

CLINTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2016

1. Call to Order at 7:02pm by Erin Nackley (VP)
 - welcome
 - September 2016 General Membership Meeting Minutes were approved as written.
 - introduced Donna Imobersteg, Leatherstocking Region Assistant Director
 - Donna mentioned deadlines for upcoming awards
 - Youth Humanitarian Award for 11th and 12th graders who do community service. deadline is 1/31/17.
 - Jenkins Memorial Scholarship for teaching. \$3000 scholarship. Deadline is 12/15/16. Each school may submit 2 candidates.
 - Teacher of the Year deadline is 2/1/17.
 - PARP award deadline is 6/15/16.
 - More information on all awards is on the NYS PTA website (www.nyspta.org) under “awards and recognition.”
2. President's Report (Marie Constantino – not present)
 - membership rates/bylaws changes (Melinda Leising - Secretary).
 - rates on file with the NYS PTA for a single membership are \$5.50, not \$6 as originally listed on our membership form.
 - Bylaws must be renewed every 3 years and are voted on by the General Membership.
 - Proposed bylaw changes will be posted on CCS website in advance of meeting.
 - CCS PTA will vote on new bylaws at January General Meeting.
3. Business Report
 - Treasurer – Eric Stiltz (separate report)
4. Executive Board Reports
 - VP (Erin): kicking off PARP, coordinating with author visits.
 - Secretary (Melinda): we're adding Square 1 Art in the middle school. Amy Pape (MS art teacher) initiated the process.
 - Membership (Laura Wilczka): currently 163 members. NYS PTA set goal of 195 members. Because we're part of the national PTA, there are national discounts and savings.
 - Communications (Jackie Walters): if you have information for the newsletter, contact Jackie.
5. Committee Reports
 - Spirit wear sales (Laura): sale was successful but she didn't have exact numbers. will probably have a second sale in the spring.
 - Utica coffee fundraiser (Erin): new fundraiser. Orders must be in by Nov 30. Forms went home with ES kids. Can also order online from CCS website. Coffee orders will probably be distributed before the MS holiday concert (more info to come).
 - Book fair (Eric): successful. We don't know exact numbers yet. Every ES teacher received \$50 of “scholastic dollars” to purchase books for their classrooms. PTA doesn't make any money off the event; “scholastic dollars” are used to purchase books/supplies for the school.

6. Board of Education Report (Amy Franz)
 - Mentioned Capital Project vote on 12/14/16. \$18.69 million but no increase in taxes.
7. Superintendent's Report (Dr. Grimm)
 - Discussed in more detail the proposed Capital Project.
 - Meeting on 12/6/16 to review/discuss the project open to the public.
 - Vote on 12/14/16. If approved, will move to request proposals for contractors to start work in June of 2018 (two summers to complete).
8. Principals' Reports (none present)
9. Old Business (none)
10. New Business
 - PTA wall in elementary school (Laura): Mrs. Leuthauser has agreed to give the PTA a space by the entrance to hang information, etc. It's tile so we can't post bulletin board but can use clips that stick, etc.
 - If anyone is artistically-minded (teachers who design their own bulletin boards – we're looking at you!) and wants to help design this space, please contact Laura.
 - Math & Movement event (Laura): free event for ES families. It focuses on making math fun and physical for kids. Looking at scheduling for January.
 - Student liaisons: two high school students have volunteered to work with us as student liaisons, providing feedback & input from the students' perspective. Charlotte Jones (senior & pres. of student council) & Giovanna Constantino (sophomore & pres. of sophomore class) – not present
11. Questions
 - Question by member Sara Groh asking if there have been any bias incidents at CCS since the election. At this point, Dr. Grimm had left and since no principals were present, we didn't have an answer.
 - Amy Smith said ES yearbook order forms will be sent home with students after Thanksgiving break.
12. Guest Speakers - Hamilton College Students
 - Students were taking an education class and wanted to speak about the benefits of peer mentoring.
 - students created a website with resources available:
www.peermentoringweb.wordpress.com
 - Students gave testimonials and requested feedback from the audience.
 - Contact Anna Scutt (ascutt@hamilton.edu) with questions or feedback.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.