

CLINTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MARCH 22, 2017

1. Call to Order (7:01). Attendance: 16.
 - Welcome (Marie Constantino)
 - Approval of January meeting minutes as written.
2. President's Report
 - Membership deadline is March 31, so we will focus on increasing next year's membership numbers. Goal is to be 100% for faculty & staff, and to keep increasing our parent membership
 - Vote on this year's nominating committee later in the meeting
 - After we adjourn our meeting Dr. Grimm will speak for a few minutes on safety, security, and the budget
 - We put out a Statement/Disclaimer on our FB page this week outlining our page's guidelines and rules.
3. Business Report
 - Treasurer (Eric Stilz)
4. Executive Board Reports
 - VP (Erin Nackley):
 - PARP – new event this year. April 13 – April 27. Reading sheet to color in. Family Night April 28th – movie in the gym. “Dive into Reading”/ocean theme. Movie – “Finding Dory.” Principal’s challenge – 90% participation. (Ms. Gaetano - 7th grade teacher - wants to get involved with PARP.)
 - Author Visits – positive feedback from teachers, kids, and authors. Two authors (K-2 and 3-5).
 - Comets Game – event itself went well but some challenges selling tickets. Will review if we continue this event or do a different community event next year.
 - Secretary (Melinda Leising)
 - explain nominating committee & introduce members: 3 from executive board (Eric, Melinda, Laura) and 2 from general membership (Diana Haldenwang and Heidi Venero).
 - Membership (Laura Wileczka)
 - Math & Movement: successful event in February.
 - Spring spirit wear sale: order forms coming home soon.
5. Committee Reports
 - Book Fair - happening this week, will have report at the May meeting
 - Candy Sale - will have report at the May meeting
 - School Supply Kits - we have two elementary teachers working on the committee
 - Yearbook – 311 sold; extra 69 ordered (now cost \$20)
 - Box Tops - what will be purchased with the money? (Ellen: TBD.)
6. Upcoming Events
 - Square 1 Art - pick up at art event on Friday 3/24.
 - Staff Appreciation Luncheon - May 11. Nina Bremer is chairing the event and catering it.
7. Board of Education Report (Tim Thomas)
 - Budget: match up revenue and expenditures. Revenue = local taxes + state money. Biggest expenditures are salary/benefits. Budget vote May 16.
8. Principals' Reports
 - Elementary School: Ellen Leuthauser: lockdown drill on 3/24. Preparing students through literature in the classroom.
 - Middle School: Shaun Carney: lockdown drill on 3/24. Thank you for PTA donation to help make Graphic Novel presentations happen. 8th Grade: NYC Experience coming up

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this spring. "School to Watch" – national program of excellence. Working on it now – formal application will be submitted next school year. State assessments coming up – ELA in April, Math in May.

9. Old Business – None.

10. New Business

11. Marie contacted Angelo Gaetano (HS art teacher) to see if students would like to design a Clinton PTA logo for us.

- Vote on nominating committee. Passed unanimously.
 - If anyone is interested in being nominated for a position, please email us at ccsnypta@gmail.com.

12. Questions

- Shaun asked if anyone local makes flags. They want flags to represent all nationalities of the students.
- Sara Groh asked about today's Supreme Court decision on FAPE. The court ruled students with disabilities are entitled to a meaningful education – not just an adequate one. Dr. Grimm doesn't expect a change in the school based on what they're currently doing.

13. Meeting Adjourned at 8:01pm

14. Superintendent's Report (Dr. Grimm)

- Update on response to threat at high school in February. Inter-agency meeting last Monday with KPD and FBI.
- Advisory board to assess climate in the schools. Will send out survey (Do students feel safe? Have you seen bullying? Do you feel your teachers care?, etc.)
- Laura asked about the lead testing. Dr. Grimm said some have been fixed but other areas are still testing high and need more work.