

**Parent Council Minutes**  
**November 14, 2018**  
**6:00 - 7:00 PM**

**Attendees:** Michele Barkoot, Noureen Vaid, Alicia Carroll, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Adrian Dantzer, Kit Flynn, Eman Thabteh, Danielle Hiemstra, Shani Hessenthaler, Elizabeth Peters, Maggie Sayed, Kim Mobley, Tanya Hill

**6:00** Call meeting to order

**6:01** Treasurer's Report

Revenue is based in top categories, Fun Run is the main fundraiser. \$7842.17 deposited in cash, still waiting on Get Movin' Crew check. Should have in 2-3 weeks. Other revenue categories, we have an approved budget for 18-19, then actuals, then the past 3 years. \$1600 Noodles & Co. and AirTime. Will have more of these throughout the year. Spirit Wear - sometimes just a pass through as we don't make a lot from spirit wear. Haven't paid out the check to the 2 companies.

Expenditures - we have 4 different categories. Academic, capital, community building and operating.

- Academic - \$7000 to Allen for field trips. Teacher grants, science olympiad, outdoor classroom, nice pot of money for physical enhancements and curriculum
- Capital - playground and modifications to building
- Community building - grade level fun nights (including trunk or treat), play \$1000 allocated, made \$2700 = \$3700.
- Operating expenses - insurance, state of michigan, federal taxes

Pending disbursements and deposits at the bottom.

**6:15** Principal's Report

- Kit is happy to be here, and she loves this community. It's been very busy and will probably continue. Please reach out, she's happy to meet with anyone. Kit is a retired principal, has a great handle on Allen, and is still learning more and more. As a reminder, she spent 2016-2017 with us to assist during the "Year of the Flood".
- Principal hiring - community has received info this. Can send again if needed. Principal's begin putting feelers out in the spring. Around March a posting will be created. A meeting will be held at Allen to talk about what that process looks like. Will come to parent and staff, and ask us for descriptors of the person we're looking for. Strengths, needs, etc. Will seek volunteers from staff and community to serve on a hiring committee. Screening committee, goes through resumes, letters of application, and whittle it down. Different group meets to do first round of interviews. After first round, the

interview committee will have input to narrow the list down. More than likely will come back for a second round of interviews. Will be an invitation to the parent community to give feedback on what they want. Hire someone who will work at the building, but could work at any AAPS building. Requirement is that interview committee sends 2 candidates to Balas. Interview with Swift reports, then Swift directly.

- When would this person start? More than likely in the fall, but could possibly be in Spring.
- Would an old principal come back to be on a committee? Haven't seen that happen, but other AAPS principals will be on the committee.
- Various parents of kids of different age ranges, special education, minorities, etc. will be on the committee. Because you volunteer doesn't mean you will be on a committee.

### **6:20 Anne Meade Retirement**

- Throw Anne a large, "we'll miss you" party on Dec. 12th. Also a PC meeting day. Inviting district, families past and present. 31 years in AAPS, at Allen 23 years. OPs are unsung and unappreciated. Anne is top of the line!! Honoring her wishes. Social committee will provide a large cake, flowers, gift. PC should choose their own type of gift.

### **6:30 Mrs. Mobley Sound System Upgrade**

- It's old, doesn't always work as expected. Kim Mobley researched the best scenario, more money than expected, but would last 20 years. \$1800 investment, gives us a brand new system that existing mics can plug into, the computer can plug into. Comes with the ability to have the system on an iPad to adjust the sound on the fly from anywhere in the room. If we get more mics, \$100 each. Can hook up specific kids to certain mics (headset mic). \$99 bluetooth option, would mount to outside of stage. Would allow for us to maneuver sound, movies, etc. There is a lesser cost one, but no iPad ability or bluetooth ability - about \$1200. Backstage monitor so kids can hear music - additional \$800. We have a lot of kids that go on to other musical experiences. We have a first chair clarinet for the president's marine band. Ann Arbor Youth Symphony, Pioneer, etc. \$2597 all together. Always figure 10-20% for unforeseen circumstances. Mike Humberger (facility guy) will install everything if we get it from this particular company. What is the warranty? Kim will double check. District will help with repairs.
- Does the district throw in any money? Yes, some from the last bond. Specifically went to instruments (Inc. piano), and necessary stage renovation.
- Vote will be done offline.

### **6:40 Teacher Grants**

- Ms. Hamilton \$250 for golf (curriculum enhancement)
- Ms. Mobley \$250 for drum, replace hand drums, bluetooth system

- Ms. Cocco / Ms. Harris / Ms. Cole (\$250) \$232.05 40 noise canceling headphones, soft seating for classroom library.
- Ms. Slotten \$225 Leslie Science Center grant. They pay for half, this is for the other half. (curriculum enhancement)
- Ms. Harper \$250 clipboard organizer and bean bag chairs
- Ms. Sisson \$150 Novels for 4th and 5th graders, reading magnifiers
- Ms. Hamilton \$120 + shipping for additional field hockey equipment (curriculum enhancement)
- Ms. Thompson \$250 magna tiles, easel, big books for shared reading
- Ms. Devine \$166.07 clipboard organizer, classroom floor dots, 3D word sentences, magnetic numbers, chime
- Ms. Basuni new rug (??)

Elizabeth makes a motion to move the ones with grants to curriculum enhancements. Tanya seconds. All in favor.

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Any objects to any of the grants? No, but PLEASE have them itemize it. All in favor.

Teachers need to provide an itemized receipt, they don't just get the money they request.

#### **6:50 Fun Run Update**

- \$20,800
- Sumo - Dec 21st at 2 PM \$375 for the suits. Great room, also do the assembly.
- Duct tape - could also be Dec 21, not set in stone
- Pizza parties will be Nov 30th. Michele to contact Jinil at Hungry Howie's to see what they will donate.
- Other incentives being figured out

#### **7:00 Old News Update**

- **Parent's Night Out at Townie Brewery** - Fun evening, may do it again. Don't know what we raised yet.
- **Chuck E. Cheese** - Do not know what we raised yet.
- **Noodles & Co.** - \$1005.55

**7:10 Barnes & Noble** - Sat, Dec 15th. Need someone to organize. Michele to send Adrian organizational info from last couple of years.

#### **7:20 Open Forum**

- Parent Drop Off and Pick Up - terrible experience this year. This is an issue at every building. It's an unsolvable problem, but we can have frequent reminders. It's not in the teacher contract to direct traffic, so it's awesome that they do it. Parents need to own this and figure it out. Kit will look into signage and parking lot enhancements.
- 5th grade camps - could we do this? Parents pay their kid's way \$127 each student, \$75 for each teacher. Mid-May. Storer camps. Need to talk to the teachers.
- Recess Balls - talk about offline

**7:30** Adjourn Meeting