

Cloverly Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes – 9/5/2017

Location: Cloverly Elementary School All Purpose Room

Attendees: Brad Behr, Melissa Brunson, Rachel Sifri, Vicki Hubert, Heather Spyrou, Alana Crum, Ellery Krause, Michael Samet, Gary Cooper, Krystal Mauriello, Kate Voyles, Dave Voyles, Tenille Wagoner, Sue Quintero, Colleen Smith, Gina Gerson, Sonia Livingston, Theresa Phillips, Robel Tewelide, John Weller, Joanna Chacon Molina, Michele Fuentes, Kim Cook, Margo Porter, Ned Porter, Stephanie Gronvall, Cathy Walton, Sam Mertons, Ameer Benez, Michael Benez, Karen Ranallo, Tina Blas, Stephanie Dwyer, Jim Bartley, Margarita Bartley, Jen Balourdos, Joyce McKenzie, Janice Cook, Jacqueline Lloyd

Meeting called to order 7:06 pm

President's Report – Brad Behr

- Introductions and welcome back/Welcome new Cloverly families
- Thank you to Teacher Appreciation Coordinators – Alana Crum and Nicole Neal, who held back to school breakfast
- Successful Restaurant Spirit Night at Olney Greene Turtle – 20% of total bill goes to PTA. Total amount TBD

Principal's Report – Dr. Brunson

- Welcome to new families
- Classroom changes and focus on building cleanliness over the summer
- Equity Leadership Team met this summer. We spent 2 full days analyzing our academic and climate survey data, which informed the goals and actions included in our School Improvement Plan. Preservice was extended this year from 5 days to 8 days. One day of training was devoted to training all staff on Cultural Proficiency.
- Three additional carts of Chromebooks (about 90) – all grades will have some now
- The computer lab was converted to a classroom. We were give a laptop cart in lieu of having a computer lab, which we determined will be used in K and 1. All grades have Chromebooks in their classrooms. Particularly in grades 3-5, every student has a Chromebook assigned to them.
- The final phase of the new HVAC system installation will be completed Summer 2018.
- Back to School Night – 9/19. Grades 1-2: 6pm, Presentation from Principal, Vice Principal and PTA President 7pm, Grades 3-5: 7:30pm
- Fall Festival – 10/20. Parents invited for Fall Harvest Parents at 2pm. Further details will be provided by the next PTA meeting.
- Child Abuse and Neglect Training – Required for school visitors/volunteers. Training is good for 3 years.
- Plans are underway to determine a better process for visitor ID check-ins in the main office, especially for school-wide events.

PTA Leadership and Committee Positions – Brad Behr

- Looking for people to serve as Committee Chairs for each grade level for PTA Board
- Motion to approve Krystal Mauriello as PTA Treasurer - Motion approved.
- Motion to approve Vicki Hubert as PTA Recording Secretary – Motion approved.
- Need new MCCPTA delegate (for county cluster PTA board) – meets once per month – need

someone to attend meetings and report back to Cloverly PTA.

- Cloverly PTA positions needed:
 - Movie Night Chairperson
 - Health and Wellness Committee – talk to Brad Behr if interested. If there is enough interest, this committee may be added.

Yearbook – Colleen Smith

- Take pictures and submit to dropbox

VP Membership – Michele Fuentes

- Goal of 100% family membership
- Will figure out a reward system/scale to recognize membership by grade level

VP Programs – Theresa Phillips

- Survey will come out for fundraising activities – each family votes top choices for this fall
 - Option of health and fitness theme – 5 for 5 challenge. Kids get sponsors and the goal is to eat all 5 food groups for 5 days.
 - Any additional fundraising suggestions – send to Theresa Phillips
- Restaurant Spirit Nights – options will be included in survey. One upcoming Spirit Night will be at Ledos in Fulton.
- Programs – Option for CPR training class will be included on survey

Recording Secretary – Vicki Hubert

- Motion to approve June 2017 meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Book Fair

- 2 book fairs (fall and spring)
- Fall book fair November 6 – 10 in media center
 - November 9 – 10 are early release days
 - Need parent volunteers to staff the book fair each day

Spirit Gear

- Begins September 11 – online and flyer orders

Fun Run

- Tentative date: November 4.
- 5k around Cloverly area or 1mi walk around school
- Idea to turn in Halloween candy as admission.
- Need planning help and volunteers for day of

Beautification

- Maintenance of courtyard – will have a fall day for cleaning, weeding and pruning and a spring day for mulching.
 - No dates yet – will be sent out soon. Volunteers needed.
- Parent question regarding cleanup under tree area out front near Kindergarten hallway – Brad will look into whether this is county responsibility or our responsibility

Afterschool clubs this fall

- Lego Club, Chess Club, FLES, Creative Adventures (art)
- Possible options – Chinese, Cooking, Movie Making, Drama
- Send any additional club ideas to PTA
- Club options will be included in survey that will be sent out
- Looking into possibility of bringing back Cloverly Cares Club – community service club for kids – 5-6 times per year.

Additional Items/Discussion:

- Amazon Link – order through the link on the PTA website – percentage is donated to PTA
- Plastic tub with canned food in PTA office – if not claimed shortly, will be donated
- Box Tops – Flyer to tape them to and return to classroom will be sent out in Friday folders
- **Parent Question regarding math performance – requesting follow up information regarding elevating math skills for all students.**
 - **Dr. Brunson responded that a school improvement plan has been drafted and will be shared later this month. In addition, the November PTA meeting will include discussion regarding school improvement focus.**
- Parent Question – does MCPD ever come talk to students as community event?
 - Dr. Brunson responded that they sometimes stop by and mingle with the kids at lunch, and that we can discuss further the possibility of organizing an event. October PTA Focus: Safety

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

**Vicki Hubert
Recording Secretary**