

# Shaw Avenue General PTA Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2016

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:34pm

**Meeting End Time:** 8:31pm

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**, **Sandra Proto** Recording Secretary, **Jessica Tibaquira** Programming Chair, **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 Karen Salas.

**Principal's Report- School Updates**

*(Mr. Rivera and Mr. Colarossi)*

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade dismissal will be at **The Loop**
- the school has **8 Evacuation Drills** a year plus special **Lock Out Drills**
- All classrooms has Keypads for safety purposes
- New ways of communicating to parents with the **Remind App** (280 parents Signed up so far)
- Encourage everyone to join the PTA because it is

a huge asset to the school

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

- -how the vision of both Mr. Rivera and himself is doing the best for Shaw Avenue
- **Let's Move-** the theme of the District that engage kids in physical activity. The District specifically has a program **Movement Mondays** that the PE department is involved in by creating physical activity videos that the students watch and participate in the exercises
- **Fitness Fridays** is a program that Shaw Avenue also hosts for the students to further provide the opportunity for physical activity
- **Special Events/Trips** such as the in-school Assembly **Salsa Festival**; during school and evening event of **iGame 4** (similar to *Just Dance*) as well as field trips to **Adventure Park** and **Island Rock**

**School Lunch Coordinator-** Tracey Williams was not present (will reschedule)

**School Nurse-** Tricia Bailey, the School Nurse talked about the following:

- -her nursing background includes working for the Visiting Nursing Services in the Home Health Aide field
- She stressed the importance of the students getting to school on time and that at 8:16am the students are considered late
- Also, if a parent wishes to pick up their child early to please send a note to the teacher so the waiting time for the child's dismissal can be shortened

- She stressed that if a child is sick with fever above 100 degrees or is vomiting that they should not attend school. The child should not return back to school until a 24-hour period without fever or vomiting has occurred.
- All 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> Graders need updated physical and Immunizations and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders (11 year olds) need a Tdap
- For students who take medication in school, there must be an updated order (must be updated every school year) and also, for School Trips, the parent/guardian of child needing medication should try and arrange to be a chaperone on the trip in order to give the child his/her medication.
- Nurse Bailey can be reached at (516) 434-3707

### **Approval of 2016-2017 Budget-Treasurer Report**

The 2016-2017 Budget was approved by Karen Salas and Keisha Charles.

### **Cosmos Night**

A representative from the Cosmos explained how they are teaming up with District 30 and all three PTAs to sponsor a special fundraiser. The representative said the night will be a fun family night with inflatables and other activities for the kids. The representative also said that there will be a special prize for the class that sells the more tickets for this event.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Membership As of 9/27**

**Leeann** announced that we have **64 members**

**Angela** also, announced that the first 100 members will receive a PTA Members T-shirt. Also, she clarified what

being a member helps. A member does not only volunteer for various events but the \$13 Membership dues helps in supporting all the activities that the PTA sponsors.

### **Class Parent Volunteer**

**-Noemi** explained what is a Class Parent Volunteer and their duties. She said the role of the Class Parent Volunteers is to help the teacher organize some classroom parties for the kids. She also, said that the Class Parent Volunteers is a little different this year, instead of only having one Class Parent and a Assistant Class Parent, there can be more Class Parent Volunteers and they would function as a team. Also, the Class Parent Volunteers are only for Grades K-5.

**-Noemi** also informed everyone that 11 classes were still in need of Class Parent Volunteers and to see her at the end of the meeting for those who may be interested in signing up.

### **Spirit Wear**

**-Jessica** explained that there will be two Spirit Wear sales: Fall (for the month of October) and Spring (TBD). The Spirit Wear T-shirts will be a long sleeve tee and a short sleeve tee for the fall and short sleeve for the spring (See Spirit Wear Styles: [http://www.shawavenuepta.com/store/c1/Featured\\_Products.html](http://www.shawavenuepta.com/store/c1/Featured_Products.html) )

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee**

**-Marcia** explained how the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee is similar to the Class Parent Volunteer. The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee help plan parties and also special events like the Bake Sale. They also plan the Graduation activities.

### **Reflections**

**Marcia** explained that Reflections is a PTA/school/region wide special contest that students can show their creative side. The theme for this year is

**What is your story?**

**To Learn more go to:**

<http://www.shawavenuepta.com/blog/reflections-arts-program-what-is-your-story>

### **Gift Wrap Sale**

**Marcia** said that the fall fundraiser with **Miss Chocolate** will begin October 5<sup>th</sup> and she encourage each family to do their best in selling and that if a family purchase one item it would help

### **Announcements/ Events**

- **Reflections September 26<sup>th</sup>**
- **iGame 4-September 28<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade)**
- **Spirit Day- September 30<sup>th</sup>**
- **Rosh Hashanah-October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> (School Closed)**
- **Gift Wrap Sale- October 5-21**
- **Picture Day- October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**
- **Columbus Day- October 10<sup>th</sup> (School Closed)**
- **Yom Kippur- October 12<sup>th</sup> (School Closed)**
- **PTA Meeting October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm**

8:31pm

**Adjournment**