

Clinton Elementary PTA
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2017

Present:

Andrea Beck, Ann Bodnar, Kimmberly Bulkley, Eileen Campos, Jennifer Cudmore, Candice Davenport, Jonelle Delk, Liz Gordon, Anne Harding, Annie Horcasitas, Verna Jackson, Jeffrey Lehman, Margy Nolan, Renata O'Beirne, Ambra Teague

Absent:

Arden Canecchia, Paul Gaykowski, Sharon Geraghty, Donna Herley, Kathleen Hong, Maureen Jones, Michael Mack, April Mason, Jess Murphy, Katie Rumley, Norman Villatoro

Jonelle Delk moved and Eileen Campos seconded the motion to open the meeting.

Jonelle Delk moved and Eileen Campos seconded the motion to approve the March 2017 meeting minutes.

Ann Bodnar provided the **Principal's** Report:

Ms. Bodnar shared that the Rising Star summer program will continue at Clinton School this summer (k-2) to help students maintain what they have learned during the school year. Camp Invention (rising 4th/5th) will take place for 1 week, June 26-30. The camp will run from 8:30-2:30. The cost will be approximately \$150. There are 48 spots.

PARCC testing will begin next week. Due to WiFi capabilities the schedule has been modified slightly – only one grade will test at a time starting with 3rd grade.

Ms. Bodnar shared that she has been working with Seton Hall University to see if we can establish a program with their education majors to be part of a substitute pool. The students would have an advisor, complete substitute training and work with the Clinton for about 1.5 years as part of a pod. It is an exciting opportunity to be exploring.

Primary Election Day for the NJ Governor's race will be June 6th. We will be combining Locomania and Field Day with some extra fun for the first "Clinton Fest" event.

Thank you for the Tricky Tray event it was a lot of fun.

We are looking forward to the International Dinner tomorrow night!

Jennifer Cudmore and **Jeffrey Lehman** provided the **Teacher's** Report:

The teachers' enjoyed the auction.

Mr. Korrelis' class will be holding the Coffee Cart this Friday and donating the monies to Autism Awareness.

They will remind the teachers to submit their forms to Jonelle for expenses.

Liz Gordon provided the **President's** Report:

Liz shared a thank you note from the ELL students for their field trip as well as a thank you from students for the Corey the Dribbler assembly.

Presidents' Council this month focused on the technology issues with PARCC testing. There was also a request for the submission of fundraising ideas for the district. The Community Coalition for Race also spoke and they will be presenting at the next Board of Education meeting. At the next Board of Education meeting there will also be a presentation on possible re-districting options as well as a presentation revealing the new website design for the district.

The Parenting Center is working on an all-district book wish list to increase the diversity of book options in our school libraries.

Liz elaborated on Principal Bodnar's announcement about Clinton Fest. It will be outside primarily at Underhill field. The bathrooms at Underhill will be available for the students. Lunch will still be in the cafeteria but children will not be in contact with the voters. We will have field day, bounce houses, rock climbing wall, art stations, imagination playground blocks etc. We will need lots of volunteers – more information to come (Liz is also recruiting HS volunteers). If you are interested in helping with planning let Liz know.

The front office project will be completed in the summer. We may order furniture now and store in the fitness room in June (when it is not in use).

Liz Gordon provided the **Special Education** Report on behalf of **Katie Rumley**:

April is Autism Awareness month.

On April 17th David Lieberman will hold a meeting about the replacement for the open Director of Special Services role. The new title will be Executive Director Special Services and Youth Development. Mr. Lieberman will end his term as Interim Director on June 30th but would help transition the permanent hire.

Next Tuesday the PTO meeting will focus on out of district placements.

Andrea Beck provided the **President Emeritus** Report:

The 4th Grade Artist In Residence Program will be the Newark Print Shop. For two weeks in May 4th grade students will participate in an intensive workshop designed to strengthen community engagement in the fine art of printmaking. Students will learn about printmaking processes including cyanotype and screen-printing to create a large collaborative print mural for the school. The cost will be \$5,000. The goal is to have the piece completed by the Art Show.

Andrea is exploring the Paper Mache Sculpture group for the 4th Grade Artist In Residence for next year.

Sports Buddies (formerly Elementors) will start again with volunteers from the High School.

Candice and Andrea reminded the board that the International Dinner is tomorrow and we still need volunteers and dessert donations. We have 100 reservations already! Bill & Harry's donated a tray of food, as did Pandang. We are getting Empandas from Maplewood Deli & Grille, a tray of ziti from Village Trattoria and Filipino food from Car Kabayan Filipino.

There will be a map with stickers for folks to plot their countries of origin. Food will be arranged by region and we are working to have seating work in a way that promotes meeting new people.

The Nominating Committee is working to collect nominations and will report back at the next meeting.

Jonelle Delk provided the **Treasurer's** Report:

\$89,409.00 is in the bank account.

Amazon is doing well. The read-a-thon has raised \$9,050 to date.

The board discussed earmarking funds for projects – indoor beautification, outdoor beautification, fix the art kiln, update the art studio, Leader in Me funding.

Renata O'Bierne provided the **Community Events** report:

The Spring Fair planning is under way. Usually we have about 300 participants. Candice has lined up various food options.

Andrea shared that the Challenger Center –education center that simulates space missions may be something to consider for future field trips.

Candice Davenport provided the **Cultural Arts and Achieve** report:

Honor your Teachers program through Achieve will start soon - look for the flyer. It is a great way to recognize teachers.

There will be an assembly at the International Dinner – A Filipino Troupe of Dancers will perform.

Margy Nolan provided the **Member at Large** Report:

The Auction went very well and we will net around \$37,000. The board congratulated Margy and Jamie Ebright and their team for a fabulous event.

Anne Harding provided the **Garden/Courier** Report:

Anne shared that our garden resource/educator will start next week.

Anne needs more student contributions for the Courier. She will place an ad on the job board at the school.

There were no VP, Fundraising, Membership, ELL, PR reports.

Eileen Campos moved to close the meeting and Jonelle Delk seconded the motion. The meeting was closed at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Bulkley