

PTA Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2017

Attendance

Karen Stoner	Khaalil H. Hall	Khalilah A. Hall
Erin Morris	Kathy Alfonso	Jennifer Killion
Christina Proctor	Karen Castiano	Leonie van Hemert
Amy Gigler	Lorna Walls	Adrienne Cheers
Anna Fulbright	Marissa McNay	Melanie Secula
Dr. Holden	Ricardo Morales	Kelly Housein
Stefanie Rosti	Joanna Masters	Lakeshia Wilkerson
Sheila Rowe	Madeline Diep	Kim Currano
Laura Hettinger	Kevin Cropper	Bia Lewis
Shelley Mansolillo	Branden Mueller	Amy Odom

Karen Stoner, President, opened the meeting at 7:01 pm. She then introduced the PTA officers.

Welcome and Introduction of Officers

- President- Karen Stoner
- Vice President- Ricardo Morales
- Treasurer- Kevin Cropper
- Secretary – Stefanie Rosti

Administration Report – Dr. Holden and Ms. Secula

- School Store Fundraiser--gift cards to retailers with a portion of the proceeds going back to the school. This is a school-run fundraisers (NOT PTA)
- Back-to-School Picnic on Friday, Sept. 15, 2017 from 5-7:30. DJ, pizza for sale from HomeSlyce and Kona Ice.
- "Parking Day": 3 parking spaces turned into mini-parks and viewable after 11 am. Themes: camping, beach and garden.
- "Silver Knights" Chess Tournament held Sat., Sept. 16th from 1-5 pm. 40 players registered; 7 from AES. PTA providing pizza and drinks. 5th grade bake sale.
- Back-to-School Nights: Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 18th (K-2) and Sept. 19th (3-5).
- Great start of the year! Excited about Martriano's new vision for HCPSS.

- Testing change: Grades 3-5 will only take the MAP test in Fall and Winter. Spring MAP eliminated.
- Testing results from last year showed that 88.2% of students read at/above grade level. Among African American students that is 79.2%. 62.1% of students meet school goals in math. There is a 33% gap among African American students. Making relationships with students is crucial to improving students' performance, along with getting additional resources to them.
- AES has a Cultural Proficiency Team, as tasked by the Superintendent. Those members of the staff are: Mrs. Cassett, Mrs. Danielson, Mrs. Locraft, Mr. Tobin, Dr. Holden. The effort will begin with staff, then move to the PTA, then to parents.
- Room parents will be more cohesive in an effort to create collaboration and working with the PTA.
- AES has a Twitter Account! Please follow us!
- An effort is being made to expose any student who is interested to CEU experiences, not just those children qualifying for GT.
- Bus #972 is overcrowded. School is working with the bus company to alleviate this issue.

PTACHC Report- Kathy Alfonso (please see additional handouts)

- Hot topics: Redistricting, APFO (appropriate use)

Financial Report – Karen Stoner (please see additional handouts)

- Annual Review- 2016-17 school year
- Proposed 2017-18 school year Budget and Vote for Approval
- Focus on Special Education initiatives
- Student Intervention Kits: \$2,500 for learning tools geared toward kids at or below grade level.
- Classroom funds will increase this year to \$100/teacher and \$100/grade.

Committee Overviews/Introductions/ Reports

- Book Fair will be the 13-21 November with a “Wild West” theme.

New Business and/or Concerns

Discussion of school arrival and dismissal procedures

- 47 parking spaces at Atholton Park is not enough to accommodate the number of vehicles at the rush of drop off/pick up. Additional spaces used by folks using the park. Folks are parking along the driveway which backs up traffic
- Kids' safety is the school's responsibility and top concern
- Drivers are dropping off their kids in the middle of Seneca Drive when they are unable to get into the bus loop.
- PTA to form task force to review the issues and offer potential suggestions/solutions

BoosterThon

- No donation drive this year! No sales fundraiser either!

- a Fun Run will take place at school (during the school day), run by Boosterthon. Festivities will begin on Nov. 6th with a PEP rally and a week's worth of fun and energizing activities leading up to the run.
- The kids' collect pledges for laps run. All kids run, whether or not they solicit donations.
- BoosterThon runs the event and keeps a portion of the proceeds.
- Hopefully, AES will earn a good amount of money. The goal is to make enough money to purchase computers for the school.

Please update or link your Harris Teeter and Giant savings cards to AES

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Back to School Picnic- THIS FRIDAY- September 15, 2017
- Next PTA Meeting October 10,2017

Karen Stoner adjourned the meeting at 8:47pm.