

Wednesday, April 13th, 2016

Allen Parent Council Meeting

5:30 - Welcome/Introductions/Principal's Report

- Attendees: Kerry Beal, Caitlin Rowe, Torey Madura, Michele Barkoot, Kelly Faunce, Elizabeth Peters, Lisa Querijero, Adrian Dantzer, Roberta Cole, Alicia Carroll, Sheng (Sam) Tang, Mike Solomon

Principal's Report

- March Is Reading Month - individual incentives vs. team competition. Success!
- Book Fair & Multi-Cultural Night were successful and fun!
- Tappan Band came for a visit
- Eagle Extravaganza was a huge success. Mrs. Beal ran the responsibility room - reviewed behavior items vs. having the kids write things down.
- Karen Meints coordinated the Disability Awareness Workshop for 4th graders. Feedback on what improvements need to be made. Improvements depend on the age of the building. We do what we are able to, including visual updates this year.
- Allen was recognized in Bridge Magazine, and also received an award from Mackinac Center in MI - got an A+ rating. Allen was compared to schools like us.
- M-Step started yesterday. Adaptable test, may take longer to take it, but overall should take less time. Next year looking at a different plan - may be NWEA, so we'd go from 2 to 1 assessment. Who will fund it - state may not fund it next year? All unofficial at this point. NWEA also coming up.
- Young 5s - 10 enrolled at this point. Mrs. York is going to be the teacher.
- Nature areas / Outdoor Classroom being worked on now
- Field trips continue to occur
- Recorder program this Friday
- May 3rd - no school due to Election Day. Due to security reasons, the decision was made to close school, but only for this election, and the district will discuss plans going forward. This Information shared by Dr. Swift via email. If there are questions, please call or email Mrs. Beal.

5:35 - May 3rd Millage Information

- An informational PowerPoint and video are available from the district here: <http://www.a2schools.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceID=10&ViewID=047E6BE3-6D87-4130-8424-D8E4E9ED6C2A&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=7343&PageID=1>
- Information Meetings will be held at 6:30 PM in the Media Centers on the following dates: Thursday, April 21st Tappan Middle School / Monday, April 25th Clague Middle School / Tuesday, April 26th Scarlett Middle School.
- Special Education services must be funded. We pull out of general fund to cover these costs.

- Speech and language, occupational therapy, physical therapy, academic services (top 3 are reading, math and writing), and IEPs are some of the services that are funded.
- 504s are different. These are available if a student didn't qualify for Special Education services, or still has a deficit, behavioral needs, or medical needs (such as ADHD.)

6:00 - Old Business

- PTOC (umbrella parent group for AAPS) would like individual parent groups to endorse no weapons in schools. Allen Parent Council has come up with their own language: "*Allen Parent Council supports a weapon-free school environment, in accordance to Ann Arbor Public Schools policy.*"
 - o Adrian makes a motion, Torey seconds.
 - o All in favor, no opposed, no abstaining

6:15 - New Business

- Mrs. Cole, grade 3-5 adopted a new edition of Everyday Math book. 0-10 student reference books were provided by the district for each room. Title 1 funds provided some, but would like to buy the rest of the books. 3-5 grades can read them and use them more. Kids are sharing the books, sometimes 3 to 1 book. Goal is approximately 28 books per classroom. Need 95 more books ~ \$2000 plus 20% for shipping = ~ \$2400
- Q: How long are editions good for? Can be as long as 15 + years. Capital improvement money could go towards this = \$900, Think Stretch = \$1600, OR overspend on the CI category.
- If we approve this, put a hold on it until we find out if the district is planning on the same thing.
- Torey motions to approve the purchase of these books as a capital improvement, as long as the district doesn't provide these. Adrian seconds.
- All in favor, no opposed, Michael Solomon, Elizabeth Peters, and Mrs. Cole abstain.
- May 11th - have to vote on officers for next year. The ballot currently consists of: Michele Barkoot for President, Lisa Querijero for Vice President, Elizabeth Peters for Treasurer, Takeshia Banks for Secretary. Need nominees for Deputy Treasurer.

6:30 - Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn - Lisa Querijero

The next Parent Council meeting is Wednesday, May 11th, from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Allen Media Center. All are welcome. FREE childcare for school-aged children is provided.

May Events at Allen:

Date	Event	Time
May 3rd	No School - Election Day	
May 4 th	Title 1 Family Writing Night	5:45 - 7:15 PM
May 11 th	5 th Grade Visits to Scarlett & Tappan	AM
May 11 th	Parent Council Meeting. FREE childcare for school-aged children is provided.	5:30 - 6:30 PM
May 12 th	5 th Grade Instrumental Assembly	2:30 - 3:30 PM
May 12 th	5 th Grade Instrumental Concert	7:00 - 8:00 PM
May 30 th	No School - Memorial Day	