

**Clinton Central School District
PTA General Membership Meeting
September 23, 2021**

1. **Call to Order**: 7:05pm

2. **President's Report**

- a. Welcome to the PTA – This year PTA meetings will be hybrid, both in-person and via Zoom.
- b. Introduction of the Board

3. **Executive Board Reports**

a. **Vice President** - Nicole Banghardt – None.

b. **VP Communication** - Maria Maier – None.

c. **Secretary** - Heidi Venero – In an effort to keep accurate attendance records, please sign in on the attendance sheet if attending in-person. If attending remotely, please use your full name on screen with Zoom.

d. **Treasurer's Report** - Amanda Hance

i. Annual Report 20-21 Presentation and Vote –
Motion: Maria Maier, Second: Lisa Bronner, Vote: Unanimous

ii. Audit 19-20, 20-21 Presentation and Vote - Heidi Venero reported that she, Sara Groh, and Karen Zaleski met to conduct the Audit for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. The three auditors found everything to be in proper order with no major findings.
Motion: Nikki Banghardt, Second: Amanda Hance; Vote: Unanimous

iii. Budget 21-22 Presentation and Vote - Members requested more information about the line item for t-shirts for the high school students requested by Dr. Lee due to the cost. The t-shirts are intended to show solidarity for two teachers battling cancer. Dr. Lee also intends to work with the student body to plan fundraisers for these teachers.
Motion: Maria Maier, Second: Nikki Banghardt, Vote: Unanimous

iv. Financial Report and Vote

Motion: Elizabeth Bentley, Second: Lindsay Brodock, Vote: Unanimous

4. **Committee Reports**

a. **Membership** - Elizabeth Bentley – Currently we have 61 members. Last year we had 128 members. Our goal for this year is 150 members by May 2022. We are working on some creative ideas to increase membership.

b. **Yearbook** – Thank you to Amy Smith for her many years as the CCS Elementary School Yearbook Chairperson. We are excited to welcome Angela Scheiderich, Erin Moore, and Erin Mucitelli as the new co-chairs for the elementary school yearbook. Diana will be meeting with Amy, Angela, Erin, and Erin next week to assist with the transition.

5. Upcoming Events/Projects

a. **School Supply Kits** – Chairperson: Teresa Chesboro. Unfortunately, due to Covid, all orders were canceled this year as they were unable to be fulfilled. We are hoping that next year the School Supply Kits will be offered again for those families who want to order supplies.

b. **Spirit Wear** – Co-chairs: Lauren Brodock and Lindsay Brodock – Lindsay reported that all Spirit Wear Sales will be online this year. They are meeting with AX Signature in Yorkville this week to finalize which items will be available to order. AX Signature will create an online store, which will open 10/4 and remain open for 2 weeks. Once the online store closes, the turn around time should be 2-3 weeks. Depending on how many orders are placed, volunteers may be needed to help with distribution. Information regarding the Spirit Wear Sale will be distributed to families via Member Hub, flyers, PTA and CCS Facebook pages, and Parent Square.

c. **Trunk or Treat** – Chairperson: Erin Higgins. Due to Covid, Trunk or Treat will be canceled for this year. We are looking into alternative ideas to celebrate fall with the elementary school students (donuts & cider; read aloud stories with teachers, wearing a disguise to discuss the importance of authenticity, PTA providing masks to students to decorate, etc).

d. **Utica Coffee** – Chairperson: Amanda Hance – In the past Utica Coffee has been a popular and successful fundraiser. There is currently discussion if this fundraiser should be held again this year or postponed until next year. If the fundraiser is held, should we only offer online ordering? If only offered online, will this affect the number of orders? If the PTA is spending down a surplus, do we need to have this fundraiser this year?

e. **Book Fair** – Joanne Giles – Previously the Book Fair has been held as a fundraiser for the CCS Elementary School Library. It was run through Scholastic Books and the school earned Scholastic Dollars for every purchased made. Is it possible to have a book fair this year? It is also possible to use other vendors to host a book fair.

