

Clinton Elementary PTA
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2017

Present:

Andrea Beck, Ann Bodnar, Kimmberly Bulkley, Jennifer Cudmore, Jonelle Delk, Jamie Ebright, Liz Gordon, Anne Harding, Kathleen Hong, Annie Horcasitas, Jeffrey Lehman, Maureen Jones, Kelly Mortimer, Jess Murphy, Renata O'Beirne, Ava Padmore, Mary Clair Sonneman, Ambra Teague, Judy Tu, Katie Walmsley, Traci Zaretska

Absent:

Paul Gaykowski, Anne Harding, Donna Herley, Michael Mack, Jeffrey Lehman, Margy Nolan, Kali Fields Williams, Norman Villatoro,

Jonelle Delk moved and Kimmberly Bulkley seconded the motion to open the meeting.

Jonelle Delk moved and Kelly Mortimer seconded the motion to approve the August 2017 meeting minutes.

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

Ms. Bodnar explained that due to a medical leave of absence at the district, Mr. Beaumont has been asked to temporarily cover the Assistant Superintendent role supporting curriculum. Currently the temporary assignment is scheduled to run through January 2018. Ms. Bodnar will be hiring temporary assistance at the school while Mr. Beaumont is on assignment with the district.

Ava Padmore provided the **Special Ed/PTO** report:

September 24th is the SOMA back to school night for special education. The event will be held at Columbia High School from 6:30-8:00 p.m. It is a great way to meet the educators and administrators in this area. Representatives from SEPAC and PTO will also be there.

Jess Murphy provided reminders on behalf of the **Webmaster (Norman Villatoro)**:

Please send any eblasts to Jess and Ambra for approval before sending to Norman to post. When sending eblasts to Norman please make sure any attachments are in PDF or JPEG format. The text you want sent with your eblast should be in a format that can be cut/pasted without editing.

Kelly Mortimer provided the **Public Relations** report:

The Bookfair made \$15,482 and our profit from the event was \$3,242. It was a successful event and we were able to get new books into the classrooms and into students' homes. Thanks to everyone who helped with this event.

Jess Murphy provided the **Courier** Report on behalf of **Anne Harding**:

The September/October Courier will be finished soon and has a lot of good student content.

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

Welcome to Katie Walmsley. Katie is our newest Member at Large.

Back to School Night went smoothly. The Ice Cream Social was successful despite the rain – thank you to Margy Nolan.

The General PTA meeting was last week. The PTA budget passed and Mrs. Rollo explained the HIB process as our HIB building lead. Ms. Bodnar and Mr. Beaumont provided a Leader in Me presentation as well that was very well received.

In addition last week there was an online motion to add an additional member at large position. The motion passed without dissent. Katie Walmsley was elected into the position.

We need more volunteers for the Auction and the Clinton Show. Please encourage people to sign up and get involved. There will be new chairs for the Auction this year so look for more information to come on this event soon.

Ambra Teague provided the **Vice President's** Report:

Ambra provided an update from the presidents' council. Liz Gordon is now the Co-President of the President's Council with Tia Swanson. Representatives from the CCR made a presentation highlighting that sufficient progress has not been achieved in a number of areas. This initiated a discussion about how the council can influence and support change. The council discussed how to use their influence to impact change as well as figuring out the best way to share best practices. Suggestions about areas for the council to review should be submitted to the council.

The Parenting Center is working on "choose kindness week" – November 13th through November 17. It will culminate with multiple viewings of the movie "Wonder" which will be released that week. Andrea Beck will represent Clinton at the event meeting.

There is also an event tied to the Sandy Hook Promise "Start with Hello" in February. More information about this event will be shared soon.

We will be migrating towards a Harvest fest instead of Halloween. There will not be a trunk-or-treat. There will still be a parade and costumes will be allowed. The school is encouraging students to wear costumes that represent a favorite book. Class parties/costumes will be from 1:30-2 and there will be a parade at 2. Harvest fest will occur again this year on the black top from 1:15-2:20. It will include oobleck station, stamp paintings, harvest bingo. We will review whether ready to move fully to Harvest fest next year.

Liz Gordon provided the **President Emeritus** report:

The Read-A-Thon is underway but has not raised the anticipated funds. The read-in is this week. There will be teachers reading, a book swap and snacks.

Bill Kyle is retiring. The outdoor spigots need repair. The water filling stations will still be installed in school buildings this year.

Reminder: there is a pest control log. If you see something please put it on the log.

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

There is \$58,578.92 in the PTA account.

No frills is at \$2815 (goal was \$4,500)

Supply kit sales were down.

Teachers Report

Thank you for the book fair, the classroom library donations and the teachers' luncheon.

Jess Murphy provided the **Fundraising** report on behalf of **Donna Herley/Jamie Ebright**:

They have found a volunteer to run the school Auction. The Auction will be February 23rd at St. Josephs. Trivia night will be January 26th also at St. Josephs.

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

The pumpkin patch went well. They made \$795. There are some pumpkins remaining. We are selling them for \$1.

Kali Williams provided the **Membership** report:

260 people have signed up today and Venmo as a payment option is a big hit.

Member at Large/Honorary Emeritus Reports:

Mary Claire shared that Maplewood is Green (led by Tracey Woods) helped Tuscan with their heat mapping and it has really helped. Mary Claire is working through the process at Clinton. The teachers have completed a survey and we are working on fixes to improve the overall comfort in the building.

The first Green Team meeting will be 11/25 at 7:30pm at Mary Claire's home. The priorities are heat mapping, an outdoor lunch area, reducing emissions by walking and biking to school and the sustainable New Jersey program.

Mary Claire also shared that she is working to get a company to pick up the recycling. The company would pay us based on the amount contributed.

The Diaper Drive was successful.

There was no ELL report and no Honorary Emeritus report.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Bulkley