Adams is the treasurer, Meghan Drouare is the secretary, and Ellie Vhalos is the volunteer coordinator.

# Officer Reports:

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

Librarian asked for GCs for summer reading. It was decided that parent council will give 2 $25 scholastic gift certificates for this. Christie will write these out for the librarian. There was talk about growing the summer reading program and advertising it more so in future years the Parent council can give more scholastic $s for this. Also talk of partnering with teachers to give scholastic $s to them during the school year for reading log type incentives.

Fall newsletter was written and eblasted. It is also on the website. It will be printed and distributed soon.

**Vice President Report** – Tanya Merritt

Marcos Pizza Night – first Wednesday of every month starting on October 4th. After 50 pizzas are ordered, the class with the most orders wins a pizza party. Hopefully will do a “decorate a pizza box” fundraiser with them near the end of the year.

**Treasurer Report** – Amy Adams

We have $15,XXX in our account. This is up from the $13,XXX at the beginning of last year.

Ellie reported that we have to reapply for 501c status. This needs done before Dec. 31st. Ellie will do this.

**Secretary Report**– Meghan Drouare

Website has been freshened up and updated.

**Volunteer Coordinator Report** – Ellie Vlahos

Needs a bunch of volunteers for upcoming events. Needs about 4 volunteers for morning time of picture day & numerous for Color Run.

**Book Fair Coordinator Report**- Christie Alwin

Bookfairs will be Dec and Spring (same week as Science Night)

**Principal Report** – Amy Webster

Menchie’s reached out to her with information for a fundraiser (could be for a librarian, art teacher, etc.

1st day seemed to have gone much better this year. Thanked PPC for the volunteers.

Thanked PPC for the breakfast and said Friday was a great day to do it.

**Teacher Representative Report**- Mary Ellen Vrbanac

Thanked the PPC for the teacher reimbursement $ and for breakfast. The teachers feel supported and appreciated. Had a list from Geoff of upcoming field trips: Greenfield Village (at the end of the year), Wharton- Captain Hook, BWL-Power Plant, & a speaker Randy Baker on explorers, no Zoo trip planned. PPC said they could help support things such as the speaker expense and the charter bus expense since PPC have decided to keep the previously allocated transportation money in building.

**Board member report**- Karen Hoene

Great report from Bond people. Green schools- Geothermal & solar talk. Also keeping in mind biking to school. Gave a bond update- have formed 3 community groups for ideas on transportation flow, sacred things, which direction the building should face, etc. There are bi-weekly bond meetings every other Thursday @ 10AM. Updates are on the East Lansing schools website.

Just had an audit (info will be available at next meeting)

Working on turning immigration status resolution into policy. (they welcome feedback via email)

ELEF foundation tailgate this Friday.

-Amy Webster talked about how ELEF is how the school got the equity grant. The Equality Grant is how Pinecrest does the monthly school books, this month’s book was “I’m New Here”

# Old/New Business:

# **Box Tops for education** – volunteers not present, no update.

# **Inflatables** - Went over liability for inflatables, we were approved for the inflatables.

# **Movie Nights** – not going to do them however we are going to renew the license so teachers can show movies (for things such as compare to books, class party, holiday party, etc) Board rep will look into purchasing license as a district.

# **Walk to School Day** – Wed. Oct 4th, during spirit week. Regan spoke about it. All EL schools are participating. There will be parent volunteers in each walkable route. The during recess didn’t work well last year. Some ideas that other schools have done: school wide walk & remote drop off. When it gets closer, PPC will send eblast and promote on website.

# Upcoming Events:

**Curriculum Night (Sept 14)** - Parent Council will set up a booth outside or in lunch room

**Picture Day (Sept 21st )**

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

**STEM Night (Nov 15)**

# Open Discussion/Questions:

Carnival date decided for Friday, June 1st

Support for a bike rack. Katie Van Dorn will look into pricing. Before purchasing PPC will get okay from board of Education.

Christe Alwin talked about MSTEP test scores for 3rd grade. Pinecrest had alarmingly low scores (45%), Glencairen was at 82%. Talked about needing a full time support person in our building. Resorative Justice. Need a person for behavior. Find ways to reduce Pinecrest’s #s (Pinecrest has the largest core population plus extra resources). Talked about how are 2nd grade is over 50% school of choice children. Some parents decided to form a subcommittee to present to the board and superintendent and hold them accountable, Christie will email those parents.

# Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Meghan Drouare