

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

**Date, Time, and Location:** Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym

**Meeting called to order by** President Davida Waller at 6:36 p.m.

**Attendees:** Saniquia Plummer (parent), LaToya Goins (Parent), Shantelle Bryson (Parent), Quentin Lamar (Parent), Jara Hubbard (Parent), Davida Waller (PTO VP), Juanita Reymond (Parent), Tiffany Mitchell (Parent), Alana Thomas (Parent), Curtis Thomas (Parent), Nicole Reeves (PTO Treasurer), Mr. Ali (Principal), Tequila Lamar (Communications Secretary)

**Previous Minutes:** Not read

**Officers' Reports:**

Presidents Update/Discussion: given by Davida Waller

- Introduction of Board
- Review of informal summer board meeting notes
- Need parent feedback: Welcome all ideas and looking for participation

Treasurer: given by Nicole Reeves

- Closed last's year account
- Opened new account – total beginning - \$11,149.57
- Ordered new checks for the new accounts
- No income or expenses all summer
- The Budget for the Back to School BBQ is \$500
- Need final report from previous year Treasurer
- Will discuss this year's budget at next PTO meeting

**Committee Reports:** None

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

- We have 2 teacher representatives: Mrs. Gallagher (4<sup>th</sup> Grade) and Ms. Hool (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Hired a total of 6 teachers this summer. (1-Kindergarten, 1-1st grade, 1-2nd grade, 1-3rd grade, 2-5th grade)
- Smallest class sizes out of all the elementary schools in GP (19 to 20 in each class); goal is to keep it that way
- Added 100 Chrome books, flexible seating in some rooms, expect to see more types of seating and classrooms
- Updating things in media center
- People working on the fencing & cleaning lime stone
- Added new cameras
- M-STEP scores dropped when testing shifted from paper to computer version of the test
- Tomorrow is back to school night (Orange squares tell you what would be updated if the bond passes, direction of Poupard)

- Niche reviews – Please go online and review Poupard
- School conferences on October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Old Business**

- Tiffany Mitchell Transferred Scholastic book fair to Molly book fair currently scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> We have \$1495 in Scholastic dollars. Can we align with October conferences? Tiffany will reach out to find out.
- Changed account information on Amazon Smile Prime about \$11.46 coming from Prime coming to PTO. We need to promote Amazon Prime more
- Kroger card...must re-sign up every year per Shantelle Bryson
- Tiffany Mitchell gave Tequila Lamar PTO Binder with previous meeting agendas, minutes, and treasurer reports

### **New Business**

- Davida will get a Suggestion box and place it in a visible but discrete location at the school
- New Fundraiser ideas (Parent Parties/mom-to-mom sale) – Let's vote next meeting
- Party night ideas where given: Poker Night, Wine night, Monday night football, Bingo Night
- PTO Classroom Ambassador program
- STEM after school program (1<sup>st</sup> program build a Lego robot made of cardboard) – lead by Davida Waller. Working to secure grant to cover cost
- Molly's catering will cover the preparation of food for Teacher Appreciation dinner/lunch

### **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:**

- Need to increase fundraising. Ideas include: Increase pricing to PTO events, making sure parents are signed up for Kroger and Amazon Smile programs. Discussed past fundraisers such as Popcorn, cookie dough, and tin can auction. Need to discuss when/what to pursue
- How can we increase communication? Discussed engaging with teachers to include PTO related info in the communication they send home regularly (i.e. Progress report/newsletter/homework packet), Robo call is effective (side note: can someone on PTO board handle. Tequila will take on Robo calls). Remind text messaging app...not a lot of parents signed up. Should we have parents sign approval allowing us to sign them up? Too intrusive. We have a PTO website with a calendar of events.

**Next meeting is** Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym

**Meeting adjourned at** 7:44 p.m. by Davida Waller

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