

Poupard Elementary PTO

April 2019 General Meeting Minutes

Date, Time, and Location: Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym

Meeting called to order by President Molly Sewell at 6:36 p.m.

Attendees: Nicole Reeves (Treasurer), Karen Gallagher (Teacher), Amanda Horwitz (Parent), Mr. Ali (Principal), Tequila Lamar (Communications Secretary), Latoya Goins (Parent), Molly Sewell (President), Sherron Pierce (Parent), Tawanna Kimbrough (Parent), Saniquia Plummer (Parent), Sarah Profeta (Board Observer), Dave Tapling (Parent), Ryquel Chambers (Parent), Emily Williamson (Parent), Alana Thomas (Parent), Kim Hool (Teacher), Katrina Crenshaw (Parent), Curtis Thomas (Parent), Alisha Walker (Parent), Tiffany Mitchell (Parent), Kevin Mitchell (Parent), Dr. Niehaus (Superintendent)

Previous Minutes: Available for review online at www.poupardpto.org. Approved with no objections.

Special Business:

- Special guest: Dr. Niehaus – Q&A regarding reconfiguration process & school closings. Dr. Niehaus provided an overview of how the Blue Ribbon committee came about, their objective, progress, and current status. Reconfiguration options have been narrowed down and Poupard & Mason are the 2 schools being considered for closure on the North End. Dr. Niehaus answered questions from parents regarding the impact of school closings on Mason & Poupard students. Families were informed that if Poupard closed the students would be split between Mason & Monteith and if Mason closed those students would be split between Ferry & Monteith with Administrative office and special education classes going to Poupard. Current plans along included moving to a k-4 Elementary school format with Middle school going to 5-8 format. This would allow for 2 middle schools to remain open. The high schools would remain the same. More information can be found on the School Boards website. Families are welcome to attend all the Board/Blue Ribbon Committee meetings and upcoming town hall meetings to learn more and express their concerns.

Officers' Reports:

Presidents Update/Discussion:

- Thank you to all the families that participating in the popcorn fundraiser. We apologize for any inconvenience with the delay in the deliver of popcorn orders due to unforeseen circumstances.
- Express disappointment in teacher participation in the popcorn fundraiser. Ms. Hool spoke up on behalf of teacher who said they didn't like the competitive nature of the fundraiser and didn't feel comfortable competing with co-workers/students. We will consider that in future fundraisers.

Treasurer: given by Nicole Reeves

- Beginning balance: \$9,747.24
- Total deposits: \$28,266.25
- Total withdrawals: -\$17,301.08
- Ending balance \$20,475.70
- Report to be posted on PTO Website
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Principal's Report: given by Mr. Ali

- Conferences went really well 16% increase from previous Fall conference. What made it more

successful for you? Answers: Walk-in time & morning sessions

- MSTEP Starts next week for 5th grade; Attendance is important & make sure kids are well rested
- NWEA is also coming up for all grades more info to come
- Title I funds for next year being allocated; Alana Thomas is our parent representative and would like you in-put. Looking into YMCA programs that could help provide additional after school options for families and covered by title I funds
- Reminder: Robotics night tomorrow for grades 3 – 5
- May 15th @ 6pm Blue Ribbon Committee town hall being held at Poupard

Board Observer Report:

- Board had a meeting March 25th & April 8th listening to parent concerns about the Blue-Ribbon committee reconfiguration of the school district and budget approvals for North lockers & concessions
- Next Blue Ribbon committee Thursday, April 11th 6-9pm
- Last meeting Tuesday, April 16th 6-9pm

Committee Reports:

School improvement committee: None

Old Business:

- Popcornopolis Fundraiser Result: \$13,981.50 raised (over \$27k worth of popcorn sold)
 - Award Rally tomorrow, Wednesday, April 10th @ 2pm parents more than welcome to attend. Top Seller prizes awarded and Mr. Ali taped to the wall by students!
- Scholastic Book Fair Result: Met our goal of \$2,500 in sales
- Shoe Drive Final Result: Donated 1,975 pairs of shoes & raised \$450.80. Thank you Logan!

New Business: None

Upcoming Events

- Ties & Tiaras School Dance – April 12th 6pm to 9pm @ GP North Cafeteria Tickets available online!
- Parent2Parent (aka mom2mom) Sale – April 27th 8:30 – 12pm – Tables available for purchase on PTO Website
- Teacher appreciation week is in May. Amanda is working on getting donations.

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. by Molly Sewell

Minutes compiled by Tequila Lamar, Communications Secretary