**Allen Parent Council Agenda
March 13, 2019
6:00-7:00 pm**

Attendees: Kit Flynn, Michele Barkoot, Jamie Lee, Dan Ezekiel, Maggie Sayed, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Elizabeth Peters, Karen Rendall, Michele Clay, Temperance Wilkerson, Adrian Dantzer, Jenny York, Noureen Vaid

6:00 Meeting come to order - Brief introductions

6:05 ​Dan Ezekiel -district rep for the new recycling program for the district.

* Dan is a former AAPS science teacher, now a recycling guru. Working with Jenny York at Allen.
* District has an 8000 initiative, which is sustainability. Will have several sub-policies.
* They are making recommendations to the superintendent, one of which is to repair the recycling program.
* Allen is 1 of 3 schools to pilot the program in the spring, with a full rollout in the fall.
* The goal is to include kids and educate them to be stewards. Having the 5th graders assist. Jenny is teaching classes about the system. Will need parent volunteers in the lunch room, will start with recycling milk cartons.
* A site visit was done at Allen. Every room has a recycling container which they are using correctly. The lunch room has no recycling. Everything is going to the land fill (use this language vs. garbage).
* We need parents to volunteer at school, model behaviors at home (reduce, reuse, recycle), talk about what can be done at school.
* Slide show will be sent home soon
* Motto to follow is “If in doubt, throw it out”
* Tracie Clarke is a good contact at Wines Elementary
* The district has applied for a grant from the MDEQ for $1 million for recycling infrastructure for the schools. Also want to purchase a refrigerated van to go to schools, gather uneaten/untouched food, and take to Food Gatherers.
* Will no longer use plastic liners in blue recycling containers

6:20 Principal Report

* Reforestation program: Allen will get 25 new trees this spring. They will be medium sized trees. Question: Was there a survey done of existing trees for their health? We have some trees that are dead that need to be removed.
* Playground is coming this summer. Some things will be removed and replaced.
* The principal search has kicked off. Check emails for details. Fill out survey if interested in being considered to be part of the process.

6:30 Green School Initiative via Parent Council - Earth Day Celebration

* Each classroom will be doing something. Kit will find out more info.

6:35 Events:

A) Multicultural Night (March 19th)
B) Book Fair (March 18th-22nd)
C) Sole Hope Service Project (March 22nd) – email to follow
D) Disability Awareness Workshop (April 8th) – Need volunteers
E) Science Olympiad practices underway – made teams so kids can compete, and tried to give kids their first pick, but couldn’t always accommodate those requests.
F) We are Monsters play practices underway – cast and crew = company. Performances are on May 3rd at 7:30, May 4th at 1:00 and 3:00. Dress rehearsal for the school on May 2nd.
G) Grade Level Fun nights – 1st grade has shown interest. 4th grade Michele Clay and Michele Barkoot will run in the spring. Kindergarten Michele Clay and Adrian Dantzer will run in the spring.

Science Fair was brought up. Science Fair is March 21st. Kids tour during the day, families in the evening. Discussed that it is run by teachers, not parent council. Required for 5th grade, optional for K – 4. Boards available for purchase in the office for $3 (or a discounted price if there is a hardship). Kids can demo their project at the fair if that’s part of their experiment.

The idea of an art walk was brought up as a future event. Line the halls with kid’s art and sell as a fundraiser.

6:40 Treasurer updates: Elizabeth

* Doing well. More expenses come out at the end of the year.
* Request for $500 to buy books for March is Reading Month for kids that turn in their passports. Motion made by Michele Clay, seconded by Noureen Vaid to provide the $500 for the books. All in favor, no opposed, Kit Flynn abstained.
* Spring Teacher grant email to be sent in April

6:45 PTOC updates: Cara

* Updates will be provided at the next meeting

6:50 Vote on Vice President and Secretary

* Michele Clay has put her name in for VP. Jamie Lee put her name in for Secretary.
* Motion made by Noureen Vaid, seconded by Karen Rendall to vote for Michele as VP and Jamie as Secretary. All in favor, no opposed, Kit Flynn abstained.

7:00 Adjourn meeting