

Shaw Avenue General PTA Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2015

Meeting Start Time: 7:36pm

Meeting End Time: 8:46pm

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, **Andrea Abrahams** Parent Student Body Chair, **Oneka Chan** Delegate to Council, **Leeann Pollard** Delegate to Council, **Dr. Francyne Zeltser** Teacher Delegate.

7:36pm	Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance	Angela Worrell-Laurent
	Angela welcomed and Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She said that she will be respectful of the time and that the meeting will not be long.	
	Approval of last meeting's minutes	Sandra Proto
	The minutes were approved by Sharon Ramnauth and Keisha Charles.	
	Introduction of 2015-2016 Board Members	Executive Board
	Each member of the board briefly spoke about themselves and their position.	

Principal's Report

Amy Pernick

School Safety & Procedures

Mrs. Pernick said currently enrolled at the school is around 738 students. The numbers are fluctuating because more students are enrolling and or have not yet enrolled from last year.

Mrs. Pernick briefly went over the Arrival Time (8:15am) and Dismissal Time (2:50pm). She commended everyone for making the "Circle" run smoothly especially the "Indoor Line up" day.

Mrs. Pernick also, spoke about the new Dismissal procedure. She said that the late pick up children will not be picked up at the "Circle" anymore because of the overflowing of traffic and it was not safe. The children will now be taken to the small gym by the School Aides at 3pm if they are not picked up. The parents and guardians will be directed to the small gym to pick up their child(ren).

Test Score Results

State Test

Mrs. Pernick said she and Dr. France were going to have Power point presentations but they encountered Technical problems. Mrs. Pernick said the presentations will be moved to a later date (possible the October meeting).

NWEA

Mrs. Pernick said the NWEA were given this week (NWEA helps the teacher in determining where the child is at academically).

Parent University

Mrs. Pernick briefly went over the upcoming Parent University session on September 26 from 8:30-12pm. In the session, the parents will have a workshop and children will have their own workshop. Then the parent and child will do an activity together. She said it was a good turn out last year and she encourages everyone to come and participate in learning how to help their child.

Christopher Colorassi

Introduction of Assistant Principal

Mr. Colarossi introduced himself and said that he came from a school district in Brooklyn. He loves the children and is excited to be at Shaw. He appreciates the warm reception from the parents.

School Lunch Coordinator

Tracey Williams

Mrs. Williams introduced herself and explained how much the lunch is (\$1.90). She also, explained that for the children that are eligible for free lunch that they still had to pay for the drink (milk and juice is .50 and water is .75). Mrs. Pernick, also wanted everyone to know about [MySchoolBucks](#) program. [MySchoolBucks](#) is a program, where you put money on an account for your child so you never have a problem if your child forgets their lunch money. There is a \$1.95 fee for every time you add money to the account. You would need your child's ID number to open up the account, and the monies left in the account rolls over to the following year. Mrs. Pernick encourages everyone to use it.

District Report

Dr. France

Dr. France was not present. She will present at later date (possible in October)

Approval of 2015-2016 Budget – Treasurer Report

Angela/Oneka

Budget was approved by Sharon Ramnauth and Noemi Diaz

Committee Reports

· **Membership:** As Of September 17, 2015
We Have 21 Members (Online Membership)

Oneka Chan

Oneka discussed the PTA Membership Giveaway- the first 50 members will receive a free Tee Shirt

Reginald Mackey

· **Membership Drive**

Reginald talked about the various events that the PTA sponsors and the benefits of becoming a member. For more information go to:
<http://www.shawavenuepta.com/pta-members-membership.html> and
<http://www.shawavenuepta.com/about-pta-membership.html>

· **Class Parent Volunteer**

Andrea Abrahams

Andrea discussed what being a Class Parent Volunteer entails, and that she is still is looking for volunteers for several classes. There is a meeting for Class Parent Volunteer scheduled and she will contact all the participants shortly.

· **Shaw Avenue Book Club**

Leeann Pollard

Leeann spoke about the new Shaw Avenue Book Club for parents. She encourages those that are interested to sign up

· **Sixth Grade Committee Events Representative**

Noemi Diaz

Noemi spoke about how the Six Grade Committee are the Class Parent Volunteers for all the six grade classes. They hold several fundraisers throughout the year to help pay for yearbooks, graduation, etc.

Announcements/Events

· **Yom Kippur – September 23rd – School Closed**

Angela
Worrell-Laurent

Angela announced that school will be closed to observe Yom Kippur.

· **Reflections – September 28th**

Marcia Mangal

Marcia spoke about how Reflections is a National PTA contests that showcases the children talents in the arts. She said a child can participate alone or as part of their class. The child's work will be judged and sent to the state to compete. Marcia emphasized the importance of parents/guardians sign to give permission for the work to compete. Flyers will be distributed soon.

Leeann Pollard

· **Community Yard Sale – October 3rd**

Leeann explained that space rental for the Community Yard Sale is \$10 and the flyer will be distributed. Deadline for Space Reservation is Friday, September 25. As of right now, there is no Rain Date. If the Community Yard Sale is

cancelled because of inclement weather there will be a refund.

Marcia Mangal

· **Fall Fund Raiser – October 5th**

Marcia spoke about the new company, *Miss Chocolate*, for the Fall Fundraiser. She said the products are great and there will be a special Giveaway that Mrs. Pernick will be conducting.

· **Picture Day – October 8th & October 9th**

Sandra Proto

Sandra briefly spoke about dressing the children in their best attire for Picture Day. A member asked could the Teacher ensure that the children look their best when taking pictures to limit retake.

· **Columbus Day – October 12th - School Closed**

Angela
Worrell-Laurent

Angela announced that school will be closed for the Columbus Day holiday.

8:46pm **Adjournment**