6. **Board of Education Report** – Melinda Leising – The Board of Education will meet in-person on Tuesday September 28, 2021. The meeting will be held in the Senior High Cafeteria instead of the Media Center to allow for more social distancing. Traditionally the September Board of Education meeting is when new faculty and staff are introduced and welcomed.

7. **Superintendent's Update** - Dr. Steve Grimm – Not present.

8. **Elementary School Update** – Ellen Leuthauser – Due to Covid, and the fact that none of the elementary school students can currently be vaccinated, very few volunteers are allowed in the building. All volunteers must be masked, regardless of vaccination status, inside the building. Thank you for those who have volunteered as lunch aides and recess monitors. The elementary school still needs teaching assistants, substitute teachers, lunch aides, and recess monitors positions to be filled. If interested reach out to Julia Scranton for more information. The Elementary School open house information will be sent out tonight via Parent Square. Also, Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually this year. Teachers will be sending out information to families soon.

9. **Middle School Update** - Dr. Shaun Carney – Not present.

10. **High School Update** - Dr. Matthew Lee – Not present.

11. New Business

a. New activities/Initiatives

i. **National PTA School of Excellence** - Maria Maier - National PTA School of Excellence recognition program opens the lines of communication and critical thinking within school communities to make data-driven decisions that yield positive, long-term results. School of Excellence is committed to supporting and recognizing partnerships between local PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.

The School of Excellence Program aims to:

- Provide a framework for PTAs to identify and implement best practices in family engagement to strengthen family-school partnerships.
- Build inclusive and welcoming school communities where all families contribute to enriching the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.
- Help PTAs attract new, action-oriented PTA members who want to focus on the issues that affect our children the most.
- Provide step-by-step guidance and networking opportunities for PTAs to gain support and feedback, identify and reach goals and earn recognition.
- Celebrate designees and top **Phoebe Apperson Hearst** awardees as national leaders in building effective family-school partnerships, which opens up additional honors and opportunities.

The deadline to enroll is October 15th. More information can be found at: <https://www.pta.org/home/programs/National-PTA-School-of-Excellence>

ii. **Global Youth Initiative** - Youth Empowerment - Maria Maier – Today's youth face many challenges – struggles with confidence, fear of failure, and bullying. As parents, teachers, and leaders, we can do something about it! Clinton school children are invited to participate in a world-changing youth movement that will empower kids to be the change they wish to see in the world! During April and October youth leadership events are hosted all over the world. John Maxwell Team members hosted 465,000 youth at nearly 2,000 events in 52 countries back in 2017, now this number exceeded one million youth participants. Youth who attended these events were equipped, inspired, and empowered to have a positive self-image, respect themselves and others, be a positive influence, and fail forward toward success. The events were free and open to all children and youth groups, ages 8-18. The Global Youth Initiative continues to inspire change and initiate transformation in communities across the globe. Global Youth Initiative can be offered to students in-person and virtually.

iii. **CCE Team Up! Program** - Self-Esteem, Self-Care, Self-Regulation, Problem Solving, Decision Making, Communication, Media Influence, Bullying, Peer Pressure, and Friendship Skills. These programs can be held in-person and virtually.

12. **Questions** –

- How do I get involved in the PTA? Anyone can join the PTA and become a member. If you are interested in joining a specific committee, starting a new committee, or serving as a board member, please email the PTA or send a message to the PTA FB page. You can also directly reach out to any of the current Board Members or Committee Chairs.
- Is anyone managing FB messenger messages? A member had sent a message regarding Box Tops and Tools for Schools and didn't receive a response. Maria stated she checks and responds to the messages and will follow-up.
- Jason Riveria – Tomorrow (Friday 9/24), Clinton High School LEAP (Leaders for Environmental Awareness & Protection) invites families to their Eco-Carnival. It will be outside of the High School Atrium/Gym area from 5:00pm – 7:30pm. Come learn about the environment in a fun way! There will be demonstrations, prizes, activities, and games.
- The next PTA meeting will be held hybrid on Thursday November 18th at 7:00pm.

13. **Adjourn:** 8:34pm