



## **Clinton PTA Board Meeting Minutes**

09-09-25

7:00 pm

10 Clinton Heights, Columbus, OH 43202

**6:45-7:00 pm - Committees Open House**

**7:00-8:00 pm - PTA Meeting**

### **Attendance**

Board members attending: Adrienne Striker, Laura Weaver, Andrew Hinger, David Yoder, Cecilia Gehrau

Others attending: Emily Fuller (Family Ambassador) and Principal McKown

Guests attending: 35 parents approx. Staff: Ms. Linh Ta, Mrs. Brown, Ms. Gebhart, Ms. McLaughlin and Mrs. Woodtke.

### **Call to Order**

Adrienne called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

### **Land Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that we are gathering on land where Miami, Osage, Shawnee, Seneca, Wyandot, and other First Nation peoples have lived, worked, and loved. We remember the struggles and tragedies they endured. We honor their place in and contributions to the shared story of America and we continue to work for justice and conciliation for these and all people.

### **Welcome and Introductions - Adrienne Striker**

- a. Welcome to 1st meeting; thank you for attending.
- b. Introduction of all new PTA members, family ambassador Emily and Principal McKown.
- c. Call for approval of today's agenda. Approved by Chris and Dori Collins.

### **Secretary's Report - Cecilia Gehrau**

- a. Remind everyone to write their names in the Sign-in sheet for record.
- b. Review and approve May 2025 Meeting Minutes: Sanjeevi motioned to approve the May meeting minutes, seconded by (name not registered). Motion approved.

## **President's Report – Adrienne Striker**

- a. Thank the new board for all the work they have done so far to set up our year. Thanks Emily, Dan and the former board for continuing to answer questions for us as they come up.
- b. Remind everyone to become voting members on the PTA website. Dues have gone up to \$8 to adjust for OH and National PTA dues increase. New bylaws have been sent to OH PTA for approval.
- c. Bylaws have been updated and will need to be approved in October's PTA meeting. Available on the PTA website.
- d. The PTA has a section on the weekly newsletter to keep everyone up to date.
- e. Share PTA's focus on creating community and the need for volunteers to make that happen, participate in committees, help in events, etc.
- f. Share PTA's focus on fundraising, reaching out to local businesses to partner with and bringing more events to the school to not only fundraise but to bring families together and foster our community. For example: movie nights, game nights (Mrs. Woodtke has a good idea for this) and welcome other ideas from all. Maybe committees want to host a night to increase involvement and fundraise their event. Example: Family game night, bring sharing meals (instead of restaurant fundraisers). Ideas are welcome!
- g. Otis fundraiser is back for the Principal's fundraiser.
- h. Looking forward to working with this team and getting to know more parents and more about how the school runs and how we can support students and teachers.

## **Committees Report – Laura Weaver**

Laura introduces the Committees, a few are missing a leader. Each committee gave a short introduction.

Wellness and Safety committee: missing a leader. One of their activities is "Try it Tuesday"

Homecoming Parade (Gena Shelton): The parade is after the Whetstone Highschool football game. There is a Tie Dye on Sunday 14th at the school playground from 2 to 4 pm. Parade is on 26th September. Bring candy (a lot!). It's a great way for kids to see what high school is like!

CARES Committee (Chris Christian and Brittany Porch) Clinton Cares (about lots of stuff) - distributing resources via email. This year's main goal is to broaden the topics to be taken on by CARES and reach more families.

Classroom Connectors (Dena Asta and Cecilia Gehrau): We aim at connecting all classes from the same grade, with the aim of creating community among each generation and whole school. We need parents to volunteer to organize monthly playdates.

Field day (Mrs. Woodtke - PE Teacher): The idea is to share a day with your kid at school! Each year has a theme, there are activities/games around the theme (campfire songs, friendship bracelets, etc.) and inflatables.

Art Night (Meredith Hunt with Ms. Jones – Art teacher): Volunteers to help set up and take down art work and also help the younger kids write what their art is about.

Staff Appreciation (Dori Collins): Help support our staff throughout the year.

Plant Sale (Sophie L.): Sale is in Spring. Volunteers will be needed mainly to distribute plants the day of delivery.

Read a thon (Elizabeth Mechling): Winter (February). It is a combination of reading with fundraising, prizes and more. New: Student's committee (4th and 5th grades). Sticker contest and other activities are organized for kids. All kids can participate, even kindergarten (being read to also counts!)

