6:00 Meet & Greet
Introductions of everyone

6:15 welcome to parent council - what is parent council?

No dues as an Allen parent you can automatically be a part of the Parent council.

Parent council brings parents together by ideas, thoughts and suggestions to enhance learning and growth.

Parent council does this by fundraising, hosting activities, and teacher grants.

Fundraising includes the Fun Run, Restaurant Nights, Community building, Multicultural night, Movie nights and Fun nights.

PTO funds are also given to assist in transportation although funding from them has been cut.

An event schedule was provided to attendees

Communication methods for the Parent council include the Facebook page and weekly email blasts
Email addresses came from the power school system anyone that is not receiving emails needs to update within power school.

Heidi H mentioned that anyone that has a strength or new idea to help with things that Parent council runs. Half sheets of paper provided by Michele B (the president) for ideas, concerns, questions, skills and/or interests,

Parent council Sub Committees include Spirit wear, Hospitality, Budget,  Scrip, Outdoor Classroom, PTOC, Yearbook, Front Garden, Vegetable Garden, Communication, Grounds, Staff appreciation and Fundraising.

New ideas that were discussed
Google docs for signing up for things to participate in, some stated the sign up Genius that was used in the past is also in option.

Programs or opportunities for disadvantage kids in the Allen family discussed.
One parent mentioned providing meals for the disadvantage children. Chartwell program for free and reduced lunch discussed. Additionally, on early release days meals will be provided so no child goes home hungry.

Rec and Ed Scholarships to assist with afterschool program participation. Free and reduced lunch recipients
are eligible for scholarships. Kerry Beal (Principal) posted link in her email blast.

The possibility of a coat drive within the school discussed and other community sources.

What happens to the lost and found items at the end of the school year?

At the end of the year Heidi H has laundered them and taken them to the PTO thrift shop and any items not accepted went to the Salvation Army.

New ideas:
H&M also accepts all articles of clothing, no matter the condition. They recycle the items for making their
clothing.

A walk through at the end of the school year by each class and then selling items as low as $0.25.

Allowing others to bring items and have a parent sell with low price items.

PRINCIPAL REPORT 6:50pm

For new parents the flood of 2016 discussed. The flooding occurred on August 18, 2016 in which the floor bubbled from a pipe burst from where a side walk and fire hydrant were. Which lead to work and making
sure there were no concerns of structural damage. Allen was housed at West Middle School in Ypsilanti MI.

Allen Elementary returned home on April 17, 2017.

Air enhancement some things are still being worked out, for example with the air which is degree control is an issue and will be resolved related to health concerns.

Items that continue are ground finishing, camera installation and office changes, some to take place this weekend.

Description of the updates in the building - LED lights, air conditioning throughout.

Great start of the year especially to be able to start at home, Allen.

Parent pick up with the ability to merge has been a positive. Older kids can be encouraged to be picked up on the hill.

Crosswalks- one cannot be put across from Allen because a cross walk cannot be where a side walk does not attach, the idea of a crossing guard mentioned.

Concerns voiced by parents of children being dropped off in the street, Beal to address.

Parents asked for a confirmation of where children are to cross at Easy & Towner. Painting that took place on Dorchester mentioned which was initiated by an Allen parent. Petition form parents discussed to assist with additional painting.

Planning Commission has to be contacted. A committee on Ann Arbor District and to be discussed at the PTO seed meeting on website.

New positions:
Alessandro Toniutti is the new Art Teacher.

Ed Broom, The Behavior Intervention Specialist he shared between 5 buildings and will have 5 students at each school. His job is to build relationships, mentor and help those students towards success.

A new fourth grade teacher is to be hired, the interview process is taking place and the candidate hired will be announced to everyone soon.

Kim Mobley and Katie Hamilton were announced to be co-lead teachers, previously Ms. Wolf's position.

\* Lead teacher: "Go to" person that steps in when the principal is absent for emergencies, plans on moving forward, parent contacting. They are also a part of the School Improvement Team, person that can be spoken to when people do not want to go to the principal which having will assist with comfortability. Additionally, they worked on the Specials schedule for all grade levels.

In regards to mentoring there is a mentoring program within staff members that focuses less on academics with students and more about bonding. Teachers checking in with students and seeing how there day is going, interests, and family dynamics.

Third grade reading updates, will be discussed next meeting. There were many questions that came up. Takeshia (writer, Secretary) suggested setting up a time just for that topic to ensure all issues are addressed.
Article on Mlive to assist with understanding, How measurement will be taken into account touched on,
timelines, and practices that have already been adopted not raising concern among Allen Elementary.

Square 1 Art Tile wall to be placed this winter, area to still be decided. It contains art from all grade levels from last year.

Picture Day is on Friday September 15, 2017

Allen's first half day is on September 27, 16 release at 1:29 pm, half days include lunch.

7:20 EVENTS FOR THE YEAR

Fun Run is our first event and main fundraiser. It starts with a kick
off assembly on September 27th and the Fun Run is on October 27th
during the school day. This is one of our biggest fundraisers with raising
around $19,000 last year. This year it is a do it yourself program; a DJ is in
place, $6 for price per a student. Mainly using Get Movin Crew for the Fun Run site for
collecting money. Desire is to find a technical person that can assist with running a site so Get Movin Crew and
fees do not need to take place next year. A list of needs will be put together: envelopes,
pedometer, and water bottles are few to be named at this time. Corporate donations for every student desired. Popsicles for every student to be provided and pizza party to the top selling class or classes. School celebration of turning Mrs. Hamilton (Gym teacher) into an ice cream sundae. U of M Kinesiology students may be able to assist. Parent volunteered at meeting to wear Allen Eagle mascot suit. Request for volunteers for envelopes and papers.

7:38  ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISERS

PTO Thrift shop raffle

Allen would get a 100 tickets $5.00 each. Tickets are to be turned in by November 7, 2017.

Question is do we want to participate or not? Concern regarding it being at the same time of Fun Run causing too much money from families and friends, it being looked at as gambling, children selling raffle tickets, the time for parents to organize or spend the time selling.

Others liked it as an option because the school would receive a 100% of proceeds which could assist with the funding that would be decreased from the PTO thrift shop.

The suggestion was to only sell them at the thrift shop. Kristen first, seconded President any discussions, none stated. Yes 12   Opposed 5     Abstained 2 motion passed

Option of some families just writing checks also an option for all Fundraising, checks can be made out to the Allen Elementary Parent Council. When checks are made 100% of proceeds go to the Allen Parent Council.

7:50 Meeting adjourned