

# Pinecrest Parent Council Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2019

## Welcome and call to order:

**In Attendance:** Tanya Merritt, Rachel Perez, Jamie Harbin, Alysha Looney, Ellie Vlahos, Marilyn Earley, Regan Quick-Severin, Stephanie Beeler, Rhiannon Worgess-Carveth, Amy Webster, Lisa Parker, Todd Swales, Jasmine King, Karen McCloskey, Natalie Draper, Katie Van Dorn

**Call to Order:** Tanya Merritt called the meeting to order on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:04 p.m.

**Approval of the agenda and minutes:** There was a motion and a second to approve the meeting agenda: the motion passed.

## Officer Reports:

### President's Report – Tanya Merritt

Marcos Fundraiser: Tanya reached out to the Marcos Pizza management and the first Marcos Pizza Night is scheduled for October 2, 2019.

### Vice Presidents – Katie Van Dorn and Todd Swales

Pinecrest Parent Council had an informational table set up for the past open house where spirit wear was sold.

### District parent council report:

- Pinecrest rebuild is on pace.
- State funded grant was awarded to Donley for free breakfast and lunch program. The grant was awarded based on the percentage of free and reduced lunch forms returned to the school. Pinecrest would like to encourage all families to return the free and reduced lunch form because they are used to qualify schools for this grant and others.
- Parent volunteer forms (for chaperons and volunteers during school hours) need to be filled out every two years. It takes about 10 days for the forms to be approved.
- East Lansing school district is working on improving the school building process with lessons learned from completed projects. Some things that were noted were wider sidewalks, and the need for ceiling fans.
- District parent council training: officer roles are available online.

**Treasurer** - Lisa Parker

Budget reports from June and July were presented and will be posted on the parent council website.

Considered switching to MSUFCU for financing, but they do not allow online donations and payments. Will investigate other options to receive online payments.

**Secretaries** – Rachel Perez and Jasmine King

Pinecrest family directory forms will be sent to teacher mailboxes for distribution this week.

**Volunteer Coordinators** - Ellie Vlahos and Karen McCloskey

Crazy Fun Color Run sign-up genius will be posted soon.

**Book fair Coordinator** - Lisa Parker

Logistics were worked out for future book fairs.

**Principal Report** - Amy Webster

There is approximately 310 K-5 students currently enrolled in Pinecrest.

The school has already conducted two fire drills.

Parent pick-up and drop-off has been running smoothly and there is an increased number of students that ride the bus to school.

Mrs. Webster is communicating with Dean Transportation in order to improve the timeliness of the buses.

**Teacher Representatives** – Alysha Looney and Jamie Harbin (1<sup>st</sup> grade)

Presented teacher grant proposal to the parent council.

### Old/New Business:

Teacher grant forms: Parent council will evaluate funding for teacher grants based on funds raised during the Crazy Fun Color Run. Changes made to the teacher grant forms were approved by the parent council.

## Confirmed Committee Coordinators

- Crazy Fun Color Run: April
- Steam Night: Katie Van Dorn, Rhiannon Worgess-Carveth
- Harvest Night (Same day as STEAM Night): Lisa Parker
- Book Fair: Lisa Parker, Marilyn Earley, Christe Alwin
- Candy Cane Shop: Tanya Merritt, Marilyn Earley
- Multicultural Night: Emily Schnurr, Jasmine King
- Heart Hop Dance: Tanya Merritt, Meghan Drouare
- Science Fair: Christe Alwin
- Carnival: Jasmine King, Rachel Perez, Katie Van Dorn
- Auction: Ellie Vlahos
- Lignuts School Night: Tanya Merritt

## Upcoming Events:

Safe Routes to School at old Donley – September 10<sup>th</sup> 6-8p.m.

Picture Day – September 19<sup>th</sup>

Walk to School Day – October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Spirit Week – Monday to Friday September 30 to October 4

Crazy Fun Color Run – October 4<sup>th</sup>

## Open Discussion/Questions:

Motion to purchase a new lockbox was passed.

Teacher Grant approved in the amount of up to \$1,000 for books for curricular supplementation. The first-grade teachers (Mrs. Looney and Mrs. Harbin) asked for books associated with the Rooted in Reading program.

## Adjournment