

Clinton Elementary PTA
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2016

Present:

Andrea Beck, Tim Beaumont, Ann Bodnar, Kimmberly Bulkley, Candice Davenport, Jonelle Delk, Sharon Geraghty, Liz Gordon, Anne Harding, Donna Herley, Annie Horcasitas, Verna Jackson, Mike Mack, Jessica Murphy, Margy Nolan, Renata O'Beirne, Katie Rumley, Ambra Teague, Norman Villatoro, Jamie Ramsburg

Absent:

Eileen Campos, Jeff Lehman, Annie Horcasitas, Kathleen Hong, April Mason Nichols, Paul Gaykowski

Jonelle Delk moved and Jessica Murphy seconded the motion to open the meeting.

Jonelle Delk moved and Kimmberly Bulkley seconded the motion to approve the August 2016 meeting minutes.

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

During the summer, Principal Bodnar was selected to attend the National SEED conference (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity). The SEED program is designed to provide participants with the ability to assist communities with building educational environments that are gender fair, multicultural equitable, socio-economically aware and globally informed. Principal Bodnar is certified to teach the SEED program and will be implementing the program with the administration and staff at Clinton school to further enhance our inclusive community.

Principal Bodnar also attended a conference which focused on the kinesthetic classroom. The science-based conference explored the recent research highlighting the connection between exercise and brain cell growth/activity. Principal Bodnar is now certified a kinesthetic facilitator. The conference was sponsored by Kidfit and the company will furnish one classroom (Mr. Mack/ Ms. Cudmore's 5th grade) with kinesthetic equipment for use with the students.

The opening of school has been very smooth. Teachers have spent time getting to know their students and the kids are happy and ready to learn.

Principal Bodnar shared that Clinton School is one of 554 schools in the nation to receive First Lady Michelle Obama's "Lets Move!" award. We will receive the award on Monday September 19th and Charlene Burgeson from the First Lady's office will be on hand to tour the school and present the award. The school will hold its CATCH kickoff and celebrate another year of supporting healthy living.

The computer room on the second floor has been converted to and Innovation/Professional Development Room. The computers have been relocated to the kindergarten/1st grade classrooms. Laptop carts are also available for classes use.

Back to School night will be September 29th and we hope that all families will join us and help to kick off the year.

Jamie Ramsburg presented the **Annual School Show** report.

The school show will be chaired by a committee again this year. Jamie Ramsburg, Danielle Ferland, Mark Truscinski, Karen Faistl-Weisbach and Ken Weisbach are the committee members.

The email address for the show will be: clintonschoolshow2017@gmail.com

The theme for this year is “An Iconic Celebration of Music Legends”.

The committee is planning a mixer for parents interested in volunteering. Members of the committee will also have a table at the Pumpkin Patch and will attend the General PTA meeting in October to discuss the show and answer questions.

Registration will be online beginning in October. The first rehearsals will be in December.

This year 5th graders will be able to apply to be apprentice directors.

The committee will keep the PTA informed about the progress of the show.

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

Liz shared that the welcome back breakfast for the teachers/staff and the Back to School Coffee went very smoothly. Thank you to everyone who volunteered at these events. The board discussed supplying coffee at the BTSC next year.

Liz distributed the list of the members of the sub-committees and thanked everyone for their time. Work on the committees will begin soon.

The next general PTA meeting is October 6th and, the theme for the meeting will be “What if...” Mrs. Latimer and Ms. Facto will cover the topic of “What if my child has a conflict” by explaining the restorative practices philosophy. The board discussed possible topics including: what if my child may need additional support and what happens to recess if there is bad weather, If you have topic ideas please email Liz.

International Dot Day is this Thursday. Wear dots or your favorite color and join the fun.

Kathleen Hong will not be able to attend meetings until January but she is available to help at other times during the week. Please reach out to her if you need help.

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

The Class Parent training is next Tuesday (after drop off in the Auditorium) and next Wednesday (in the evening in the Library). Most classes have sufficient support and Jess and Liz are locating remaining resources.

The general volunteer list has been automated and Jess can provide committee chairs with lists of volunteers to help support the events.

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

Andrea shared that there have been delays in the front office renovation project. The delays relate to vendor selection. The district has requested that we solicit bids from 3 vendors. The bid process is underway and the goal is to complete the project by November.

Andrea will be the parenting center liaison. On March 16th Clinton will host a presentation of the film "Measure for Measure" (a follow up film to Race to Nowhere). There will be a panel following the film.

Clinton will also host the presentation of the 5th grade health film.

We are also looking into an event with the Astronaut Leland D. Melvin.

The k-2 curriculum night will be at Marshall School on October **DATE** ; the 3-5 curriculum night will be on October 27th at Seth Boyden.

Andrea will serve as the liaison to the green team and is currently working with the green team on a walk to school day which will take place on October 7th.

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

The PTA bank account has a current balance of \$57,301.38.

Donna Herley provided the **Fundraising** report:

The Display My Art fundraiser will begin later this week. The No Frills Fundraiser will be sent out next week. Charleston Wrap will be in early October.

The Read-A-Thon will be done in partnership with the WHOOOSE reading company.

Verna Jackson provided the **Membership** report:

We have 83 paid members and a large stack of registrations arrived today. We are trending similarly to last year.

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

The Pumpkin Patch preparations are underway. Renata is updating the flyer and has been talking to Leah about the quantities of supplies needed for the event. Andrea and Kathleen Hong are good resources for the flyer design.

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

We are planning for several assemblies this year:

- The Clinton Farmers' Market September 16th. Volunteer help will be needed at 7am that day to unload and set up the food. The cost of the event is \$1800.
- A laser light show is being discussed for November 21st or 22nd
- On March 3rd the Wicked Tinkers (a Scottish Rock Band) will perform
- A Filipino Folk Group will perform at the International Dinner

Achieve will host the Newstead 5k this weekend. Candice will make a presentation to the teachers at the end of the month. Achieve sponsors tutor opportunities and forms can be obtained through the teachers.

A suggestion was made to make the Achieve website user-friendly.

Ambra Teague and **Margy Nolan** provided the Member at Large report:

The Ice Cream Social will be on September 22nd. There will be recycling available and a flyer is in draft. Senor Carberry will DJ the event. The boy scouts and girl scouts will be on hand to answer questions about scouting. A sign-up genius will be sent out shortly – please help if you can.

The Sunshine “welcome back to school” bags for the teachers were a success and contained Hershey kisses, post-its and a gift card to the Korellis Coffee Cart..

The book fair set up will be September 22nd. The teachers' luncheon will be September 23rd and the last day of the book fair will be September 29th.

A suggestion was made to recognize Mr. Brandon for his dedication to Clinton School and the recess program. Ambra and Kimmerly will coordinate the thank you for Mr. Brandon.

Katie Rumley provided the **SEPAC/PTO** report:

Katie has created a one-page overview to include in the teacher assignment packets in the fall.

Anne Harding provided the **Garden** and **Courier** reports:

The garden beds need cleaning up and Anne will hold a clean-up day at the school this weekend.

The Clinton Courier will be bi-monthly in the fall. Anne will send out the courier deadlines shortly. The newsletter will be primarily kid-driven this year.

There was no ELL, Public Relations or Teacher Report.

Jonelle Delk moved to close the meeting and Candice Davenport seconded the motion. The meeting was closed at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Bulkley