Shaw Avenue General PTA Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2016

Meeting Start Time: 7:37pm **Meeting End Time:** 8:19pm

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 Treasure**r(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, **Ms. Corrreale (Mrs. Zeltser substitute)**Teacher Delegate.

7:37pm **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 Peter Diaz and Rosie Perez.

Principal's Report
(Dr. Wilson and Mr. Colarossi)

-Dr. Wilson stressed to everyone that as the school year comes near to keep up with the dates of events because there were a lot going on.

-Mr. Colarossi talked about *A Taste of Service,* the district-wide event to inform parents about all the different services that District 30 offers. Shaw

Avenue will host this event.

District Update

-Dr. Stirling thanked everyone for voting on the Budget. He also mentioned that the District will continue to move forward with the Strategic Plan next year. He thanked the Hiring Committee for their input in the hiring process of several new staff members including new principal, **Alejandro Riveria**, who will be officially in his position on July 1st. **Dr. Stirling** introduced **Mr. Riveria** and said he has been visible in getting familiar with the day to day operation at Shaw.

-**Mr. Riveria** briefly introduced himself. He also said he looked forward to learning about the community and continuing the innovative higher education at Shaw.

-**Dr. Stirling** mentioned that because of Clearstream renovations, Shaw Avenue will house the Summer School program.

Committee News

-Angela announced the 2016/2017 PTA Executive Board Members

President-Angela Worrell-Laurent
VP Communication/ -Reginald Mackey
Technology
VP Fundraising- Marcia Mangal
Treasurer- Audrey Osmani
Recording Secretary-Sandra Proto
Programming Chair- Jessica Tibaquira
Delegate to Council-Leeann Pollard
Delegate to-Andrea Morris-Abrahams
Council
Parent Student Body-Noemi Diaz

Relfections Winner

-Angela announced that our very own **Elijah Ashby** was the Nassau Region PTA Reflections winner.

Music In Practice Presentation

-Mrs. Fischer(Singing, Chorus, Recorder), **Mr. Kalinowski** (Band), and **Mrs. Kloc-Alberghini** (Orchestra)discussed how students can select a musical instrument when they are transitioning from 3rd Grade to 4th Grade. The children will get a brief introduction of instruments after watching the *4th Grade Music Concert*. When your child is in 5th and 6th Grade, they can choose to be in Chorus, Band, and/or Orchestra. If they choose, they must come to early morning before school rehearsals from 7:15am-8:15am.

Helpful Tips

-pick an instrument based on interest

-parents can go on YouTube to see and hear a particular instrument

****For more information about Music Program see attachment at the end**

Announcements/ Events

- **Gratitude Night- May 26th @ 7pm**
- **Memorial Day (School Closed) May 30th**
- **Play Day (Grade K-2) June 1st**
- **Adventure Land (Grade 6) June 1st**

- **Field Day (Grad 3-6) June 7th**
- **Father's Day Boutique- June 9 & 10**
- **Father's Day Dance- June 10**
- **Early Dismissal @11:15am-June 17th**
- **Outdoor Movie Night- June 17th @ 7pm**
- **Closing Exercises 6th Grade-June 20th @7pm**
- **Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony- June 22nd @9am**

8:19pm **Adjournment**

****See Music in Practice attachment below**

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Music at Shaw Avenue School

- General Music Instruction, Grades K-6
  - Grades K, 1, 4, 5 and 6 receive general music instruction once per six days.
  - Grades 2 and 3 receive general music instruction twice per six days.
  - Kindergarten sings at their Moving-Up Ceremony in June.
  - Third grade students play recorder as an introduction to our instrumental program and to begin good practice habits.
  - Fourth graders are required to sing in the chorus and perform in a beginner concert in June. They are expected to attend before-school rehearsals, beginning in May.
  - Sixth grade students sing at graduation.

- Band/Orchestra Instrumental Program, Grades 4-6
  - Students receive instruments from the school, free of charge, to borrow from September through June of each year.
  - Students receive small-group instruction once per six days, in addition to their general music class.
  - **Selection Process:** At the end of third grade, students receive a demonstration of all of the instruments we offer in our program. On the sign-up form, they are to choose three instruments, in order of preference. Students always get one of these three choices.
  - Students are expected to attend all scheduled lessons, prepared with their instrument and music binder.
  - Students are expected to and MUST practice at home in order to progress.
  - Students in fourth grade participate in a beginner concert in June and are expected to attend before-school rehearsals, beginning in May.
  - Students in fifth and sixth grade are expected to attend before-school rehearsals to prepare for the Winter and Spring concerts.
  - Students who excel on their instrument will be considered to participate in additional activities.

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