

**CLPTA General Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, December 9, 2014**

**General Meeting began @ 6:35**

**Attendance:**

Board members: Tom Bernard, Tony MacDonald, Lisa Scanlon, Linnea Hur, Stone Melet, Stephanie Flanagan

Administration: William Hack, Patty Harmon

**Principal's Update (William Hack)**

- Passing of father Mr. Alegre recently occurred (has 4 children, 1 still at CL); CL has reached out to family and offered support to family
- In January, 80 chrome books will be available for use at the Scott campus (2 carts of 40)
- Madison will have 1 mobile computer lab shortly
- Continued teacher IT training
- Continued common core teacher training
- Middle school musical theatre elective (5 days/week for 11-12 weeks) starts Jan 5
- Songfest Dec 17

**Starlight Auction (emailed from Jill Standlee)**

- First SA newsletter went out last week. Trying to pace the communications and 'asks'. There will be some blurbs in the Bulletin this week and next – then additional hard copy communications as soon as we are back in January.
- January will be our push for Donations
- Got our first sponsor - \$1500 last week – hooray!
- The mini-site (thanks Joy) houses all SA information, including forms needed so 'spread the word' – we really want to push less paper this year and make information easily accessible
- The Sponsorship Menu is being finalized this week and will be online by this Fri Dec 12<sup>th</sup>
- Tickets will go on sale mid January
- Quilt projects are going, but need a team lead for Grade 3-7 Class Projects . Teachers are on board – we need parent volunteers!
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**Education Outside and Green Schoolyard Committee:**

Madison Updates from Ms. Emery

- Weather station is finally up!
- Lots of blooming flowers
- Several rainy days which has meant indoor lessons involving leaf rubbings, comic strips about variation between individuals of the same species (check out the bulletin board!) and measuring leaves with rulers
- Every kinder class has adopted a tree in the outdoor classroom which they will be drawing throughout the year as the seasons change



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- Waste audit is commencing! 2nd graders this week and next will be auditing our waste to see how well we're doing at sorting our trash (in the color-coded bins). The results from room 9 indicated that compost bin has the highest rate of contamination (contained lots of non-compostables)!

Scott Campus update from Mr. Nicaise:

- 3-5 grade finished fall science units in the Outdoor Classroom
  - o 3rd grade learned about weather, seasons and planting
  - o 4<sup>th</sup> grade learned about rocks, soils
  - o 5<sup>th</sup> graders learned about plant systems
- Last week was cooking week in the outdoor classroom but rain sent the classes inside to prepare a variety of dishes made with ingredients from the garden. This was the first cooking lesson of the year and it was very successful.
- November 15th workday at Scott campus was a big success: we had about 16 parents and students join us for our Monthly Garden Gathering. We enjoyed the beautiful day and developed our outdoor learning space by adding many new plants, a bench, and various other projects.
- Greg will be attending both 4th grade and 5th grade Outdoor Ed trips in the spring. He's really looking forward to joining the classes on these trips and getting to know the students on a deeper level.

Next 2 upcoming workdays to put on your calendars

- o **Madison Campus on Sat, January 24th from 9am-12pm**
- o **Scott Campus on Sat., February 28 from 9am-12pm**

**Library Fund (Kristi Estes)**

- Request new library furniture (Scott and Madison) to maximize space in the library; additional book repair items
- Request increase from \$2500 to \$6000
  - Motion to approve: Tom Bernard*
  - Second: Joe Murray*
  - Approved*

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation (Laura Fontana)**

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents organizing
- Date of graduation: May 21<sup>st</sup>
- Goal is to raise \$13000 (dance \$2500, ceremony \$2000, dinner \$6000, gifts/misc \$2500)
- Currently raised \$4250 and there is a corporate match of \$4250 pending
- Several years ago \$3000 created (catch fund), if unable to raise sufficient funds for the graduation
- Request to change current line item from \$3000 to \$11,500. The currently raised \$4250 has been deposited into CLPTA and once the corporate match is received, a \$8500 check will be made out to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation committee
- There will be additional fundraisers throughout the year to make up the rest (~\$4500)
- Bottom line: No cost to PTA, using PTA to receive corporate match
  - Motion to approve: Tom Bernard*
  - Second: Joe Murray*
  - All Approved*



**New Budget Requests:**

**Middle School Humanities**

- Humanities books are 10+ years old
- Per state rules, district should replace every 7 years, but has not done so
- The PTA would like to ensure that the middle school has these books for next year
- Outstanding questions:
  - Why is the district not replacing it?
    - o The group would like a definitive answer why they aren't replacing it (e.g. are they going to change publishers?) And the ramifications the district should see if they are not providing these textbooks. William Hack will research at the district level to see why they are not replacing it.
- Are there other competitive quotes available? Current quote \$23500 – to purchase for 3 grades
- If the PTA purchases the books for next year and the district ends up providing new textbooks in subsequent years, option to sell the books or donate to another school that may need it.

**Room 4 Audio System**

- Ms. Tate's has had trouble with her voice straining during teaching
- Parent representatives of Room 4 would like to have the PTA purchase this out of the PTA discretionary fund
- Request for system that costs \$1015.75
- Proposal to approve this system, but to try a comparable system that costs \$130; if it is not suitable for her needs, it can be refunded and \$1015.75 system will be purchased

*Motion to approve: Tony MacDonald*

*Second: Joe Murray*

*Approved*

**Approve CLPTA bills**

*Motion to Approve: Tony MacDonald*

*Second: Joe Murray*

*All Approved*

**Meeting Adjourned 7:38**