

Clinton Elementary PTA
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2017

Present:

Andrea Beck, Ann Bodnar, Kimmberly Bulkley, Eileen Campos, , Candice Davenport, Jonelle Delk, Liz Gordon, Anne Harding, Annie Horcasitas, Verna Jackson, Maureen Jones, Jeffrey Lehman, Kelly Mortimer, Jess Murphy, Margy Nolan, Renata O'Beirne, Ava Padmore, Katie Rumley, Mary Clair Sonneman, Ambra Teague, Judy Tu, Norman Villatoro, Kali Fields Williams, Traci Zaretska

Absent:

Arden Canecchia, Jennifer Cudmore, Paul Gaykowski, Sharon Geraghty, , Donna Herley, Kathleen Hong, Michael Mack, April Mason,

Eileen Campos moved and Verna Jackson seconded the motion to open the meeting.

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

Liz Gordon provided a welcome to new board members and a thank you to board members who are concluding their service.

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

Principal Bodnar thanked the PTA for their work this year and for helping Clinton put so many plans into action this year – and a special thank you to our PTA members who will be moving on to middle school with their graduation 5th graders. As always, Clinton's focus is to help support all of our kids and to remain a diverse and inclusive community.

Clinton will be implementing the Leader in Me program school wide this year after extensive research and successful pilots in select classrooms this year. The program will be implemented with components focused on students, teachers and administrators as well as families. More information will be shared in the fall. We are very excited about being able to bring this program to our community. The program will be funded through a number of sources including the Board of Education, the Achieve Foundation, PTA funds and Beyond the Bell funds.

Clinton Fest was rainy but very fun. The event celebrated the students working together to meet the school goals (minutes of motion, reading goals and box top collection amounts). It also included Locomania and Field Day activities. Thank you to the planners and teachers who supported this effort.

Congratulations to Ms. Jacobsen on her baby girl.

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

Liz also thanked the board for the help with Clinton Fest and asked for feedback. A few modifications were suggested regarding having alternate activities for rainy weather but overall the feedback was very positive

President's council had a speaker from the SOMA two towns for the all ages group. The group provides opportunities for seniors to volunteer their time. They will be looking for opportunities in the schools (tutoring etc.).

Karen Wyland from the Parenting Center asked the PTAs to contribute \$100 a piece to help with outstanding food balance issues. They are undertaking fundraising efforts as well to address this need. The Diverse Book Drive has not met its 1000 book donation goal. They will continue the book drive going forward.

Dr. Ramos also spoke at President's Council and shared that the water-filling stations should be installed over the summer. He shared that he will not be supporting the Seth Boyden proposal to allow Seth Boyden zoned families to opt-in to Jefferson/Marshall. Dr. Ramos also urged the district to continue on with the strategic plan to help close any gaps in service delivery. He focused on three issues that need to be prioritized and addressed: (1) HS leveling, (2) desegregation and (3) cultural competency training.

If any board members have budget input please provide your input to Jonelle as soon as possible..

The Spring Fair will be June 15th (the same day as the 5th Grade trip to Philly). There will be an art truck and several food trucks. There will be volunteer tables at the Spring Fair this year to start building volunteer pools for next year. It will also be the last General PTA meeting.

June 9th is Kindergarten Orientation from 9-11:30 and a few volunteers are needed. Liz will create a SignUpGenius.

Liz shared a draft calendar and asked that board members check for any potential conflicts with other district events. Note that the ice cream social will be on a Tuesday next year.

The board discussed ways to incorporate the food harvested in the garden into existing events/enrichment programs.

Jessica Murphy provided the **Vice President's** Report:

Jess thanked the outgoing board members and provided small gifts of appreciation. She shared that the next version of the Clinton guide will be circulated after input is collated.

Jess added that the Presidents Council is looking for ways for the PTAs to join together when bringing speakers/hosting events. They are looking at a closed facebook group to help share best practices.

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

There is \$64,330.08 in the PTA account.

Please get requests for reimbursements in by 6/30/17 so we can close the books for the year.

Jonelle asked for a budget committee for the fall. The budget committee will be Ambra Teague, Kimberly Bulkley and Kelly Mortimer.

Please let Jonelle know about any budget ideas for the fall.

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

Andrea is exploring Spirit-tree for the 4th grade artist in residence program next year. She is working on modifying the pricing. More information will be shared in the fall

NOTE: Following the meeting a vote was held via email to approve Ava Padmore as the Special Education Liaison. The vote was successful and Ms. Padmore will be the Special Education Liaison next year.

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

The budget meeting for next year will happen soon so please let Jonelle know if you have thoughts about your budgets for next year.

We will keep the teacher grant program for next year. The focus will shift from STEAM to Leader in Me.

Supply lists for next year were discussed briefly. It was determined that upper grades need 2 inch binders for the Leader in Me program and lower grades can use 1 ½ inch binders. Maureen delivers the school supplies kits to the school in August. Forms will go out in backpacks and will be available at Kindergarten orientation. We have seen an increase in participation in this fundraiser in the last few years.

\$76,597.34 is in the bank account. There will be approximately \$45,000 to attach to projects and carry over.

The mats for PE (3 walls and corner) will cost \$8,280 to purchase and install. State guidelines require 3 bids prior to selecting the vendor.

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

We are ready for the Spring Fair tomorrow. Set up will begin at 3pm. The Montclair Art Truck will be there as well as two food trucks and bouncy house/blow ups. Mr. Carberry will DJ the event.

Katie Rumley provided the **Special Education** Report:

The board is supposed to approve the new Director of Special Services at the next board meeting.

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

Anne shared that the last Courier will be sent out electronically tomorrow. The kids are enjoying the activities and our garden resource/educator has a lot of great ideas for the fall.

There were no ELL, Cultural Arts, Teachers, Fundraising, Membership, PR reports.

Jonelle Delk moved to close the meeting and Eileen Campos seconded the motion. The meeting was closed at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Bulkley