

## *McDonogh #35 Parent Teacher Organization Meeting*

Wednesday, October 3, 5:30 pm

McDonogh #35 Library – 4000 Cadillac Street

**Attendees:** PTO Officers: Treschere Washington (president), Lynn Pittman (vice president), Zanda Dandy (treasurer), Dave Cash (recording secretary), Trenise Pittman (corresponding secretary), Ronald Magee (sergeant at arms); parents: TBA

President Treschere Washington called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

All those present introduced themselves.

**Reading of the Minutes.** Charminetta Alexander moved and Ronald Magee seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the September 11, 2018 meeting.

**Carried**

Trenise Pittman moved and Lynn Pittman seconded to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 regular PTO meeting.

**Carried**

**Reading of the Financial Report.** Treasurer Zanda Dandy said the PTO balance as of the August statement was \$1,809.88.

Courtney Taylor moved and Ronald Magee seconded to accept the financial report.

**Carried**

**Report on Meeting with School Leadership.** Treschere Washington presented a report from the PTO executive board of its meeting with school leadership, where PTO member concerns were presented. She announced that a form is now available

Mr. Magee suggested we read walk through the report and go over each item one by one.

Monroe Coleman expressed concern that some parents may not be able to read and write comfortably enough to submit their concerns in writing. Ms. Dandy encouraged those in attendance to write any concerns they have and leave them with the PTO executive board. Dave Cash will prepare a paper form in time for the next meeting.

Treschere Washington went over the report, issue by issue.

Ronald Magee and Taylor Pittman both assured those in attendance that enough time is provided at lunch for all students to eat, visit Ms. Allen's snack stand, socialize, and use the restroom.

Courtney Taylor gave an update on the computers and other resources for the Parent Information Center. She said that the order was never completed, but that she's following up on it.

Lynn Pittman moved and Ronald Magee seconded to accept the report presented by Treschere Washington.

**Carried**

**Proposed Amendments to PTO Bylaws.** Monroe Coleman moved and Trenise Pittman seconded to accept the proposed amendment to Article 4: Membership.

Discussion: Monroe Coleman asked how volunteering will be tracked and how someone can be classified as a volunteer. Courtney Taylor said and Ronald Magee verified said that there is currently a system to sign in and indicate that an alumnus is a volunteer, at the security desk. Courtney Taylor said she and Samantha Pichon would track volunteer hours, as necessary.

**Carried**

Trenise Pittman moved and Lynn Pittman seconded to accept the proposed amendment to Article 7, as amended to move the proposed new phrase to the end of the first sentence instead of the end of the paragraph.

**Carried**

Trenise Pittman moved and Courtney Taylor seconded to accept the proposed amendment to Article 13.

**Carried**

**Develop & Review of the School-Parent Compact.** Parent Liaison Courtney Taylor presented a slightly amended version of the School-Parent Compact. Students have suggested some additions.

Treschere Washington asked that a revision date be added to the compact.

Michelle Rolle suggested adding how it was developed, in addition to when it was revised.

Trenise Pittman moved and Treschere Washington seconded to accept the *School-Parent Compact for Achievement* presented by Courtney Taylor.

**Carried**

**Open Floor Discussion.** Taylor Pittman reported that Amani Pittman of the sophomore class is working to write a proposal for a breast-cancer-awareness event this month.

Amber Muhammad reported she is writing a proposal to have some kind of Special Olympics event at McDonogh 35 this year.

Dave Cash reported on some of the awesome activities of the amazing Student Council, including the Roneagles of the Week initiative, which students run completely.

Monroe Coleman said the class of 1964 will be honoring Sylvia Crier's 54<sup>th</sup> year of service on November 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. He asked the PTO to contribute refreshments. He said they would give us more specifics about the quantity.

Michelle Rolle said that a former teacher, Matt Mosley, took a few students to England and France a few years ago. She said that EF Tours is still in contact with the school and she wanted to put out there that doing a trip like this is still an opportunity.

Ronald Magee moved and Charminetta Alexander seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

**Motion withdrawn**

Treschere Washington gave an update on the PTO t-shirt. The winning designs from last year will be used and an alumnus printer will hopefully be found to make the shirts.

Lynn Pittman asked about lockers and identification for students. Michelle Rolle, who sits on the school's leadership team, said that the locker issue has been raised and the principal is looking into it.

Ronald Magee moved and Monroe Coleman seconded that the concerns about the lockers and identification badges at our next meeting with school leadership.

**Carried**

Charminetta Alexander moved Lynn Pittman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

**Carried**

Respectfully submitted: Dave Cash, Recording Secretary.