

Clifford PTO
General Meeting
January 8, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by Josee St-Onge (interim PTO President) at 7:06 PM. The list of attendees is attached.

Principals Report:

Kerry Dees addressed the group and mentioned that having the Monday (January 5th) as an additional day off for students worked out great for teachers to use as a teacher day. Winter Event was well received with great attendance. One of the raffle prizes was Principal for the day which was won by 3rd grader Alana who was able to be principal for the day on January 8th and did the overhead announcements and visited the classrooms. New Assistant Principal, Holly Rocha is job sharing with Carolyn Williams. Holly Rocha works Monday, Tuesday, and every other Friday. Carolyn Williams is working Wednesdays, Thursdays and every other Friday.

Secretary report: Carol Donnelly distributed the minutes from the November 13th Executive Board meeting. Susan Leathers made a motion to approve the minutes, Leana Litchfield seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously

Treasurer report:

Heather Maire reported the following:

- Direct donations are up to \$44,000 (last year we were at \$34,000)
- The Winter Sing was a big success and we netted approximately \$3000.00 for the raffle and bake sale
- Corporate matching was up from last year
- For the catalog fundraiser we are netting approximately \$15,000.00

Volunteer Report:

Josse noted that we still need a Volunteer Coordinator. It was also mention that currently there is no yearbook coordinator so will not have yearbook unless someone organizes this.

Enrichment:

Spring enrichment – Chess, Mrs. McClure, Art, after school Dance with Danny G will all be offered. Karin Sargis mentioned she would like to get Digital Art Monkey to come to Clifford.

Fundraising:

Fall Fundraiser - Susan reported that the Mountain Mikes limo is coming on January 9th for those students who qualified by selling 20 items; the game truck is coming next week for students that qualified for that prize.

Read a thon - Leana Litchfield reported that the dates for the read a thon are the January 20th to February 20th. It will be similar to last year with the same paperwork. At the same time as the Read a Thon there will be a program called the Classroom Cardinal where Clifford will be partnering with

Stanford. Students will be given a special bookmark they will fill out. If they read a certain number of books they will earn a ticket to a Stanford Basketball game

Events:

- The Little Mermaid - Katherine Schembri reported the play is in full swing – sets are being painted, costumes underway etc. Tickets are on sale now!
- Father Daughter Dance Karin Sargis has volunteered to run the dance this year and is shooting for a date of April 10th. She will need volunteers to help with the dance. She is hoping to get some 8th grade girls to help as well.

Middle School Report:

Middle School Dance will be held at Roy Cloud on January 23rd.

Communications:

Dino was unable to attend the meeting but Josse reported that he hopes to have the directory completed by next month.

Elac:

Josse reported the program is going well. There are plans to potentially expand the program next fall to include more students. ELAC will also be explaining how to understand the English learning transition.

New Business:

- New PTO President - Roy Dorling has volunteered for the position. Josee put the vote to the general meeting and Roy was voted in unanimously. Congratulations Roy!
- Litter on Campus: Leana Litchfield brought attention to litter on campus. Group discussed ideas to combat the litter problem. Ms. Dees will be talking with Mr. Tashman and Ms. Sanchez about this for Student Council. Things already in place with yard duties who give coupons for picking up trash.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.