November 19, 2018 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 by Chris Nesmith

Members Present: Chris Nesmith, Marcus Brown, Akia Harper, Mrs. Lounsbury, Dr. Garner, Dr. Royce, Mrs. Jackson, & Ericka Phillips

Akia read the minutes & they were approved.

Old Business:

SIC goals: Chris stated that based on our last meeting we are all clear on what our goals for this year are. Chris also stated that he wanted to talk about our Building our Library goal. He opted to wait until the Book Fair portion of the agenda.

Parent University: Chris stated that he thought that as a committee we did an excellent job planning & preparing for the event. We all worked together. We took lessons learned from last year & implemented the needed changes. He thanked admin for their support. Unfortunately, attendance was very low. Akia told us that there were 13 surveys turned in. Chris said he believed that 20-30 were turned in at last year’s event. Miguel stated that maybe the inclement weather may have played a role in the low turnout & suggested that we find a better way to pass on information to parents. Akia then went on to go give survey data. 13 surveys were turned in. All survey participants said the content was beneficial. 7 participants said the time was very convenient. 5 participants said it was convenient. Future workshops suggested were bullying, map readiness, reading comprehension, & zoom training. Zoom training is basically live video sharing of the sessions. Chris talked to Ms. Johnson at the PAC meeting about the lack of attendance. She suggested hosting a webinar in conjunction with our future Universities. She also stated that our school is doing well & as a result our parents may see no need to attend. Dr. Garner said that the 3rd grade used a webinar a few years ago for a math workshop. They had equal participation from home & at school. All of the sessions were attended. Attendance numbers: parental involvement-5, SC Ready ELA-7, SC Ready Math-8, SC Pass Science/Social Studies-6, Early literacy-4, Struggling readers-4, Bullying-4. The question is what do we have to do to get max participation? Dr. Royce suggested we incorporate a student performance. It was also suggested that should think of partnering it with the school dance or movie night. Student drop off is the concern there. If we do incorporate a performance…only the performer’s parents will show. Dr. Garner suggested we include some sort of incentive & do RSVPs. We agreed to pick an early University date, & to advertise it early.

Chris jokingly accused Mrs. Jackson of not paying the light bill. She showed us pictures of the chewed wire & charred squirrel that caused the power outage.

Book Fair: Chris took the blame for our initial book drive not going as well as it should. He was told not to shoulder the blame by himself. We told parents to please donate a book to the school when they purchased a book for their children. Ms. Dieguez had specific types & titles that she wanted donated. This information wasn’t passed on properly to parents. As a result, only 5 books were donated. Mrs. Jackson said that we need to get a list from Ms. Dieguez for our next bookfair & do a little more planning.

Partnership letter: Chris presented a copy of what he believed was the final copy of our school’s partnership letter. He questioned the signature blocks on the letter. He was concerned that Mrs. Jackson’s name was not on the letter. He asked what the protocol was. She stated that the principal’s signature is usually on all correspondence from the school that goes to the community. Other members of the board questioned why there were limits placed on the donations & how the letter was going to be distributed. All of the concerns at this meeting had been brought up at the previous PTO meeting. No changes had been made. Akia suggested that Chris sit down with PTO & work out all the kinks with the letter

New Business:

PAC- Committee members spent the 1st half of the meeting reviewing next year’s school calendar. Members were given stickers to place on their favorite options. Based on their selections, options were sent parents to vote on. Dr. Davis then talked about the bond referendum. The bond includes 25 new buses for the district. Functions of the SIC were also discussed.

SIC Training- We talked about what SICs do, the minimum number of SIC members, SIC elections, basically how the SIC starts, best practices, & bylaws.

Review SIC Bylaws- Chris asked where the Bylaws are generated. Mrs. Jackson said at the stare level. No update is needed.

PTO Report- Akia has attended the last 2 PTO meetings. A lot of what was discussed has already passed. i.e. American Ed week, duty free lunch & recess, & Chick Fil-A night. Upcoming PTO events include Movie night on November 30th (6-8PM). Open PTO meeting on November 30th (5PM) in the media center. The Holiday Market will be held on December 5,6,12, and 13. Two grade levels will shop on each of the 1st three days. The 13th will be set aside for repeat shoppers & for those who missed their day.

Principal’s Report

Mrs. Jackson told us that the bond referendum passed. She asked that we all have our voices heard by voting on next year’s calendar. She asked us to remember that teachers need at least one day off a month. A survey for picking the movie night movie is forth coming. We are starting ULD (Universal Design Learning) fully next year. This focuses on individual instruction. We have received a STEMS grant for grade K-5. We also were awarded a Sharable Table Grant. This grant will allow us to purchase a new cooler. It will house unwanted, unopen/eaten fruit & milk. Students who want an extra milk or piece of fruit can now get it from the cooler instead of purchasing another one. In April, we are doing our Student Focus Moment presentation. It will be 10 minutes long.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM. Our next meeting is December 4th @ 5:30.