Wednesday January 17th, 2018

**Allen Parent Council Meeting**

Attendees: Adrian Dantzer (PTOC), Alicia Carroll (Vice Treasurer) , Cara Crisostomo, Heidi Kussurelis, Elizabeth Peters (Treasurer) , Kerry Beal (Principa), Michele Barkoot (President), Noureen Vaid (Vice President) , Takeshia Banks (Secretary)

* 5:35: Call to order
* 5:42 Principal Report
  + Fun Run:
    - Lunch successful, completed by grade levels. Still 2 kids that need to make up.
    - Date for photos for those that won to be determined.
  + Barnes and Noble Book Fair: success $895 (similar to last year’s revenue). Online we received 12% vs. 20% for in store. Online purchases lasted an extra four days than the in store.
  + Thanksgiving Program was a success.
  + Literacy work continues. Third grade reading law has been in the works for 6-8 years. Rational provided at Principal Professional development. Tonya Wright led the development day.
  + Second round of NWEA testing to be competed February 28th this time it will include the Kindergarteners.
  + School closings to take place in upcoming weeks
    - There will be a long weekend around President’s day to serve as Mid-Winter break. Dates Feb. 16th through Feb 19th.
    - Spring Break is the last week of March.
    - Half days that are approaching include: January 31st and February 28th utilized for Professional Development days.
  + Field trips:
    - Friday for the Young 5’s to Gym America.
    - Winter Survival for Bates last week with Bates approaching.
    - Trip to Kensington.
  + Mr. Blumer had a baby boy, named Theodore. He will be out on leave to celebrate the birth.
  + WIDA testing is for students that enroll and English is not their first language. This helps to see what additional help is needed. It is an online test to assist with reading and Comprehension. Discussed to show additional assistance for reading help for students.
  + Language teaching in the school discussed. 3rd & 4th grade students take Arabic and Spanish in 5th grade they pick one to specialize in that year.
  + Heating and Cooling not functioning properly, to be reviewed due to Allen will be a possible Summer Learning building.
* 6:00 : Officers for next school year
  + Current vacancies include: President, Vice president, Secretary and PTOC.
  + Some of the current officers are discussing entering into other roles, therefore switching positions.
  + One officer will no longer be at the school due to her child aging out and another is unsure due to an addition to her family.
* 6:10 Upcoming Events
  + Fun Run wrap up, as discussed Celebrity photo shoot to still be scheduled.
  + Tile wall dedication – Feb?
    - When? Appetizers? Potluck?
    - The suggestion of having it the day of the Multicultural Night presented.
    - A chairperson needed.
    - Invites to last year’s fifth graders and family will be sent.
  + Restaurant Night- Feb? Goal is to have it mid February.
  + Second grade Fun Night to be held on February 9
  + NAAPID day is February 12th all parents are invited. There will be an African Drumming group with light refreshments in the morning for parents that are able to join.
  + School Musical to be held on March 9th & 10th. Preparations and rehearsals are coming along well as reported by coordinators.
  + March 15th Science Fair ran by Susan Bates, older grades required to participate, younger grades can participate as desired.
  + March 19-23rd Scholastic Book fair to take place, volunteers still needed.
  + March 21st is when Multicultural fair will take place, Heidi Harris to coordinate
  + April 4th is Disability Awareness workshop a parent has stepped up to coordinate.
  + May 12th Science Olympiad training to begin.
  + June 8th Country Fair:
    - Event chair needed: Adrian Dantzer has offered but stated she will need support.
    - Item to replace bounce house discussed: Gym America, Quest Martial Arts and Innovations, dunk tanks mentioned, follow up to continue.
    - Petting Farm has already been booked
    - Cake walk DJ as well as the possibility of another DJ for the whole fair has already been spoken to.
    - Noureen is facilitating booking food trucks. Pizza as an option will also remain in place.
* 6:30 Lost & Found – A notice will go out to parents to make sure to check the Lost & Found. There are also currently two garbage bags in the parent council. After all are laid out and no one claims the items, they will be donated to Charity.
* 6: 38 New Business
  + A possible new fundraiser present by Heidi Kussurelis, it is a card that can be purchased by Allen families and neighbors. It has stores that we wish to have and if the person renews their card after a year Allen will continue to receive money from it. Received will and Michele will look further into it and share at next meeting.
* 6:49 Old Business
  + Barnes & Noble Book fair already discussed and proud of the outcome.
  + Movie Nights: Not all grades have had one yet, chairs needed to make these a success.
* 7:00 Meeting Adjourned