

Shaw Avenue General PTA Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2015

Meeting Start Time: 7:35pm

Meeting End Time: 8:27pm

Meeting called by President **Angela Worrell-Laurent**

Board Members: **Reginald Mackey** VP of Communications/Information Technology, **Marcia Mangal** VP of Fundraising /Finance (Not Present), **Audrey Osmani Treasurer**(Not Present), **Sandra Proto** Recording Secretary, **Ana Alvarez** Programming Chair, **Andrea Abrahams** Parent Student Body Chair, **Oneka Chan** Delegate to Council, **Leeann Pollard** Delegate to Council, **Dr. Francyne Zeltser** Teacher Delegate(Not Present).

7:35pm **Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance**

Angela welcomed and Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and promised the meeting will be short, so the children could perform

Approval of last meeting's minutes

The minutes were approved by Amy Pernick and Cassondra Antonucci .

Principal's Report

Parent Teacher Conferences/Report Cards/Lost and Found/ American Education Day

-Mrs. Pernick discussed the times for **Parent Teacher Conferences**

-Report Cards will be given out before **Parent**

Teacher Conferences

-There will be a **Lost and Found** table set up during the **Parent Teacher Conferences** to retrieve any missing items

-Friday, November 20th will be **American Education Day**. Parents can observe their child's classroom. **No siblings will be permitted.**

District Art Initiative

Mrs. Pernick talked about the second year of the **District Art Initiative program**.

-4th Grade created art pieces based on Native American studies

- 5th Grade created art pieces based on Latin American Studies

-3rd and 6th Grade will create projects later in the year

District Report- Mrs. Pernick leaving/Interim Principal-Dr. Wilson/Hiring Process for permanent Principal

-**Dr. Stirling** stated that Mrs. Pernick will be leaving Shaw Avenue Elementary School after 19 years to work at a school in a different district

--**Dr. Stirling** discussed that there were 42 candidates screened for the **Interim Principal** position. Out of the 42, Dr. Stirling screened and narrowed it down to 8-10 and then out of those 5 was screened from the committee (the committee consisted of Board of Education Members, Principals, parents, and teachers) and out of the 5 the best three was screened and narrowed down to the best candidate by

the Board of Education. **Dr. Bridgette Wilson** was chosen to be the best candidate who is alignment of what is expected for and from Shaw Avenue:

Strategic Plan

Community, Capital, and Curriculum

-**Dr. Bridgette Wilson** spoke about her experience as a teacher and Administrator

Please read to learn more about Dr. Wilson's experience:

http://valleystream30.com/Assets/Shaw_Avenue_Documents/111715_Superintendent_Newsletter_Shaw_11-17-15.pdf?t=635833663161800000

-**Dr. Wilson** was asked from a teaching staff member what was she looking for. Dr. Wilson discussed the importance of strong lesson plans:

Teachers-Objective ("What am I doing?")

Students- Learn and Do

Engagement

Assessment- Exit Ticket

-**Dr. Stirling** discussed the **Hiring process for a permanent Principal:**

-Advertising in the next few weeks

-Process completed by March with a candidate chosen in this time (hopefully)

-the new Principal would start September 2016

-**Dr. Stirling** answered questions of concerned by parents about the schools leadership and

relationships that may suffer from the Administrative changes. **Dr. Stirling** reassured that the school would not suffer any adverse effects because of the change of leadership and that our children need to understand and adapt to change.

Other Discussion-ELA/Science/Enrichment

-**Mrs. Pernick** briefly discussed how the children are preparing for ELA testing with teaching balance literacy(vocabulary, reading (close and independent)

-**Mrs. Pernick** also discussed a new reading program started this year for K-2 Grade called **Journeys** (vocabulary, developing writing skills, and grammar)

-**Mr. Colarossi** discussed the hands on Science experiments that the 4th Grade are doing and also the live reptiles and insects such as snakes and cockroaches that the children will be observing for science projects soon

-**Dr. Stirling** said there will be Enrichment for all children with the different clubs that the school is offering

Committee Reports

- **Treasurer's Report**-The Budget Report as of November 18, 2015 was passed around so everyone can see the progress so far ([Click Here to read report](#))
- **Membership**- Oneka said Membership is at 115 as of November 17th. Registration is ongoing until April

Announcements/ Events

- American Education Week November 16-20
- Reflection Ends- November 23
- **Thanksgiving-School Closed**
- Picture Retake Day/6th Grade Cap & Gown Pictures- December 1
- Early Dismissal- December 9 (11:15am)
- Parent Teacher Conferences- December 9
- Holiday Boutique- December 10 &11
- Building Tour- December 12 10am
- Breakfast with Santa- December 12 11am-1pm
- Winter Concert- December 22 7pm
- **Holiday Recess- School Closed December 24-January 1**

8:27pm **Adjournment**