

CLINTON CENTRAL SCHOOL  
PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
March 28<sup>th</sup> 2018

1. Meeting Called to Order 7:01pm
2. President's Report (Erin Nackley)
  - Welcome and updates
  - Funds approved recently:
    1. pedalers for PARP (Katie Parker, librarian)
    2. rug for art room (Lynn Hall)
    3. Farm Fest field trip for 5<sup>th</sup> grade
3. Executive Board Reports
  - Vice President (Angela Rorick) – deferred to agenda item #6.
  - Secretary (Melinda Leising) – meeting minutes are posted on PTA section of the CCS website
  - Membership (Carrie Reaves) – NYS PTA member portal is moving to MemberHub. We've hit membership goal for 2017-18 school year.
  - Communications (Laura Wileczka) – asked teachers to submit info for newsletter
  - General (Sara Groh) – working on Dr. Grimm's "school climate council". Also participating in NYSPTA bias project – how budgeting models contribute to inequality in schools. Project currently on hold due to staff changes at NYSPTA.
4. Committee Reports
  - Book Fair (Meghan Jackson) – no spring book fair. New chair for book fair next year is Lindsay Brodock.
  - Gertrude Hawk (Norma Mancuso) – sale made approximately \$6400. Will improve communication on distribution next year.
  - Square One (Melinda) – distribution during Elementary Art Show on May 7
  - Ice Cream Social (Sara) – coming up in June
  - School Supply Kits (Meghan) – Theresa Chesebro is chairing. Waiting for list from middle school teachers.
  - Elementary Yearbook (Amy Smith) – almost sold out! Not all photos from drop box were usable. Erin Higgins suggested that the yearbook include a PTA page: photos of events sponsored by PTA.
5. Treasurer Report (Meghan)
  - Overview of financial information. Contact Meghan with any questions about the PTA's finances.
6. Upcoming Events
  - Author Visit (Katie Parker and Kelly Landry)
    1. Scholastic Dollars from Book Fair. She used it to buy books for "First Reads Club." K-2: she gives to teachers to distribute. 3-5: kids sign up and she draws a name from a hat.
    2. March Madness – 16 picture books facing off in a bracket to determine the best book of the year.
    3. Potential author for author visit: Holly McGhee ("Come with Me"). Picture book teaching kindness, which is appropriate for Kindergarteners but the conversations can be scaled up for a 5<sup>th</sup> grade audience. Katie read the story and everyone agreed it would work well, perhaps with two presentations (K-2 and 3-5). Katie will contact the author.
  - PARP: The pedalers will be used as part of PARP (minutes read while pedaling will count double).
7. Election of Nominating Committee (Melinda)

- Per the PTA bylaws, general membership must vote on nominating committee. Committee members: Angela Rorick, Melinda Leising, Amy Bashant, Heidi Venero, and Rich Ferrone. Vote of the committee was unanimous (14-0).

8. Board of Education Report (written report submitted by Erica Shaw)

- At the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting we approved the appointment of Debora Van Slyke to the position of Director of Curriculum and Instruction. This position is one the Board has been working to establish for awhile. Thankfully, we were able to budget for the position and find Ms. Van Slyke. She has a wealth of experience and we are excited to have her oversee curriculum development and implementation within the district.
- This year's budget process is well underway and the current proposed budget is pretty straightforward. We encourage parents to visit the School Board section of the school website and review previous meeting agendas and minutes for specific budget information. This year's budget hearing will take place at 6pm on May 18<sup>th</sup> in the high school cafeteria.
- The 2018-19 school calendar was approved at last night's Board meeting. The approved calendar can be found on the Board section of the website as part of the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes (as well as at the following link:  
<https://www.ccs.edu/cms/lib/NY01913591/Centricity/Domain/12/2018%2019%20calendar.pdf>)

9. Principals' Reports

- ES (Ellen Leuthauser): renovations starting (hopefully) this summer (NYS Dept of Ed must approve). 2018-2019 school year – everyone will need to be flexible!
- Lunch – children are allowed any meal, even if they owe money. Cashiers should not mention owed money to children.
- Breakfast – ES **doesn't** serve breakfast. Survey goes home to all families. If there are at least 20-25% positive responses on the survey, the school will serve breakfast. (MS does serve breakfast as "take-and-go.")

10. New Business

- Erin Higgins (Kindergarten teacher): submitted funds request for Zoo Mobile (during state testing for 3-5).
- Melinda: will be organizing meeting to box up crayon and markers for donation.
- Meghan: new this year – we will be setting up online donation (via CheddarUp) to buy gifts/door prizes for the staff appreciation luncheon.

11. Questions: no questions.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm, 16 adults in attendance (plus 4 children).