

Wednesday, February 10th, 2016

Allen Parent Council Meeting

5:30 - Call to Order/Welcome/Approval of January Minutes/Introductions

- Attendees: Kerry Beal, Caitlin Rowe, Michele Barkoot, Roberta Cole, Lisa Querijero, Kelly Faunce, Noreen Vaid, Anatheia Collar, Mike Solomon, Elizabeth Peters, Adrian Dantzer, John Turner, Alicia Carroll

5:35 - Principal's Report - Kerry Beal

- MLK Day Assembly held on 1/15/16
- National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) - All parents were welcomed. 21% participation of entire school population (402 kids not counting pre-school, 417 with Pre-K)
- March is Reading Month, LIT team met 1/21/16
 - o Q: Do we want coupons for Dairy Queen again? A: Kerry will let Anatheia know.
- NWEA is wrapped up, Kindergarten took for the first time
- Outdoor grants being worked, have preliminary sketches
- Green Team has started up
- Pride Team is gathering water for Flint
- Special Education millage May 3rd. No gag order at this time, so may hear more discussion about it than normal. It is required by law to be paid for by the district. Some of that cost is coming out of the general education fund. The millage will replenish it.
- Title 1 family math night was held Jan 27th. Small amount of money comes in Nov/Dec from money wasn't sued the year before. New faces around helping out with Title 1 services.
- Assessment was held for kids that don't speak English as a primary language
- Young 5s at Allen next year. Try to keep around 20 kids. The room site hasn't been determined yet. 12 classrooms in the district. It is thought that Allen kids would have first dibs at the Allen Young 5s seats.
- Kindergarten Round Up tomorrow, will also discuss Young 5s. No assessment there. Will receive an enrollment packet there, but families are being encouraged to enroll online.

- Kindergarten spring assessment is May 19th.
- 1st grade went to Kensington, will be going to Wild Swan Theater Friday
- 5th grades won award for leaving no trace at their Winter Survival
- School Improvement Team - meet 3-4 times of year. Look at plan, how do we implement, what is the strategy? Laura Wolf is building agenda. If interested, contact her. 4-5 goals - needs in reading, math, writing, science, behavior, cultural. Exit slips, math & reading logs born from this team.
- Mid-Winter Break is next week
- Q: Do we want spirit wear at K round-up? A: No, because this is for feeling out schools. Multicultural Night, Country Fair, Meet & Greet would be great places for that.

5:45 - Discussion: PTO Council Handgun Resolution and VOTE

- PTOC has a statement and they want individual PTOs to support their statement.
- AAPS has a policy of no hand guns on property even if you have a permit. There is currently a law suit challenging it. PTOC supports AAPS, and wants individual PTOs to give an up or down vote in support of PTOC, in support of AAPS.
- After we get the verbiage, we'll vote in March.

6:10 - Staffing Parent Council for 2016-17 and beyond:

- With several officers stepping down at the end of this school year, we need to focus on future staffing.
 - o President and Treasurer stepping down, come up with a plan going forward
 - o Any position is open if someone is interested in it.
 - o Our by-laws state we need a President, Treasurer and Secretary, with the provision of adding a Vice-President and Deputy Treasurer.
 - o There is a lot of support, and many will still be at the school.

6:20 - New Business/Questions

- Back ordered spirit wear will be picked up this week
- Parent Council Budget process needs to be discussed, and budget approved at the May meeting. Discussed rolling RAS kids into the budget instead of having the teachers have to put in grants for it.

- \$5000 Lowe’s grant - master’s student in architecture has put a plan together pro-bono. Has interesting suggestions on how to make the area educational and inviting at the same time.
- Google account -This is not just access to the internet, but an important tool that kids need to use for school work throughout their school career. Secretary can change the answer in InfoSnap to yes to create an account, but you can’t if you said no initially.

6:30 - Brainstorming for the end of the year and beyond - Moved to February Agenda

- How can we engage the Allen community?
 - o A mass Sign Up Genius at the first PC meeting / Parent Orientation, donate time, items, food, etc. 2 hour power - what 2 hours can I donate to the school?
 - o Short video with all the big events throughout the year, but need to be careful with photos. People may need to go into InfoSnap and check the box if it’s ok to use photos (if possible - may be closed to changes). The importance of the Fun Run fundraising, talk to kids that the money gets used every year, and needs to be replenished. Not only fun, but what it supports.
 - o Make sure new parents understand that they have a voice and get a say in what’s going on in their kid’s school
 - o Hand written note to the kindergarten parents inviting them to the school / meetings
 - o Personal invitation parent-to-parent
 - o First few weeks before school and after school starts, advertise things. Make cards to hand out with the URL for the PC website.

6:30 - Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn - Anatheia.

The next Parent Council meeting is Wednesday, March 9th from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Allen Media Center. All are welcome. FREE childcare for school-aged children is provided.

Remaining February Events at Allen:

Date	Event	Time
February 11 th	Pre-School Open House	5:00 - 6:00 PM
February 11 th	Kindergarten Round-Up	6:00 - 7:30 PM
February 15 th - February 19 th	No School, Mid-Winter Break	
February 23 rd	Title 1 Family Science Night	5:45 - 6:45 PM

February 24 th	Staff Meeting: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4ca9a628a75-staff	4:15 - 5:15 PM
February 29 th	Lockdown drill - Unstructured	

March Events at Allen:

Date	Event	Time
March 1 st	Pre-School Open House	6:00 - 7:00 PM
March 2 nd - 18 th	Yearbook Sale, more info to come	
March 3 rd	Science Fair, more info to come	
March 8 th	Title 1 Family Writing Workshop	5:45 - 7:15 PM
March 9 th	Girl Scout Luncheon for Staff	
March 9 th	Staff Meeting: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4ca9a628a75-staff	4:15 - 5:15 PM
March 9 th	Parent Council Meeting	5:30 - 6:30 PM
March 11 th	Shock Assembly (5 th Grade)	
March 21 st - 24 th	Book Fair, more info and Sign-Up Genius to come	
March 23 rd	Staff Meeting: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4ca9a628a75-staff	4:15 - 5:15 PM
March 23 rd	Multi-Cultural Night, more info and Sign-Up Genius to come	
March 25 th	No School	
March 30 th	Tappan Band Visit	10:30 - 11:00 AM