

Council Minutes (Parent Action Council –PAC)

Date: May 28, 2015

Place: District Office, 801 N. 11th Street, St. Louis, MO 63101

Presiding Officer: Augustus Jacobs

St. Louis Public Schools represented by parents:

1. Clyde C. Miller Career Academy High School
2. Lyon Academy-Blow Elementary School
3. Kennard Elementary School
4. Ames Elementary
5. Gateway STEM
6. Mason School
7. Mallinckrodt Elementary School
8. Innovative Concept Academy @ Blewett
9. Alumni Parent (Metro A & C)

Staff Members: Jeffery Rhone

Minutes

- The meeting opened at 6:06 pm.
- Mr. Jacobs open by welcoming parents, students and staff.
- Last month minutes were read by Beverly Crawford. After the reading there were four changes that were made: (1) Co-Chairperson was changed to **Chair Elect**, (2) Can the access is gain was changed to **can gain the access**, (3) Long was changed **Lau** and (4) Sharma was changed to **Patel**. With the changes being made the motion was moved, voted and minutes were approved.
- Committee Reports
 - Collaborating with the Community Committee- Shameem Hubbard
 - Currently no information on the district survey and looking to build on it.
 - Attended an event were Captain John Hayden spoke on a program similar to “Officer Friendly”. Mrs. Hubbard will be attending a meeting with Captain Hayden and another officer today to get more details.
 - Communications Committee- Stephanie Lau
 - Any emails that need to be posted can be sent to Mr. Sharma or to PAC email address to get posted.
 - The digital list is on the PAC page
 - Minutes will not be posted until they have been voted on and approved.
 - The bylaws are with the legal department and once they have been approved will be on google group.
 - Plan to meet with Mr. Wallace, waiting to get information when one is said to be.

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- Parenting Committee- No Report (Kimberly Glover was not in attendance due to illness)
 - Stephanie Lau did inform the group that at the school board meeting Ms. Glover sat by the Director of Literacy. She agreed to meet with PAC and talk more about her program. Ms. Glover is looking to set something up next week.
- Decision Making Committee- Addie Bond
 - Working on getting the handbook ready for PTO presidents by the end of June have the draft finished and the final draft by July.
 - Also working on putting together a document on how to start F.A.C.E
- Learning at Home- No Report
- Volunteering Committee- No Report

New Business

- Stephanie Lau: We come from different backgrounds, PTO is what is going to be an issue and we need to collaborate and cooperate. We will not be a part of getting individuals fired. We will not be a part of parent's legal issues. It was not understood upon joining. No one is required to do anything against their beliefs.
- Akash Sharma: The goals are clearly stated in our bylaws, "**sounding board for the district**".
- Lauren Preston (new to the group) asked the question, was it correct to indicate we recommend individuals to seek legal counsel.
 - Various responses and interpretations were given.
 - Addie Bond took the issue back to the bylaws and indicated we don't want to get to the point of dealing with those issues
 - **Mr. Jacobs interject and tabled the issue to a later meeting**
- Discussion took place on the school board meeting.
 - PAC presented to the state appointed board and the information about the organization was well received
 - It was taken that the board wanted to hear from PAC and Mr. Rhone, Mr. Clay, Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Bond presented.
 - It was approximately 15 parents and 12 family school support specialist in attendance.
- Mr. Rhone addressed the group by thanking the group for attending the school board meeting. He indicated that Superintendent Adams and the board was pleased and had PAC been presented to the board before the calendar was finalized it would have been a great project to start.
- The questions were asked why the meetings were always downtown, due to it's harder for individuals to get to the location and the difficulty of parking.
 - The District Office is easy to schedule by Mr. Rhone paperwork in place.
 - **Mr. Jacobs interject and tabled the issue for the next executive meeting**
- Discussed the purpose of the Dashboard. It was explained that the dashboard is for the committees with assisting with goals and deadlines. The example given was the handbook for PTO.
- It was moved, 1st by Debra Irons-El and 2nd by Shameem Hubbard, and no objections heard the meeting adjourn at 6:59 pm.