

Clinton Elementary PTA  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 2018

**Present:**

Ann Bodnar, Jennifer Cudmore, Jonelle Delk, Paul Gaykowski, Liz Gordon, Maureen Jones, Jeffrey Lehman, Michael Mack, Jessica Murphy, Kelly Mortimer, Mary Clair Sonneman, Kali Fields Williams, Annie Horcasitas Margy Nolan, Renata O'Beirne, Ava Padmore, Ambra Teague, Lindy Rollo, Sandy Smith, Judy Tu, Representatives of the Clinton Student Council

**Absent:**

Andrea Beck, Jamie Ebright, Donna Herley, Anne Harding, Kathleen Hong, Ava Padmore, Norman Villatoro, Traci Zaretska, Katy Walmsley

Ambra Teague moved and Kelly Mortimer seconded the motion to open the meeting.

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

**Zora Williams, Asa Glassman, and Whitney Cabbagestalk** provided a presentation from the **Clinton Student Council:**

The student council would like to the PTA to help them purchase two beaded dragons and a tank for them. The tank costs \$190 and the cost of the dragons is \$108. In addition, the food and other costs are \$52. The total request is for \$350.

The student council representatives explained that they would like the school to have school pets that can interact with the students. They provided background information on the care needed to support the bearded dragons. They also shared that they plan to hold a raffle to provide an opportunity for a family to care for the bearded dragons over the summer.

The PTA board members asked several questions about the care of the animals and the student council representatives will work with Principal Bodnar to answer the questions. The board will then vote on the request.

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

Jonelle reminded teachers to get their receipts in. There is \$75, 127.84 in the PTA account. Jonelle will reach out to board members to discuss budgeting for their events for the 2018-2019 school year. The budget will be voted on at the August board meeting and then at the general PTA meeting in October.

We received \$80 for box tops; some of the box tops were not submitted by the deadline and Clinton will have a credit the next time the box top payment is sent to the school.

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

Principal Bodnar introduced Assistant Principal Sandy Smith to the PTA board. Ms. Smith expressed her excitement about the Clinton Community and work with the PTA. Ms. Smith is a local resident and was involved with the PTA at Tuscan School. Ms. Smith officially begins her position at Clinton on July 1<sup>st</sup> but will be attending some Clinton School events during the remainder of the year. Please say hello if you see her at an event.

Principal Bodnar shared that Camp Invention and Leader in Me require Board of Education approval. There is a special meeting on Monday and these items will be addressed at the meeting. If the programs are approved the PTA will be able to make a donation to the programs through the Board of Education's formal process.

There are lots of field trips before the end of the year. Clinton Fest will be June 1<sup>st</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade artist in residence program will begin at the end of May.

Fifth graders have started their moving up rehearsals.

**Michael Mack** provided the **Teachers'** Report:

Thank you for all of the Teacher's Appreciation Week efforts. The teachers enjoyed everything.

Mr. Mack shared that they are in the process of administering a three-part survey related to Leader in Me. The students, teachers and parents will all receive a version of the survey to complete. Mr. Mack asked board members to complete the survey.

Mr. Mack and Mr. Lehman will continue to track down teachers who have not signed up for the PTA.

Next year Ms. Greenberg and Ms. Kessler-Slavin will be the teacher representatives to the PTA.

**Judy Tu, Mary Clair Sonneman, Margy Nolan, Paul Gaykowski and Jess Murphy** (on behalf of **Katy Walmsley**) provide the **Members at Large** Report:

Judy shared that the kids did a great job helping to post the appreciation shapes for the front office, nurses, specials teachers and principal appreciation days.

Jess shared, on behalf of Katy, that the Rainbow Picture will be Friday. There is a rain date on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Paul shared that he is considering working on a Memorial Day float for the school. It will have a sports theme.

Margy will work with Liz to support the arts and music festival.

Mary Clair provided an update on the green team. The heat mapping sub group is very please that the building improvement plan will address many of their concerns. She also shared that, unfortunately, the recycling vendor has not been picking up the recycling and the district is working to address this problem.

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

Thanks to all the members at large for your work this year.

Jess proposed some options to honor Sharon Geraghty as part of the outdoor beautification. It was also raised that we need to replace the tree plaque memorializing Melissa Maus.

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

Ambra provided some information from the Presidents' Council meetings. The Superintendent will be holding roadshow meetings to discuss the capital plan changes. Any questions can be emailed to Liz Gordon. The Board of School Estimate will be the decisionmaker regarding the planned changes.

The board discussed several questions they would like Liz to share with the Superintendent including will administrators/teachers be involved in the discussions.

An interim bus coordinator – Ralph Goodwin – had been hired.

If any board members have materials to submit for Kindergarten Orientation please submit to Ambra.

**Liz Gordon** provided the **President Emeritus** Report (Nominating Committee Update):

Liz circulated a full PTA Board Slate for review and requested a motion to vote on the slate. Jonelle Delk motioned and Kelly Mortimer seconded the motion. The board voted on the slate and the slate was approved without opposition. The slate will be presented to the General PTA to approve in June.

Liz also said that we are considering moving the ice cream social earlier and combining it with a volunteer fair. Alumni and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students would be tour guides. Volunteer opportunities would be displayed and parents would be challenged to donate a certain number of hours. Perhaps there would be a giveaway for those who commit to help.

Liz shared a quote about volunteering "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise of democracy. You vote in elections once a year but when you volunteer, you vote everyday about the kind of community you want to live in." Marjorie Moore.

**Jess Murphy** provided the **Fundraising** Report on behalf of **Jamie Ebright**:

Jess shared that we will be using a new vendor for the school photographers. The pricing will be similar to past years. The dates for the pictures will be October 25<sup>th</sup> and October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Jess Murphy** provided the **Cultural Arts** Report on behalf of **Traci Zaretska**:

The bash the trash assembly will be held May 29 and the social media presentation for grades 3-5 will be May 31 at 10 am.

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

Renata reported that she is gearing up for Spring Fair and inflatables, games and henna has been booked. There will also be a photographer.

**Annie Horcasitas** provided the **ELL** report:

Principal Bodnar found a resource at Seton Hall to translate many of the standard forms for the year into the 9 main languages. We will try to expand translation from there while we wait for the District's solution.

**Maureen Jones** and **Jess Murphy** (on behalf of **Andrea Beck**) provided the **Honorary Emeritus** report:

Maureen shared that the International Dinner went well. She also shared that a google document has been created to track teacher supply needs. Some general supplies will be purchased by the PTA, the kits will contain general grade needs and then teachers will send out class specific requests.

Jess shared that the Artist in Residence program will feature Carolyn Marco and the children will be creating leaders they admire out of papier mache and recording dialogue from an imagined dinner party. They are collecting Whole Foods and Trader Joe's paper bags, egg cartons, small containers with lids and newspapers. Please donate if you can.

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

The bookfair will clear close to \$3,800. We will likely change vendors next year. We may also change the timing of the bookfairs and look for alternative hours to expand options for families to purchase books.

Congratulations to Jess Murphy on her graduation!

No Courier, Special Ed, Webmaster or Membership reports.

Jonelle Delk moved to close the meeting and Kelly Mortimer seconded the motion. The meeting was closed at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Bulkley