

CLINTON CENTRAL SCHOOL
PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 31st, 2018

1. Call to Order at 7:02. 17 people in attendance.
2. President's Report
 - Welcome (Angela Rorick, VP)
3. Executive Board Reports
 - Vice President (Angela): Utica Coffee fundraiser made approximately \$1100. PARP: Katie Parker, Elementary librarian, will chair this year.
 - Secretary (Melinda Leising)
 - Membership (Carrie Reaves): currently 193 members
 - Communications (Laura Wileczka): another meeting to clip Box Tops. We collected \$234 in Box Tops.
4. Committee Reports
 - Book Fair (Angela): **We will need a new chairperson for this committee** starting in the fall of 2018. Ideally, we'll get a volunteer in place before the spring book fair who can shadow the outgoing chair.
 - **Spirit Wear (Angela): \$680 profit. Local company handled online sales. No spring sale this year. The current chair is moving so we need a new chair for next year.**
 - Utica Coffee (Angela): successful fundraiser – made a lot of money but not hard to do. **We need a chair for next year.**
 - Green Committee (Laura): Denise Toia-Kramer supervises the Green Team in the Elementary School. They're going to start composting in the cafeteria. Weekly announcements from the Green Team. (Suggestion: have announcements about crayon and marker recycling.) There are two groups/sub-committees: Environmental and Healthy Foods. Marie Constantino spoke about healthy foods – ultimate goal is "farm to table" meals. Will start with classroom samples, giving surveys to older kids for feedback.
5. Treasurer Report (Eric Stilz reporting for Meghan Jackson)
 - Overview of financial information
6. Upcoming Events
 - Gertrude Hawk – Gertrude Hawk Sale Chair is Norma Mancuso. The sale has kicked off and will run until after February break. Distribution is planned prior to Easter weekend, date, time and place TBD.
 - Square One (Melinda) month of February – catalogs going home this week.
 - Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program – month of February. CCS PTA gets \$1/bag from
 - Yearbook (Amy Smith): 189 sales so far. Need 380. Deadline for ordering at the \$17 price is February 2, 2018.

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7. General Discussion

- School Climate Advisory Council (Sara Groh) – reviewing data from student surveys about how they feel in school (safe, etc.). Group has met twice so far. Looking to identify ways to improve campus climate.
- School Supply Kits (Theresa Chesebro): has received a sample kit. Trying different pencils and erasers to get best materials for the price. Different company than last year. The committee talked about having the PTA ordering extra kits to give to students who maybe can't afford them or for students who have moved into the district in the middle of the year.

~~8. Board of Education Report~~

9. Principals' Reports

- Shaun Carney: Essential Elements Schools to Watch (EESTW) program. Middle School is applying this year. If they “score” high enough, a team will come out and evaluate the school. The evaluators decide if school is recognized as “school to watch” or as a “rising” school, which has some improvement to do. Great opportunity to get unbiased feedback. If recognized as a “school to watch,” need to re-apply every 3 years. Would want a school celebration. Different from blue ribbon schools: EESTW focuses on processes, not test scores.

10. New Business

- Sara: Governor Cuomo proposed “no child goes hungry” program. This might impact Green committee. <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-unveils-15th-proposal-2018-state-state-launch-comprehensive-no-student-goes>

~~11. Questions~~

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07.