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

October 2017 – PTO General Meeting Agenda
Thursday, October 12th, 2017, 7pm – Clifford Library

Sarah La Torra called the meeting to order at 7:18pm

A. Attendance sign-in, food, social, fliers

B. Welcome! – Sarah La Torra sarahlatorra@yahoo.com
Sarah reminded us that there will be a garage sale to benefit the 8th grade graduation activities held on October 14, 2017 from 8am-1pm at 256 Timothy Street, San Carlos. Liz Mager (e2mager@gmail.com) is coordinating having a student led yearbook staff for the 2017/18 yearbook. The Reading & Listening Challenge is under way for the month of October. We will be collecting food and money to donate to Hidden Valley Satellite School which was damaged by the Tubbs Fire. Sarah La Torra and Melisse Long will be coordinating this effort.

C. Secretary – Lisa Silberman – lmasilberman@gmail.com
Lisa made a motion to approve the September 2017 meeting minutes, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

D. Treasurer's Report – Roy Dorling – rrdorling@hotmail.com
We are still waiting on some numbers from Leslie Crane and the district to finalize what our balance sheet looks for this year. In Trina's absence cljl06@me.com, Roy reported that the Miami Vice Auction net was almost $90,000. Feedback was solicited for things that went well or not for next year.

E. Principal's Report – Leslie Crane lcrane@rcsdk8.net
Leslie was happy to report that the school year is off to a terrific start and that she is really enjoying every part of being principal of Clifford. Halloween will be on a Tuesday this year, so it will be a challenging week for our kids. Let's all work together to support our kids and help them get through it. November 20th and 21st are teacher/parent conferences.

F.) Project Cornerstone – Shabnam Moon shabnam.moon@gmail.com
Shabnam has officially launched Project Cornerstone in all K-4 classes at Clifford as of October and is working with 17 volunteers in the classrooms. She is exploring more options for introducing these concepts in different ways to the middle schoolers because there is a lot of interest from parents.

G.) After School Enrichment – Katie McNally kmcnally@burlingameschools.org
There are still a lot of great after school enrichment opportunities. All of the offerings are here: http://www.cliffordschoolpto.org/after-school-enrichment/

H.) Volunteers – Nil Blackburn dearnilblackburn@gmail.com
Efforts have been made to get parents to sign up online. It was suggested that a flier be sent home for more sign-ups. Please sign up to volunteer here: http://www.cliffordschoolpto.org/volunteer/

I.) Staff Appreciation – Audrey Blomgren audreyblomgren@gmail.com & Lauren Zalabak boother123@gmail.com
Tentative Dates: *Thurs, Oct 26, 8:30: Spooktacular Breakfast *Mon, Nov 20th Parent Teacher Conference Survival Kits *Thurs, Dec 14th or 22nd Soup and Salad Bar. More volunteers are needed to help with the soup and salad bar.

J.) Middle School Liaison - Katherine Schembri – kathandnora@aol.com
Katherine reported that she has lots of middle school volunteers. In November, they will have a Thanksgiving potluck for the kids.

K.) Room Representatives – Erin Mugglebee mugglebeemtc@gmail.com
We have room reps for all but one classroom. Everyone is busy planning Halloween parties.

L.) ELAC – Maria Orozco
A Clifford parent has offered to be Secretary, so now we will have a terrific channel for communication.

M.) Lion King - Trina Licht cljl06@me.com
Auditions for 3-8 graders were October 2, 3 & 5 and will be held on Feb 9, 10 & 11. Every child will be cast. The Ensemble will start in December. Look online for more information http://www.cliffordschoolpto.org/2017/09/casting-call-the-lion-king/

N.) New Business
Maria reported that they need more volunteers to work at the next election on Nov 7th. You can sign up at smcare.org.

Meeting adjourned 8:09pm
Minutes recorded by Lisa Silberman lmasilberman@gmail.com