

## Poupard Elementary PTO

### November 2018 General Meeting Minutes

**Date, Time, and Location:** Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym

**Meeting called to order by** President Molly Sewell at 6:43 p.m.

**Attendees:** Saniquia “Logan” Plummer (Parent/Member), Julius Baker (Parent), Sasha Baker (Parent), Emily Williamson (Parent), Sarah Profeta (Board Observer), Erin Rillema (Teacher), Katrina Crenshaw (Parent), Tawanna Kimbrough (Parent), Sherron Pierce (Parent), Tiffany Mitchell (Parent), Kim Hool (Teacher), Karen Gallagher (Teacher), Jara Hubbard (Parent), Akeya Jimerson (Parent), Mr. Ali (Principal), Molly Sewell (President), Tequila Lamar (Communications Secretary)

**Previous Minutes:** Read by Tequila Lamar; Approved & Accepted

#### Officers’ Reports:

Presidents Update/Discussion: given by Molly Sewell

- Haunted Garage fundraiser. Apologized for not following up and having the fundraiser this year.

Treasurer: given by Tequila Lamar

- Report will be posted online
- Account balance – total beginning - \$11,495.34
- Sorry for the delay in reimbursement checks. Checks were order for the new account but never received

#### Committee Reports:

School improvement committee: Given by Erin Rillema

Meet every other Wed morning from 7:15 to 8. Coming up with a school mission statement for a We strive to maximize our potential as learners, leaders, and global citizens. Completed a survey of core values with our teachers. Results were hand in hand with our mission statement. Had 74% parent teacher/conference participation. Trying to find other ways to get parents in those 2 days and formats of holding those conferences. Discussing how to spend those title 1 funds.

Board Observer Report: Given by Sarah Profeta

##### 1. Distinguished Employees

- district recognized 11 employees including Mrs. Whateley at Poupard

##### 2. New Policies

- board is considering a policy that would allow students living with a family in the district in order to participate in a travel sports team to attend school in the district  
- board is working on developing a process and guidelines for the naming of buildings

##### 3. Early On Expansion

- The district is working with Wayne RESA to provide early on special education services for families in Harper Woods, Highland Park, and Hamtramck the same as it does for Autism and cognitively impaired programs

- Wayne RESA would cover costs for entire program

- saves district roughly \$400,000 per year

- no change in services for GP students

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

- Nice article about Poupard in the Grosse Pointe New. Please read when you have a chance.
- Basketball league idea for adults; thought is to get Dad's in the building in the short term. Long term goal is to start a dad's group.
- 8 week morning exercise program starting with 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders. From 7 to 7:45
- The Bond proposal did pass. Harper Woods had an outstanding turn out
- Training kids for student jobs. Will be training School wide jobs.
- School improvement team mem

**Old Business**

- Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8pm – Fall Festival Trunk or Treat. Debrief
  - Parent complained that she arrived at 7:45 and it was over even though the flyer said 8pm.
  - Molly thinking about shortening the time because it ran long and we ran out of candy
  - Indoor activities were a little chaotic
  - DJ & Costume contest (acknowledgement; no prize) 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in October
  - Mr. Ali really enjoyed the organized chaos; felt parents were engaged
- PTO Classroom Ambassador program update given by Molly; Next steps- compile a classroom directory. Form will be given out this week. Ambassador is to work with teacher to help facilitate communication between teachers & parents. Parent asked if Classdojo can be used as the directory. Parents can use various method of communications. More information about the PTO Ambassador is needed for teacher to promote. Some classes still do not have one.

**New Business**

- 2018-2019 Fundraisers (See attached) – Agreed to focus on Fundraisers during November meeting. Goal is to raise \$20,000 cover the budget and have start up funds for next year
  - A lot of great ideas were presented. Decided to move forward with the following
    - Tin Can Auction but combine it with a bowling event and raffle off big ticket items instead.
    - Popcornopolis Fundraiser as long as orders can be returned to us before the holiday break. Tequila and Sherron will work together to plan and execute the event.
    - Holiday breakfast- previous years did not bring a lot of revenue but this years focus is on getting most if not all items donated so we can raise money
    - Shoe drive being lead by Saniquia “Logan” Plummer
    - End of the year skating party fundraiser. Quentin Lamar will research location & cost and report back during next month's meeting.
  - Parent suggested selling snacks during lunch time but no one stepped up to lead this endeavor

**Upcoming Events**

- Shoe Drive – November 19<sup>th</sup> – January 19<sup>th</sup> - Logan update (made signs to put around the school, 2 pick ups at the 30 day and 60 day mark
- Scholastic Book Fair – December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>
- Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 10:30am to 12:30pm – Chicken & Waffle Breakfast

**Next meeting is** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym

**Meeting adjourned at** 8:36 p.m. by Molly Sewell

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