

Shaw Avenue General PTA Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2016

Meeting Start Time: 8:37am

Meeting End Time: 9:27am

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(Not Present), **Sandra Proto** Recording Secretary, **Ana Alvarez** Programming Chair(Not Present),, **Andrea Abrahams** Parent Student Body Chair(Not Present), **Oneka Chan** Delegate to Council, **Leeann Pollard** Delegate to Council(Not Present), **Ms. Correale (Mrs. Zeltser substitute)**Teacher Delegate.

8:37am **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 Reginald Mackey and Carlos Cole.

Principal's Report

Dr. Wilson discussed **Social/Emotional Learning** with *Feeling Words*. *Feeling Words* is part of the curriculum that students Grades 1st- 6th are engaged in. Each grade level picks a word each month. It is a 5 step lesson that consist of:

-Focused activities on the word (personal stories)

- Creative Connection (Art work)
- Academic (Teachers read books)
- *School/Home Partnership (at home sharing)
- Enrichment Activities (guests come in)
- Accumulation (Student and Teacher collaborate on certain projects)

***Mr. Colarossi** emphasized the point that a “home connection is an important way to communicate with your kids.”

Feeling Words for January:

1st Grade- Accepted **2nd Grade-** Generous

3rd Grade-Thoughtful **4th Grade-**Excluded

5th Grade-Disciplined **6th Grade-**Empowered

Ms. Correale gave an example what the 1st grade is doing. They are using the word *Acceptable* in a visual way by using the Mood Meter and play dough to create something and write about it on a post it. They then hang the post it on the walls in the hallway.

-Angela also, formally introduced **Ms. Correale** as **Mrs. Zeltser's** substitute while she is on maternity leave.

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](#)). An updated report was not yet available

- **Delegate Council-** All of the schools are basically doing the same activities.
- **Membership-** Oneka said Membership is at 121 as of February 12th. Registration is ongoing until April. Oneka said the goal for this year is 200.
- **Fundraiser-** Marcia said that the Holiday Boutique made \$600 profit and next fundraiser will be the Father's Day Boutique June 9th and 10th.
- **Spirit Wear Update-** Angela explained that it is a new vendor that we are using this year and that we do not have the inventory on the premises. We have to have a certain amount of orders before we can send to the vendor to be filled. Also, the PTA and the vendor are in talks about a possible online ordering system that is more direct (customer to vendor instead of the PTA as the middle man). With the online system, there will be a processing charge the customer will endure. There will be two more orders the PTA will do (March and May).

Guest Speaker- Mr. Spezio

Mr. Spezio is the president of **The Valley Stream Teacher Center** based in Memorial Junior High School. He talked about the services that the center offers such as:

-Free Classes

-flyers/banners

To Learn more go to:

<https://sites.google.com/site/valleystreamtc/project-updates>

Announcements/ Events

- **Winter Recess February 15-19 -School Closed**
- **Parent University**-Workshops for parent and children
- **Feeling Groovy Book Fair February 25th and 26th**- Call for Volunteers!
- **PARP March 7-11(Pick a reading partner)**
-Reading competitions among grades
- **International Night March 18th**
-We invite the whole school to participate. Food from all cultures, entertainment, etc.

Q & A with Dr. Wilson and Mr. Colarossi

Dr. Wilson discussed the issues with double parking on the streets mainly at 4pm when schools after-school activities end. She wanted everyone to be mindful that it is getting congested and it can be unsafe.

Some questions from parent attendees:

Are there any trips that the children go to outside of Long Island?

Dr. Wilson- Yes. There are trips scheduled to go to museums in NYC.

Also, a parent suggested that maybe the Spirit Wear should be an requirement for dress codes when the children go on trips.

Is there a workshop about “Stranger Danger” that can help the teacher discuss this?

Dr. Wilson- There are guest speakers that come into the classroom that discuss various issues with the student some relating to “Stranger Danger”.

Could there be more variety in healthy foods for the Bake Sale?

The floor was open to this question. Angela said that that question has been talked about for a very long time. Rosie Perez, who is on the 6th grade Committee that sponsors the Bake Sale said that someone brought in a box of Clementines and they went. Another parent suggested maybe a yogurt bar. Everyone agreed that healthier foods can come in slowly.

9:27am **Adjournment**