

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

## **May 2018 - Clifford PTO General Meeting**

Thursday, May 17, 2018

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

B.) Welcome & Communications Report - Sarah La Torra, [sarahlatorra@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahlatorra@yahoo.com)  
Sarah went through the major accomplishments of the Clifford PTO 2017-2018 which included: raising \$150,000, launching Project Cornerstone, Art in Action, author Gary Soto coming to campus, our afterschool enrichment program continuing to offer diverse options, Lion King Jr. production and ensemble spring musical, many staff recognition celebrations throughout the year, 2 yearbooks produced, Healthy Cities continuing to tutor many Clifford students, the Winter Showcase, Science programming for all students, Rhythm & Moves program (P.E.), graded reading library, improvements to our school library overall, & more Chromebooks purchased!

C.) Secretary - Lisa Silberman, [lmasilberman@gmail.com](mailto:lmasilberman@gmail.com)

A motion to approve the April minutes was made; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

D.) Safe Routes to School - Matthew Reeves, [mreeves@redwoodcity.org](mailto:mreeves@redwoodcity.org)

Matthew discussed intersections that we may be viewed as problematic as a safe route to school. He facilitates communication about our concerns with the proper channels downtown. Some specific problem areas which were discussed are the following: Alameda & Edgewood (even though there is a crossing guard), lack of a sidewalk on most of Edgewood, Clifford Ave (chaotic and sometimes unsafe after school), Warwick and Arlington (blind corner). If you have any specific intersections or problem areas that you would like addressed, please email Matthew directly.

Matthew's tips for safety: bright clothing, walk in groups, don't look at a screen while walking, extra care at corners, eye contact with drivers and generally have a policy of looking left, right and then left again whenever crossing a street.

E.) Treasurer's Report - Jackie Smith & Roy Dorling, [rrdorling@hotmail.com](mailto:rrdorling@hotmail.com) & [treasurer@cliffordpto.org](mailto:treasurer@cliffordpto.org)

We have \$186,000 left in the bank. We raised \$150,000 this year of which \$83,000 was raised at the auction. We plan to purchase two additional Chrome Book carts if possible next year so we can be 1 to 1 in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

F.) Budget Discussion - Sarah LaTorra & Roy Dorling, [sarahlatorra@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahlatorra@yahoo.com) & [rrdorling@hotmail.com](mailto:rrdorling@hotmail.com)

It was discussed that 2 million more will be cut in the district in 2018 which means the PTO will likely have to chip in more for middle school PE.

There will be a District Budget Meeting downtown on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The district continues to lose students for various reasons. It's believed that the 3 new charters have continued to our declining enrollment in addition to the increasing cost of living driving families away.

The budget for 2018-2019 was approved. There is an impending issue regarding Middle School PE which may need to be revisited in the September meeting.

G.) Principal's Report - Leslie Crane, [lcrane@rcsdk8.net](mailto:lcrane@rcsdk8.net)

SBAC Testing continues and we are optimistic about scores going up.

There will be a 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony on June 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-1:30 and 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation at 5:30.

Questions were raised about the availability of an accelerated math program for students next year.

Beauty and the Beast will be the spring show for next year. The performances will be on February 8, 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>

H.) Lap-a-Thon - Kathryn Snow & Roy Dorling, [rrdorling@hotmail.com](mailto:rrdorling@hotmail.com) & [nursesnow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nursesnow@sbcglobal.net)

This is scheduled for the morning of May 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-12:30pm. More volunteers are needed!

I.) Staff Appreciation Week, May 21-25 - Audrey Blomgren & Lauren Zalabak, [audreyblomgren@gmail.com](mailto:audreyblomgren@gmail.com) & [boother123@gmail.com](mailto:boother123@gmail.com)

The week is going to be emoji-themed and will be super awesome!

J.) ELAC - Maria Orozco - [morozco@rcsdk8.net](mailto:morozco@rcsdk8.net)

Nothing to report at this time.

K.) Clifford Fall Auction 2018 - Trina Licht [clj106@mac.com](mailto: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

L.) Middle School Update - Katherine Schembri - [kathandnora@aol.com](mailto:kathandnora@aol.com)

Yearbooks will be distributed to 8<sup>th</sup> graders only on May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> to K-7<sup>th</sup> graders.

M.) Incoming Kinder Playdate, August 18<sup>th</sup> - Anjanette Lundell, [ajlundell@gmail.com](mailto:ajlundell@gmail.com)

Please join if you are able.

N.) Vote on New PTO Board Members

PTO voted to approve the following new board members

President: Sarah La Torra

Vice President: Jennifer Erskine

Secretary: Lisa Silberman

Treasurer: Clarissa Holmberg

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22

Minutes recorded by Lisa Silberman ([lmasilberman@gmail.com](mailto:lmasilberman@gmail.com) )