PBIS (Ms. McLaughlin/Mrs. Young): Students, parents and staff work towards creating a positive environment for kids. "It takes team work to make the dream work". This year: Olympic theme (champions in their own way). Aims at creating an atmosphere of love and support, and positivity at Clinton.

PBIS needs many hands, for example Fridays during lunch they give away pride paws/prizes. They need someone to take pictures.

More info:

[Ohio Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports | Ohio Department of Education and Workforce](#)

Landscaping (Dan Flaherty): There is a budget of USD 1500. Needs identified: boxwoods along fences needs to be replaced, tree fertilization, Fall cleanup, Spring time planting.

Mulch delivered to school for landscaping (Mr. Mckown to do more research to see if this will happen this year)

During **Snow time**: parent volunteers to clean up after it snows (if snow freezes on playground, kids cannot go out to play until it melts – it can take several days or weeks! Snow blowers are welcome; parents can come to school to clean up when/as needed).

Book Fair (Mrs. Bollas): Held in November.

## **Finance Report**

Fundraising and Reimbursements in charge of Andrew Hinger & Financials/budget in charge of David Yoder

### **Fundraising Report - Andrew Hinger**

NEW: Local Business Sponsorships - benefits to sponsor the school (scripts and email templates available at the website). We noted that local businesses do not know how to help the school and are eager to do so. Advertising thru our events or newsletters. It's an easy to do and low time involved activity. Reach out to Andrew at the [clintonespta@gmail.com](mailto:clintonespta@gmail.com)

Business Partnership Program: [Clinton Elementary PTA](#)

### **Financials/Budget Report - David Yoder**

- a. Copies of the budget available during meeting, explaining what each column is.
- b. The budgeted income for 2024-2025 was \$23,736 and the actual income per QB is \$27,310. Income was based off of actual, and adjustments were made for some of the line items that appeared to be non-recurring events. There is an estimated revenue of \$26,997 for 25-26 school year, based on last year. The budgeted revenue increased 13.74%. Expenditure line items increased by about 3% to cover inflation costs.
- c. The net position in QB is \$44,607 (this is the reserve balance, which is considered large for an Ong organization).
- d. Reimbursement: place receipts in the PTA mailboxes and /or take a picture and email a picture to [clintonespta@gmail.com](mailto:clintonespta@gmail.com). Email Subject: Reimbursement - ATT. PTA treasurer. There is a reimbursement form on the webpage.
- e. Cash on hand amount: TBD
- f. Question from attending parents: How does PTA money helps students? The budget sponsors field trips, give scholarships, help fun technology, ponchos for safety patrol.
- g. Budget approval Mrs. Woodtke approved, Dori second.

### **Principal's Report – Principal McKown**

- a. Thanks to all and encourage parents to keep coming to meetings and participate in school activities.
- b. We have received title funds. Main use: hiring literacy teachers part-time: 2 new staff members for intervention, 25 hrs. a week.
- c. If you want to volunteer in tutoring, please get in touch with Mr. McKown.
- d. Cookie dough fundraiser - coming back! This is for the Principal's fund The aim is to reach USD 10.000. If extra, it would be destined to fund the 5th grade camp trip.

### **Family Ambassador Report – Emily Fuller**

- a. Panorama Survey - CCS does annually (teachers and students) Feedback to the school on how to better. Please participate!
- b. Literacy Night: date TBD, volunteers needed.
- c. Lunch with a loved one - planning this out

- d. Science Night: Mrs. Young in February 26th - tables with hands on STEM activities. Mrs. Young will organize the club for grades 3-4-5 and Ms. McLaughlin will organize K-2 grade.

If you would like to communicate event/news via the Clinton newsletter, please send an email to [efuller@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:efuller@columbus.k12.oh.us) by Friday at 9:00 AM. Attn: Newsletter!

Newsletters go out every Sunday for the following week.

### **Other Business**

- a. Raven Ford (Kindergarten – Mrs. Allen’s class) introduce herself and offered help with media (Press Releases, news coverage, post event articles)
- b. Mrs. Woodtke - needed for recess: balls and jumper ropes (12’ or longer) - bring them to the gym.
- c. Columbus Blue Jacket (Dan F. /Dominion family ambassador also): money raised goes to Field Day. Game date: Friday October 24<sup>th</sup>. Dan to schedule.
- d. Little library: we need a volunteer to re-build the box itself.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8. 13 pm.

Please join us for back-to-school parent social hour: drinks at Combustion Brewery and Taproom right after the meeting!

**Next meeting: Tuesday, 10/14/2025 at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria.**

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