

**Poupard Elementary PTO  
October 2018 General Meeting Minutes**

**Date, Time, and Location:** Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym

**Meeting called to order by** President Davida Waller at 6:39 p.m.

**Attendees:** Saniquia Plummer (Parent), Julius Baker (Parent), Sasha Baker (Parent), Vernita Pinkney (Parent), Amanda Horwitz (Parents), Sarah Profeta (Foster Parent), Tawanna Kimbrough (Parent), Shanitra Rogers (Parent), Juanita Reymond (Parent), Kim Hool (Teacher), Karen Gallagher (Teacher), Angela Whateley (Teacher), Emily Achille (ASD Teacher), Alana Thomas (Parent), Curtis Thomas (Parent), Brianna Collins (Parent) Mathew Vroman (Parent), Mia Frierson (Parent), Tim Ballard (Parent), JLisa Pelt (Parent), Davida Waller (PTO VP), Nicole Reeves (PTO Treasurer), Mr. Ali (Principal), Tequila Lamar (Communications Secretary)

**Previous Minutes:** Read by Davida Waller; Approved & Accepted

**Officers' Reports:**

Presidents Update/Discussion: given by Davida Waller

- Welcome all new parents and PTO Classroom Ambassadors
- Unfilled Board position of Board Observer filled by Sarah Profeta

Treasurer: given by Nicole Reeves

- 2018 – 2019 Budget Plan Reviewed & Approved
- Account balance – total beginning - \$11,495.34
- PTO asked that school assembly ideas presented and approved at PTO meetings; Would like them to be education focused
- Ms. Hool has offered to handle the cost of Box Tops program (postage & contest prizes)
- Mrs. Whateley as offered to have lighthouse members volunteer during Trunk or Treat and plan and execute Family Movie Night! Should charge \$5 per family for Family Movie Night.
- Amanda Horwitz has volunteers to draft a letter to send out to local business to see if we can get food covered for May's Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- Teacher Supply Fund increased to \$6,800 but Specialist stipend will be adjusted based on percentage. Mr. Ali will provide us with Specialist %. Also spoke about the possibility of decreasing the \$250/teacher amount next year if we can't fundraise enough to cover budget. Would also like to see an increase in Teacher participation in PTO.
- Classroom Trip/Transportation increased to \$1,400 to include Special education classes.
- Received Quarterly check from Kroger in the amount of \$152.83

**Committee Reports:** None

**Principal's Report:** given by Mr. Ali

- The School improvement team is up and running. Set up events inside and outside of school
- Conferences are tomorrow & Thursday
- Election coming up in November. Orange squares tell you what would be updated if the bond

passes. A lot of things that you can't see. Roofs/Boilers, etc.

- We are a title 1 building; Ways that we can allocate those \$\$\$\$. Would like to see what parents want to see what those funds are used for. Hosting a Robot Garage for older students. STEM projects. Send an e-mail to Mr. Ali with ideas on how to spend Title 1 funds.

### **Old Business**

- Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8pm – Fall Festival Trunk or Treat. Use this event as an opportunity to distribute valuable information to parents. Should have Kroger Card & Amazon Smile information tables set up in side. Allow principle to speak & mingle with families. Agreed the event should be for Poupard families only, agreed not to charge entry fee but accept donations. Rain date: Sat. October 27<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm to 2 pm. Update Flyer & start distribution.
- PTO Classroom Ambassador program update given by Tequila; Next steps- compile a classroom directory. Guidance will be provided.
- Back-to-school BBQ Feedback. Parents thought it was nice and would like to see this event continued.

### **New Business**

- 2018-2019 Fundraisers (See attached) – Agreed to focus on Fundraisers during November meeting

### **Upcoming Events**

- Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 12pm to 2pm – Back to School BBQ – Need more volunteers
- Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8pm – Fall Festival Trunk or Treat
- Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8pm – Haunted Garage
- Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 10:30am to 12:30pm – Chicken & Waffle Breakfast
- Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 9pm – School Dance
- Call for Chairpersons to lead this event was made

### **Other Topics:**

- Please consider holding events on week days to accommodate parents that work on the weekend

**Next meeting is** Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym

**Meeting adjourned at** 8:01 p.m. by Davida Waller

**Minutes compiled by** Tequila Lamar, Communications Secretary