**Allen Parent Council Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2019**

**6:30-7:30**

Attendees: Kate Waissi, Chris Trumpour, Melissa Montgomery, Lindsay Farrell, Elizabeth Peters, Michele Clay, Miriam Vincent, Delacie Johnson, Marissa Bailey-Johnson, Cara Crisostomo, Jamie Lee, Adina Robinson

6:30–6:40 – Welcome/Introductions

6:40–6:55 – Open for nominations, explanations of roles. Voting tabled to end of meeting.

6:55–7:05 – Old news:

* Explanations of 4 recently approved expenditures
1. Teacher grant for LEGOs to Mr. Blumer
2. Teacher grant (x2) for sketch books to Mrs. Conners
3. First day of work Staff luncheon from Cottage Inn ($219.13)
4. Staff’s themed t-shirts ($760.67)
* Budget for Gaga Pit flooring reevaluated – motion to approve budget for any amount not to exceed $2100 made by Michele Clay, seconded by Cara Cristostomo. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

7:05–7:20 – New News:

* Teacher grant request by Mrs. DeView for “Cozy Corner” ($154.94) – motion to approve made by Michele Clay, seconded by Cara Crisostomo. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.
* Request by Mrs. Groves on behalf of 4th grade teachers for $1,500 to bus students to The Henry Ford Museum via charter buses.
	+ Tabled for October, pending more information
* Request for $658.07 from Red Apple Fund for K2 Phonics/handwriting/reading Program
	+ Motioned by Miriam Vincent, seconded by Katie Waissi. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained.

7:20–7:26 – Fun Run Updates

* Goal $20,000 - New website GroupRev.com/allenpc (Takes 2.99% + 0.30 vs. 10-15% with other sites) Register TODAY!
* Kick off tomorrow - ask your kids about the short promo video they will see at the assembly!
* Actual Fun Run October 23rd

7:26–7:40 – Publicity

* Issue: Facebook group is currently being misused and potentially misrepresented. There has been an increase opinionated and/or politicized posts which leads to division amongst our community and other risks of liability. Additionally, questions are commonly asked that are addressed on [www.allenpc.org](http://www.allenpc.org) . Solutions proposed include:
	+ Encourage families to view the website for FAQs and when questions arise. The website is designed to be a point of reference for all families.
	+ Change the Facebook name to be more representative of its purpose (e.g. Parents of Allen Elementary)
	+ Add a disclaimer to the page that explicitly states non-endorsement of views that may be posted within the group
	+ Creating rules that members must agree to in order to be a part of the group
	+ Removing the responsibility of the group management from the hands of parent council board members

7:40-7:45 – Open floor

* Dr. Chalfant – encourage families to attend the Bond proposal presentation occurring in October to promote an understand of AAPS bond appearing on ballots in November

7:45-7:50 – Board member Elections

* Kate Waissi to be additional Vice President – motioned by Miriam Vincent, seconded by Cara Cristostomo. All in favor, none abstained, none opposed.