

# Shaw Avenue General PTA Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2016

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:35pm

**Meeting End Time:** 8:20pm

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

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

7:34pm **Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance**

**Angela** welcomed and Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting this morning.

**Approval of last meeting's minutes**

The minutes were approved by Sharon Ramnauth and Moliere Charles.

**Principal's Report- School Updates**

*(Mr. Rivera and Mr. Colarossi)*

**Mr. Rivera** talked about the following:

- **Halloween Parade** is at 2:15pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>.  
It will be inside and outside in the backyard
- He reminded everyone that school was going to be closed **for November 8<sup>th</sup> (Election Day/ (Not Present) Superintendent's Day)** and **November 11<sup>th</sup> (Veteran's Day)**
- **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Adventure Park** (6<sup>th</sup> grade was Monday& Tuesday and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will

- be Thursday & Friday)
- the upcoming **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Education Program**  
the very successful assembly **Salsa Festival**

**Mr. Colarossi** talked about the following:

- **Stomp Out Bullying Week**- each day everyone dresses up in different attire to proclaim Anti-Bullying. Different activities are done for awareness (such as skits)
- **Board Appreciation Night**- wanted to let everyone know that it was on Monday evening

## **Committee Reports**

### **Treasurer Report**

**Audrey** stated no changes

### **Membership As of 10/19**

**Leeann** announced that we have **100 paid members**

### **Gift Wrap Sale**

**Marcia** said that the fall fundraiser with **Miss Chocolate** will be extended to Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

**School Lunch Coordinator**- Tracey Williams spoke briefly about the lunch and reminded parents/caregivers to put first and last name on lunch money envelopes. She also said those who qualify for **Free Lunch** that the **lunch is free but the students still have to purchase milk, juice or water**. She said that **paid lunches included drinks (except water)**. She said everyday they offer cold lunches which consists of

bagels, yogurt, cheese sandwich, tuna sandwich, chicken sandwich. The hot lunch changes. They do not serve pork products but beef, chicken, and turkey. If a student owes three lunches, they receive a cheese sandwich. Tracey said that Mr. Rivera is the unofficial taste tester and that the Cafeteria staff encourages the kids to finish their food. If the kids don't finish their food, they encourage them to take it home because they come individually wrapped.

### **Senator Todd Kaminsky Presentation of the IDA Green Acres Tax**

**Angela clearly stated that the Shaw Avenue PTA is not endorsing Senator Kaminsky and that the Shaw Avenue PTA is "Party Neutral"** before introducing Senator Kaminsky.

**Senator Kaminsky** introduced himself and said that he was a former Corruption Lawyer and he stated that he was here to help. He said the community should:

-Ask the Town of Hempstead to fire the IDA

-Ask the Comptroller to Audit the IDA

He said that the School Board lawyers may sue the IDA

He said that everyone need to work together to come up with solutions but he said it will take some time.

He suggest that everyone should sign his petition to Repeal the IDA Green Acres Tax and to sign up for his newsletter to get up-to-date information regarding the IDA Green Acres Tax. You can google Senator Kaminsky and his website will pop up. He also suggested that everyone attend the meeting at Buck Elementary School that night. The meeting will have representatives from IDA, School Board Members, Community leaders, and the community-at-large was

invited.

### **Delegate to Council**

**Leeann** needed a vote on several issues for the **VS Council of PTA** and asked if she could vote for everyone. Everyone agreed.

### **Announcements/ Events**

- **Gift Wrap Sale extended to October 28<sup>th</sup>**
- **Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch October 28<sup>th</sup>**
- **Costume Party October 28<sup>th</sup>**
- **Costume Parade October 31<sup>st</sup>**
- **Election Day- School Closed**
- **Veteran's Day- School Closed**
- **Shaw Avenue Book Fair November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**
- **Pajama/Bingo Night November 18<sup>th</sup>**
- **Reflections End November 21<sup>st</sup>**
- **Thanksgiving-School Closed**
- **General PTA Meeting November 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:20pm

**Adjournment**