

**** These minutes will be voted on for approval at the next PTO meeting. ****

April 2018 - PTO General Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 2018

A.) Attendance Sign in, Food, Social, Fliers

B.) Welcome & Communications Report - Sarah La Torra, sarahlatorra@yahoo.com
Science Night was terrific this year. Thanks to all the teachers and students who participated! The Scholastic Book Sale was very successful. The teachers created a short wish list of books that they hoped for in their classrooms. Parents were able to purchase these and the PTO purchased any remaining books that hadn't been purchased on behalf of these teachers.

C.) Secretary - Lisa Silberman, lmasilberman@gmail.com
Shabnam made a motion to approve the March minutes; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

D.) Budget Discussions - Sarah La Torra, sarahlatorra@yahoo.com
We engaged in a lengthy discussion about Chromebooks at Clifford. Ms. Cody explained in more detail how they are used in her 4th grade classroom expressing that they were no longer a supplemental device used in teaching, but essential to learning. Chromebooks in the upper grades have become the defacto textbooks. It was also discussed that there is a lot of curriculum the kids are not accessing because we don't have a 1-1 ratio of Chromebooks in the classroom. All of the annual testing that goes on is online and Clifford is judged based on the results of this testing. The possibility of starting a campaign to talk to the Board about supporting a 1-1 Chromebook ratio was discussed.

The budget for next year from the school district is still very much in flux. The subject of becoming a Title 1 school was brought up since 39.5% of students at Clifford qualify for free or reduced lunch. The pros and cons of such a label were discussed. The main motivation would be to bring in an additional \$60,000 from the state. The preliminary budget was presented but will have edits at the May meeting for approval by PTO.

E.) Treasurer's Report - Jackie Smith & Roy Dorling, rrdorling@hotmail.com & treasurer@cliffordpto.org
New item for PTO Budget: We have allocated \$2,500 towards emergency shed supplies which had not been replenished or replaced in quite some time.

F.) Principal's Report - Leslie Crane, lcrane@rcsdk8.net
SBAC Testing begins on April 30th. Apple slices & granola bars will be provided the morning of the tests.
Kindergarten Information Night is coming up on Thursday, May 10th from 6:30-7:30pm.

G.) Lap-a-Thon - Kathryn Snow & Roy Dorling, rrdorling@hotmail.com & nursesnow@sbcglobal.net
This is scheduled for the morning of May 25th and will finish by 12pm. They will need people to help the day of with popsicles, marking laps and class escorts. If you are able to help before then with photocopying or other things, please contact Kathryn or Roy.

H.) ELAC - Maria Orozco - morozco@rcsdk8.net
The current ELAC group presented in front of the Board recently.

I.) Open House & Art in Action

Open House is next Thursday night, April 26th from 6:30-8:00pm. TK-3 (6:30-7:15) and 4-8 (7:15-8).

Art in Action will be displaying art across all the grades in the MUB along with snacks.

J.) Clifford Fall Auction 2018 - Trina Licht clj106@mac.com

Looking for committee members!

Boots 'n' Bling Fall Gala: The Wildest Auction in the West.

Save the date for September 29, 2018, Devil's Canyon

K.) Movie Night - Leana Litchfield - Mrsshruubber@gmail.com, Susan Leathers - susan.leathers@comcast.net

Coco will be shown this year on Friday, April 20th from 6-7:30pm. \$5 per family. Pizza, popcorn and drinks will be available for sale.

L.) Middle School Update - Katherine Schembri - kathandnora@aol.com

A 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony was discussed so that this milestone can be celebrated.

8th Graders have a lot of fun end-of-year activities planned including a dance party (6/1), a trip to Great America (6/4), a bowling party (6/5) and graduation at 5pm on June 6th at Canada College.

M.) Open PTO Positions - Sarah La Torra, sarahlatorra@yahoo.com

- President (Sarah is willing to continue, but others may lead if they are so inclined)
- Vice President
- Co-Treasurer (Clarissa is treasurer but would appreciate a co-treasurer)
- Auditor
- Staff Appreciation Co-Chair (Lauren Zalabak will continue but needs a co-chair)
- Event/Volunteer Coordinator
- Room Rep Coordinator
- Hospitality
- eScript Coordinator
- Daughter's Dance Coordinator
- Yearbook Liaison

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25

Minutes recorded by Lisa Silberman (lmasilberman@gmail.com)