

Council Minutes (Parent Action Council –PAC)

Date: June 25, 2015

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

Presiding Officer: Leonard Stewart Sr.

St. Louis Public Schools represented by parents:

1. Clyde C. Miller Career Academy High School
2. Lyon Academy-Blow Elementary School
3. Mason Elementary School
4. Gateway STEM High School
5. Carnahan High School
6. Pierre Laclede Elementary School
7. Mallinckrodt Elementary School
8. Dewey IS Elementary School
9. Wilkinson EEC @ Roe Elementary School

Staff Members: Jeffery Rhone, Debra Irons-El and Christopher Thurmond

Minutes

- The meeting opened at 6:15 pm.
- Mr. Stewart open by welcoming parents, students and staff.
- Last month minutes were read by Kimberly Glover. There were no changes and it was moved to motion and the minutes were approved.
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- Wish list items that Mr. Rhone has achieved was the e-mail (pac-slps@googlegroups.com) and telephone number (314-345-5722).
 - Communication- Stephanie Lau
 - Meeting took place with Mr. Wallace. Those in attendance was Mr. Sharma and Mr. Rhone. July 2nd is the drop date for information to be considered. This will be a dual approach. Dr. Sharma will be spear heading this project.
 - Make sure material is available with logo options. Mr. Rhone is going to work with the group on getting this projects completed. We are targeting the first day of school. The goal is to get the principals to recognize us
 - Start communication with the school. The main goal is to start with the principal and specialist. Ms. Lau gave the example, her school has a new principal and it was a great way to introduce PAC.
 - July 13th – 17th is the target date for trying to get the executive board picture with Superintendent Adams.
 - Information on the site has to be approved by the executive council before it can be put on the site.
 - **Mr. Sharma:** Things sent to put on the site needs to be ready. If there are errors or issues if anyone see them please get back to Mr. Sharma as soon as possible to get them corrected. We want to give a good impression on anyone that visit the site.

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- Parenting Committee- Kimberly Glover
 - Is collaborating to work with the principals and has been given the opinion to be visible for PAC at the first day of school.
 - Rhonda Jones- of the Literacy will be getting more information and looking to getting her out to a PAC meeting.
- Decision Making Committee- Addie Bond
 - Brought the draft of the handbook for the PTOs. The goal is to provide a very brief resource. Our first line is to the Family Support Specialist and then to the Principal. Went through explaining the document.
 - Looking to get feedback tonight and would like e-mails after reviewing the information.
- Learning at Home- Johnnie Walker
 - Put together a newsletter for pre-school through high school and still waiting on getting it translated in different languages. At this point she has not gotten feedback.
- Volunteering Committee-
 - No Report

New Business

- **Discussion for Learning at Home Committee**
 - Mr. Rhone: Have someone from the committee reach out to someone in the district that deals with the information that the committee has. Our job is to work with the district and any information they have they can verify and if not it will be information to add on to what the district has access to.
 - Johnnie Walker: Indicated that she has reached out to the district with the point of contacts but she has not gotten any responses.
 - Leonard Stewart Sr.: Informed Ms. Walker that any information she wants issued needs to go through the board before it is put out.
 - Ms. Walker will send all her questions again before the next to Mr. Stewart.
 - Mr. Rhone gave an example of how Learning at Home will get her information on to the right staff and get them working with the parents to make things happen.
 - Addressed PAC having a table at the back to school to present PAC to the parents.
- Mr. Rhone discussed attending a conference with 47 other states and he feel we are ahead of most. The key is to have the Principal's involvement and to have them working with PAC.
- **Discussion for Decision Making Committee**
 - Mrs. Irons-El: Addressed some of the information that was in the handbook and gave some suggestions.
 - Mr. Rhone: Made a suggestion of having PTOs officers coming to a PAC meeting to present some of this information.
- **Discussion for Communicating Committee**
 - Mrs. Lau: Addressed getting the approved by-laws to put on the site. Mr. Rhone indicated that he will get back to us as soon as possible because it has been understood

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that the legal department does not have to approve them because PAC is designed by the parents.

- Every committee need to work on having a person meet with Mr. Sharma to know what can be put on the website to highlight areas of PAC
- Mr. Stewart: We are all doing great work but he has concerns. He indicated he was unsure with attendance and if they are busy and not able to come. After so many meeting per the bylaws they are not active and we need to replace positions.
 - Ms. Walker: talk to the FCS to see if they can reach out to the individuals before voting them out.
 - Ms. Murry: indicated that she truly think it is the summer break that is affecting meeting attendance.
- Wanted to see if we can have a meeting with the FCS to see about getting us someone from each school. Mr. Rhone replied and indicated that the FCS's are due back 7/27/15 and he can make the meeting possible with the executive council but it is requested that the meeting be conducted in the AM.
- Also want to work on setting up in the future a meeting with principals. Would have to see about the principals because that is not Mr. Rhone area. Mr. Rhone indicated that he had to make a request for the principal handbook and spoke about PAC in his presentation.
- Adjournment, 1st by Ms. Walker and 2nd by Ms. Murry, meeting closed at 7:37 pm