September 25, 2018 Minutes

Members Present: Chris Nesmith, Corey Graham, Akia Harper, Mrs. Jackson, Dr. Royce, Mrs. Goode, Mrs. Lounsbury, Andrea Vaughn, Ericka Phillips, Curtis Davis, Marcus Brown, Miguel Medina

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 by Mr. Nesmith.

Dr. Royce read the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Mrs. Jackson suggested that we deal with officer elections before moving on to old business. Chis stated that there were 2 vacant positions…Vice President & Secretary. Corey Graham volunteered for VP & Akia Harper volunteered for Secretary. Both were voted in.

Old Business: Mrs. Jackson & Chris asked that we think of ideas that could serve as our goals for this year. Mrs. Jackson asked that we limit our goals for the year to 2. Examples given were literacy goals, building partnerships, & media center improvements. Chris suggested that we build on the idea that was started by last year’s board that included building business relationships in the community. This is a shared goal with the PTO.

Past goals include accessibility to school resources, murals throughout the school (done this summer), beautifying the school grounds, Pathways to Your Future on the 5th grade Hall. (Langford has reached out to all SC colleges to acquire school t-shirts. These shirts will be display as a quilt in the 5th grade stairway. It was suggested that all of the military branch shirts be added.

Mrs. Goode suggested that we choose family/community partnerships as our goal. She feels parents need to be given a purpose. There is a letter from last year that Chris will share at our next meeting.

Dr. Royce suggested that we start a foundation. SIC guidelines prohibit us from accepting money for profit. Dr. Royce suggested that we partner with PTO who deals in money to run this foundation.

Chris spoke with Ms. Dieguez about upgrading our library. He’d like to see us help her stretch her budget. Build Our Library…another goal for this year. We can solicit businesses to make donations to our library to beef up the book stock. It was also suggested that we ask each family to donate 1 book during book fair to the library. That could easily be 500 extra books. Mrs. Goode suggested placing “donated by” plaques in each book.

Chris mentioned seeing a SIC idea box in the Muller Road Middle office. He’d like to see one here. He’d like to pull goal ideas from the ‘school brain’. Akia suggested that parents need to be educated on what the SIC is 1st. Parents know the PTO but little is known about the SIC. All agreed.

PAC Report: PAC is the district’s parent advisory committee. This committee is comprised of parent reps from all district schools who gather monthly to discuss school & district issues. The hot topic was the bond referendum. Money has been earmarked for Langford. ($600,000) The money was set aside to replace the gym floor & to make sure there is a cooperative learning spaces in each grade level area. The floor has already been replaced. We can keep the money & put it to use elsewhere. Tell all your neighbors & friends to go to the polls. The referendum is 2-part (A&B). Part A deals with educational funds. Part B deals with sport programs. A has to pass in order for any money to be distributed.

PTO Report: Mrs. Goode reported that the PTO is providing free t-shirts to all students. T-shirt were delivered & should go home this week. The school store is open 2x monthly. The PTO is providing birthday grams for students this year. Students will receive a color changing cup & a bookmark. Their meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday at 1:00 PM. Mrs. Goode volunteered her web services to the SIC.

Principal: Academic performance- focus is on the whole child. We did extremely well in testing this year. We beat both district & state scores. There were slight declines in 3rd grade scores. This can be attributed to the fact that our SPED students tested without accommodations. We had 7 SPED students test…4 were in 3rd grade.

Community relations: We are a community of working parents. We have to think outside the box in order to provide opportunities for our families. Our #1 goal is building Family/community partnerships. Mrs. Lounsbury will head a volunteer program. She had a program going last year where seniors came in and worked one on one with some of our students. She asked that we help solicit volunteers through various local churches. Andrea Vaugh said that her grandmother just retired after 25 years of volunteer work within Richland 1 school thru Senior resources. She will contact the director to see about getting volunteers in Richland 2. Specifically, Langford.

We are looking for a RTI person. Interviews will begin shortly. This year, resource teachers work grade levels as a whole. They spend about 30 minutes working with each grade level before moving on to the next grade level.

Make-up days: We will have our scheduled ½ day on Friday. The inclement weather make-up days are October 18-19 & December 20. The 21st will be a ½ day.

We are the new kid on the block. We need to find new ways of letting the community know what’s going on at Langford. Literacy is a hot topic. Building early literacy skills is key. Mrs. Lounsbury said that classroom libraries need beefing up. Especially the libraries of new teachers.

Dr. Royce said that we need a strong volunteer program. We need mentors for girls & boys. The admin will see about restarting the Bows & Bowties program here.

SIC Sponsored Events: Parent University- October 11th 6-8. Session will be teacher lead. Child care will be provided. There will be a SC ready session, SC Pass session, Early literacy, Bullying, & Struggling readers. The Military Child Education Coalition would like to participate & will facilitate some sessions. Chris wants to find a way to get the children involved. Maybe have a session for them. We could have the Military Child Education Coalition do the Cooking with Kids session, music literacy, and Building Resiliency.

Chick Fila- has offered in the past to help with events. Dr. Royce will contact them to see if they can indeed help. Plan B for refreshments will be popcorn, cookies, & lemonade.

Trunk or treat: was tabled until next year

Family Fun Night: Feb 21st 6-7:30 pm. It will essentially be a game night for families. There will be classic board games, bingo, Jenga, candy land, possibly an escape room. There will also be food.

Calendar of Events:

Hispanic Heritage Month September 27, 2018

Fall pictures September 20th

Skate night- September 20th

Interims- September 28th

Collaborative planning for teachers/early dismissal - September 28th

PAC- October 1

SIC meeting- October 2nd

RSDII TOY reception- October 9th (Hanley)

School Board Meeting- October 9th (begins @ 6PM)

Walk to School- October 10th

Parent University- October 11th

High 5 Friday (RCPD)- October 12th

Walk for life- October 13th (downtown)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26PM