

Clinton Elementary PTA
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2018

Present:

Andrea Beck, Kimmerly Bulkley, Jennifer Cudmore, Jonelle Delk, Kali Fields Williams, Annie Horcasitas, Kelly Mortimer, Renata O'Beirne, Ambra Teague, Judy Tu, Katie Walmsley, Traci Zaretska

Absent:

Ann Bodnar, Jamie Ebright, Paul Gaykowski, Liz Gordon, Anne Harding, Donna Herley, Kathleen Hong, Jeffrey Lehman, Michael Mack, Jess Murphy, Maureen Jones, Margy Nolan, Ava Padmore, Mary Clair Sonneman, Norman Villatoro

Jonelle Delk moved Renata O'Beirne seconded the motion to open the meeting.

Kelly Mortimer moved and Jonelle Delk seconded the motion to approve the February 2018 meeting minutes.

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

There is \$90,373.31 in the PTA account. Allocated expenses until the end of the year account for approximately \$75,000 of that amount. We have a reserve of \$24,000 so there is a \$10,000 shortfall if steps are not taken to proactively manage the gap.

The school auction raised approximately \$30,000. There are two open expenses to close out prior to reaching the final proceeds number.

There are some monies allocated to programs that may not occur as well as other line items which may not require all allocated funds. We remain confident that we can balance the budget for the year.

The 2nd floor aquarium experienced a resident disruption when all fish in the tank perished. The aquarium cleaning staff is monitoring the tank and looking to introduce new fish in the near future.

The gardening liaison will be an unpaid position for the current year. The board discussed providing a gift card to the liaison at the end of the year for all of her work. There are continued concerns about summer watering. The outdoor water connection is broken and there is not one in the front of the school. Additional time needs to be spent determining how to address the concern.

Jonelle asked Ms. Cudmore to check to see if Camp Invention will take place this year.

Jonelle reminded the teachers to submit receipts for field trips. Many of the teacher grants that the PTA is helping to fund have been fulfilled.

Jennifer Cudmore provided the **Principal's** Report on behalf of **Ann Bodnar**:

The Kindness March went well on March 14th. The Kindness Crew from the high school helped with signs and came to help with the march.

The Clinton Show was fantastic and Ms. Bodnar and Ms. Cudmore are extremely proud of all the students who participated in the production.

Jack the Bagpiper will be at Clinton School on March 15th along with Mrs. McGovern and her daughter to start the day with music and Irish Dance.

As a result of the recent snow storms there will be school on April 9th.

The PARCC testing dates are final: 3rd grade – the week of April 23rd; 4th grade – the week of April 30th; 5th grade – the week of May 7th; make up testing will occur during the weeks of May 14th and May 2th. The state science test for 5th grade will be two days this year and it will take place on May 21st and May 22nd.

A notification was sent to families this week advising that a bed bug was found on a student. Appropriate precautions are in place at the school to limit the spread of the bugs. Information was shared with families to assist with taking precautions in the home.

Jennifer Cudmore provided the **Teachers'** Report:

The teachers appreciate the help with photocopying. Jonelle will circulate a sign up to assist with the needs of the teachers.

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

Our Artist in Residence for the 4th grade this spring will be Spirit Tree. It will take place for two weeks beginning May 31st. The theme will be leadership and the design will be a dinner table with leaders in attendance. The students will learn about the art form as well as the selected leaders.

The International Dinner will be on April 26th. The committee is meeting next week and plan to discuss using student entertainment for the event.

Annie Horcasitas provided the **ELL** Report:

Annie shared the bids from the translation vendors and discussed the pro/con of the vendors. The board discussed other options to improve the translation situation. Most districts pay for the translation. Ambra will follow up with Dr. Ficarra to determine if there are any district resources.

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

The Spring Fair will be June 14 with a similar format to last year.

Ambra Teague provided the **Fundraising** Report on behalf of **Jamie Ebright** :

The auction went well. They will be having a recap meeting to determine how to improve for next year. Let Ambra know if you are interested in participating or if you have any feedback to share with the team.

Traci Zaretska provided the **Cultural Arts** Report:

The assembly this month will be Bash the Trash. The following month it will be Music of the World.

Judy Tu and **Katy Walmsly** provided the **Member at Large** Report:

Judy shared that there are a number of appreciation days approaching. The board agreed to have students sign posters in the cafeteria for the Social Workers. Other appreciation days will occur during April and May.

Katy shared that the tours are going well and the fifth grade tour guides are doing a great job.

Ambra Teague provided the **Presidents'** Report on behalf of **Jess Murphy**:

The Clinton Show was amazing!!!! Thanks to all the volunteers and performers.

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

The Girls Leadership program presented to the Presidents' Council. The presentation focused on raising resilient girls. If you are interested in learning more about the group you can find information at: www.girlsleadership.org

Dr. Ficarra provided an update on the bond that will be issued to help with capital improvements. They are finalizing a plan that will be presented to the Board of School

Estimates. He also shared that there will not be redistricting next year. The main focus is on addressing space – we need 26 more classrooms. (400 kindergarten families have already registered for next year).

Dr. Ficarra also addressed the need for more online information and shared that technology is working to update the system.

The school calendar for the 2018-2019 school year will be resent. The original calendar had errors.

A curriculum update is being completed and will be posted for all teachers soon.

An Unrun fundraiser is being planned for May. It will be a good time and all monies raised will go to the school PTAS.

There is a SEPAC meeting March 27th and the focus is out of district placements.

Meghan Gosselink created a green event checklist which will be ready for review later this year.

Meghan Gosselink will be heading up a wellness/fitness group and will start with a meeting to the teachers. The group will focus on improving recess and overall wellness.

Kimberly Bulkley provided the **President Emeritus** Report on behalf of **Liz Gordon**:

The nominating committee will be sending out a solicitation letter asking for volunteers for the open board positions. The committee will work to create a slate which will be presented to the board.

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

The Clinton Happenings has been converted to a new format. The Facebook Families group is going well. Kelly is working to set up a 5th grade group.

There were no Special Ed, Courier, Membership or Webmaster reports.

Jonelle Delk moved to close the meeting and Renata O'Beirne seconded the motion. The meeting was closed at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Bulkley

