Wednesday October 10, 2016

**Allen Parent council Meeting**

Attendees: Kerry Beal, Michele Barkoot, Takeshia Banks, Heidi Harris, Elizabeth H Peters, Noureen Vaid, Beth Chapman, Adrian Dantzer, Laura Turner, Chris Thomas, Cara Crisostomo and Laura Hurst

Meeting Minutes:

* 5:30 : Superintendent Swift Q&A
  + Boiler reconnection mentioned which unfortunately lead to water being observed.
  + Meetings every third week, lasting about one hour each time.
  + Question of children transferring mentioned, needs to be discussed case by case.
  + Timeline- will not be ready by Winter break at this time.
  + Discussion of why flooding took place in newer part of the building is due to expansion in 1991, does not include utility room and piping different.
  + Repairs such as shelving in library have already began.
  + Rumors of sink hole under building not true some people were referring to a 8” sink hole that was in the building.
  + Other parts of the building are being looked at, regarding piping.
  + Dawn Linden spoke on looking for playground placement at West Middle, 2 vendors already have bids, awaiting one more than decisions will be made. Including small climber and swings since move back to home school will not be taking place in 2016.
  + Bus stop times, breakfast for those arriving later due to buses discussed, changes in drivers, bus numbers and clarification will be looked into for all.
  + Discussion of how funding will effect district discussed; AADL settlement and insurance will help to avoid funding for school effecting AA district. Adjustments are set to be funded for the entire year without concern.
  + Also mention of board wanting to donate money mentioned but goal is for them to offer something to enrich children not improve actual school building.
  + Piping relocation will be an improvement to be funded by AAPS and rebuilding due to damage funded by insurance.
* 6: 20 Call to order by President Michele Barkoot
  + Agenda
  + PTOC meeting; October 17 is the meet and greet with the Board members present.
  + Banner placement from PTO Thrift shop discussed.
  + Transition principal (Kit Flynn) introduced including her role, works part time. Main job at this time is working on inventory list for insurance company, past principal of Ann Arbor Open. Introductions to students and possibly helping those that need relief or assistance with transition at this time or visiting classes one by one. Also works with consulting with Jim Vibert (Allen site Overseer).
* 6:35 Principal report
  + Upcoming events mentioned: PJ day related to money raised from Fun Run.
  + New courtyard items including desire to get sand for sandboxes.
  + School closing dates mentioned including half day October 26, 16.
  + Parent teacher conferences and dates mentioned.
  + Scheduling time with Mrs. Beal discussed as she has 7 new teacher observations and observation of tenure teachers.
  + Flag pole broken, she has calls out to both districts for assistance with repair.
  + Fun run participation discussed.
  + Scheduling visits with teachers for classroom discussed.
  + Due to concerns of not knowing new teachers. Heidi brought up the probability of having a Teacher Social.
  + Concern of younger children still feeling lost discussed and ways to provide guidance for them, some parents from Parent Council offered their services to post signs or arrows.
  + Hand soap not being accessible discussed; PC was informed that most teachers use the bottle of hand soap as a hall pass.
* 6:50 Square 1 Art Tile Wall
  + Art Wall is similar to one in Allen (Home school location) near the library. Doing one again as Kindergarteners with the last one graduated from elementary last year.
  + It is also a fundraiser 35% of funds go back to school, parents can order with child’s art work on it. Every child receives a sticker with their artwork on it.
  + The process once booked takes about 4 weeks.
  + Cost discussed goal is $5 from families with a line to ask for donations for those whom cannot afford.
  + \* Funding from Parent council at $7.50 a piece funding of 403 totaling $3023. All in favor and approved.\*
* 7:00 Halloween /Trunk or Treat
  + Policy district wide, it is hard for kids that cannot participate
  + Proposal is for trunk or treat to take place at Allen (Home school) on the 28th.
  + Volunteers asked for
  + Some discussed that it just be a play time for kids on the playground in their costumes. No plans set to be discussed at a further time.
* 7:10 Fun Run Update
  + First incentive PJ day to be held this coming Friday October 14,16
  + Money raised includes 10,776 with 31% of student body registered.
  + A company has been found that will donate water bottles.
  + Discussion of putting names on water bottles discussed and volunteers needed (many volunteered and asked to be reached out to when needed).
  + Pedometers will be donated by Get Movin Crew for Fun room.
* 7:20 Meeting Adjourned