**Allen Parent Council Meeting Agenda**

**January 16, 2019**

**6:00 – 7:00 PM**

Attendees: Adrian Dantzer, Emem Samu, Sukhinder Sandhu-Deol, Heidi Harris, Michele Barkoot, Cara Crisostomo, Michele Clay, Kit Flynn, Karen Rendell, Noureen Vaid, Alicia Carroll, Elizabeth Peters, Shawn Severance, Kristen LaVasseur, Elizabeth Wilkinson

6:00: Meeting come to order - introductions

6:00: Open positions

* Looking for a new secretary, vice president open. Email allenelementarypc@gmail.com if interested. Both positions have voting rights on the executive board.
* Are there job descriptions? Yes, Heidi will look.

6:05: Fun Nights – these are not the same as movie nights. Each grade level gets $50 to put together a fun night.

* 3rd grade fun night January 18th – Adrian. In the great room vs. sledding.
* Kindergarten Fun Night (May) – Adrian & Michele Clay. Put Y5 in and get $100?
* 1st Grade Fun Night – Megan Cross. Noureen and Sukhinder might be able to help.
* 2nd, 4th, 5th? 4th grade – Michele Barkoot & Michele Clay

6:10: Service Project – Michele Barkoot – Kits

* <http://solehope.org/carekitparty/>
* Kick it off on MLK Day. Michele Clay makes the motion to buy the kickoff kit for $25, Cara seconds. All in favor, none opposed, none abstaining.

6:20: Science Olympiad Coaches & first meeting end of month – Michele Clay

* Anthony Gugino and Michele Clay are the head coaches.
* Info went out today in the e-blast. Have 13 coaches, but need more. Barge building, circuit wizardry, hang time, in bloom, map reading, no bones about it, photon phun, potions.
* College kids can coach
* All kids can practice, but only 2-4 compete on May 11th. Can practice in more than one event, but probably will not compete in more than one.
* What’s the time commitment for kids? 1-2 hours per week, depending when the coaches hold practice.
* First coaches meeting tomorrow. Head coaches meeting at Pioneer on the 30th.

6:30: School Play – Heidi Harris

* Great success last year
* Purpose is to give our students basic concepts and techniques. Helps 5th graders as they go to middle school so they aren’t behind. Broadway style dance, singing, projecting, working with different people and groups.
* 2 plays/musicals on the table – We Are Monsters (celebrating diversity), Free To Be You and Me (children growing up to be who they want to be). Free To Be will be a bit more expensive. Each at least $300 for the scripts.
* Simple sets, simple costumes. T-shirt as their costume, props. Prepare a generic backdrop.
* Does anyone have any problems with either play?
* Dates would be first weekend in May 3rd – 5th
* 2nd – 5th grade. 2nd grade would be in first and last number. Lead cast would be 5th graders. Older kids would be mentors. Everybody makes it even though they try out.
* More info to come on practices. 2 days a week, likely 4-5 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Multicultural Night – Heidi Harris

* Bring dish from your background or heritage, or just something you like to eat.
* March 19th or 21st? Work with Torey Madura as she’s running the book fair.
* Need help getting donations from local restaurants, getting performers
* Tanya Hill will work with Heidi to transition for next year

6:40: Yearbook – Need to get started uploading

* Michele Clay has login info. allenelementaryyearbook@gmail.com to send in pictures.
* Cara Crisostomo will take the lead, Kristen LaVasseur will help.
* In the past have given 5th grader yearbook committee disposable cameras, then give to coordinator. Will do something similar with digital cameras perhaps.

6:50: Green School Initiative – will get green status, trying to get evergreen status.

1. Are any teachers composting in their room that we know of? Mrs. York. Mrs. Flynn will get a picture.
2. Earth Day (April 22nd) Project – Pick up litter at recess?
	1. Emilio – building and grounds facilities director. Wanted to know if Allen wanted to be 1 of 3 schools to pilot new recycling program. YES!!
3. DTE Energy information as an energy point with 4th grade class. Do we know if we have any pictures? Will ask Mrs. Groves and Mr. Mattie
4. We need one more energy point for the green school initiative. Guest speaker, assembly, ecology center will work with us. Kristen LaVasseur’s mom works on a regional level with green initiatives. Will look into it. Attend a parent council meeting? Mrs. Flynn’s son is an alternative fuels director at U of M.

6:55: Barnes & Noble Book Fair - $159 because they lowered the percentage by 15% this year. Looking into a different event for next year.

Airtime – January 25th

7:03: Security clearance – board members need to fill out and get a background check. Also for Science Olympiad. Needs to be done every year.

7:07: Lead testing came back, potable water is now safe except for one sink faucet which is being worked on in Y5.

7:08: Adjourn meeting. Sukhinder motions, Kristen LaVasseur seconds adjourning.