Wednesday February 21, 2018

**Allen Parent Council Meeting**

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

  6:00: Call to order

* 6:05: Principal’s Report
  + Reading month plans are set
  + Spring Break is earlier this year, the last week of March.
  + Traffic report concerns discussed and suggestions from Burns Park have been made, including flags at stop gap areas.
  + Staff is to attend an ALICE training; Active Shooting training.
    - Mom asked if school will be participating in school walkouts, parents are able to make decision for their children. It was recommended that parent reach out to Moms Demand Action. Group is on agenda towards the end of the meeting.
  + Tuesday is the 100th day of school.
  + NAAPID day was a success with parent involvement. African Drummers that performed were well accepted by parents, staff and children.
  + Native American Dancers were in school and all grades were present.
  + Classroom Valentine’s Day celebrations were a success, Principal Beal also gave thank you for those who provided the ice cream sundaes.
  + District & playground revisited.
  + February 28th there is a ½ day. This Wednesday with dismissal at 1:29 again to provide lunch for all students.

  6:30: Treasurer’s Report

* + Reports are divided by July/June is the fiscal year for the school’s budget.
  + Science Olympiad Launchers: Moderator for money in addition, 3 rocket launchers were damaged in the flood. There is a $900 budget already but this includes material, snacks and T-shirts. Launchers are $200 each and requesting $400. Council has decided to approve this and will use the money from the category of Academics Curriculum Enhancement. Adrian motioned to have Science Olympiad awarded $400 (7 approved,2 abstained motion approved).
  + Country Fair is never intended as a fundraiser but money is usually gained. $3000 is budgeted for it, only $500 has been utilized at this time.
  + Fun Run revenue discussed. Fun Run is our largest fundraiser, netting $12,540.00, $4,187.72 from checks and cash. Online donations were made; it is encouraged to utilize checks and cash due to a fee that the website applies. School only paid Get Movin Crew 7.4 %. Get Movin Crew is the organization that established the Fun Run. The question is if there will be a Fun Run next year.
  + Thrift Store located on Industrial has always provided funds to Parent Council. They are experiencing hardships themselves so unsure of how much will be given. Last year $3,390, this year could be half the amount.
  + Teacher’s grant budget discussed and that there may be some additional funding this year.
  + Kids Act Play: $3000 has been budgeted for the play with $1871 carry over from last year. Participants have participation fees. The expenses include T-shirts that serve as costumes, lighting, sets, and sounds.
  + Outdoor Classroom, discussed and the continuation.
  + Taxes for the school will be out by the Treasurer by the end of February.
* 6:48: Teacher Grants
  + Susan Bates (5th grade teacher) requesting $125 for $59 cow hearts for fifth grade students performing in groups of 5.
    - There was a suggestion to put it in the budget to not have to request every year. Additionally it is for all fifth graders not just her class.
    - For it to be listed on Curriculum Enhancement. Heidi motioned and Noureen seconded.
  + Mr. T (Art) requesting $520 to replace bulletin boards, for a total of four. Requesting two boards.
  + Mrs. Hamilton (Gym) requesting $250 for SNAG (Starting New at Golf) program. PGA golf professional Tim Strickland will provide. For all grades Pre-K through 5th.
  + Mr. Mattie (4th grade) requesting $239 for 20 Elementary classroom dictionaries to assist with MStep and NWEA testing.
    - Alicia mentioned Kiwanis may be able to donate some additionally.

It was recommended to approve all teacher grants. Motioned by Takeshia and seconded by Heidi, all in favor.

* 7:00: Fundraising Opportunity: MobileT with Wendy Griest.
  + Can be customized with stores that are requested (30 places). Rep will ask the requested stores and restaurants to participate. They are tailored made which takes 2-3 weeks. They can be ordered online but also can be completed with order forms. Facebook posts to support will be done by company as well. 50-75% of customers usually reorder which that revenue will come to the school in the years to come. There are apps that can be used for it.
    - Concern is it is another Fundraiser for Allen families.
    - There is a contract that needs to be looked at. The contract must be signed before Wendy will initiated and speak to stores and restaurants.
    - Heidi will look further into it but it is not a task she can take on alone.

  7:10: Upcoming Events:

o   **Fun Run Wrap Up** – Celebrity Photo Shoot to be scheduled. There are still 2 pizza parties to be planned.

o   **Reschedule**: 2nd Grade Fun Night is to be rescheduled. It was originally scheduled on a snow day and canceled.

o   **Spring Spirit Wear Sale,**including Lights, Camera, Action Shirt and will be an online only ordering platform.

o   **Feb/March**: Restaurant Night – Goal is to have it at Potbelly’s in March.

o   **Mar 9 & 10**: School Musical, cost is $5 for Admission. The report has been practicing has been going well.

o   **Mar 19 – 23**: Scholastic Book Fair, still need volunteers.

o   **Mar 21**: Multi-Cultural Night / Tile Wall Dedication – Sign Up Genius has been distributed.

o   **Apr 4**: Disability Awareness Workshop: A volunteer has stepped up to run workshop.

o   **May**: Teacher Appreciation: Discussion of what to do. It was nice last year but time consuming for families with something to do every week for four weeks. Other options to be determined.

o   **May 12**: Science Olympiad: Moderator states things are going well, only concern was in regards to Rocket launchers which group was approved for more.

o   **June 8:** Country Fair: Petting Farm booked, some food trucks called. Ice carving company may be apart which could be a fundraising opportunity as well. The search for things other than bounce houses continue.

  7:22: New Business

* Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America Presentation (25 min)
  + Discussed to offer it before or after Parent Council for those who desire to attend.

  7:28: Old Business

* Discussed throughout meeting

  7:30: Meeting Adjourned