

# February 2019- PTO General Meeting

Thursday, February 21, 2019

A.) Attendance Sign in, Food, Social, Fliers  
Meeting was called to order at 7:13.

B.) Welcome & Communications Report – Sarah La Torra, [sarahlatorra@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahlatorra@yahoo.com)

*Coffee with Superintendent Baker, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-9:30 @ Clifford*  
All are welcome and encouraged to come!

*Music for Minors* – It was agreed that no one liked how the program was consolidated from 16 to 11 weeks this year. Everyone would prefer for it to be more spread out like before or even further spread out throughout the year.

*RCEF Breakfast, March 26<sup>th</sup> 8-9am @ Bay Club* - RSVP to Sarah or Anjanette if you'd like to go. Tickets are free.

*Annual Clifford Fundraiser* – A new coordinator is needed as Trina is stepping down. One suggestion was made to have a Casino Night which would be open to the community in order to possibly raise more money. It was suggested that one could possibly have 75% of the money go to Clifford and 25% go to RCEF and they could help with promotion as well. Overall, we are open to new fundraising ideas!

*Dad's Group* – This is in the beginning stages of development. They had their first meeting at the Canyon Inn on Feb 20<sup>th</sup> with about 20 Clifford dads in attendance. The next meeting is March 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in learning more, email Jeni Overbey.

*Legarza's contract* is up for renewal. We'll be soliciting feedback from teachers on the Legarza program since it's in its first year and the teachers will be asking the kids for their thoughts on the program.

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

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

D.) Treasurer's Report – Clarissa Holmberg & Leslie Street, [holmbergcb@gmail.com](mailto:holmbergcb@gmail.com) & [leslie.street@ymail.com](mailto:leslie.street@ymail.com)

We are on track to raising our goal of 150k for the year.

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

Leslie was out sick, but various people reported on her behalf.

*ChromeBooks* - Ms. Cody reported that we are officially 1-1 on ChromeBooks in 3-8<sup>th</sup> grade and said thank you to the PTO for making it happen!

*Substitute VP* – Since Jude is at Fair Oaks Tues-Friday, we now have a substitute VP on those days who has been doing a great job circulating in the classrooms and around campus interacting with kids and staff.

#### *Projected Numbers for Next Year*

The official registration numbers are not available yet, but the January tours were very successful. By early March, we should know more. It appears that we may have an increase in Kindergarten enrollment which will hopefully help to pad the other grades.

#### *Testing*

National Assessment testing for 8<sup>th</sup> graders starts February 22<sup>nd</sup>. A big difference for us this year is that since we are now 1-1 with ChromeBooks, testing throughout the grades will be done in 2 weeks instead of taking turns. The PTO will be providing bananas, bars, waters, and cuties before the test for the kids.

#### *Steam Buddies*

Second Graders and Eighth Graders have been paired up to do different projects together. Right now, they are doing one science project and one PE activity. It's a great bonding activity for the Clifford community. Don't forget that March 21<sup>st</sup> is Science Night!

F.) Beauty and the Beast – Trina Licht - [cljl06@mac.com](mailto:cljl06@mac.com)

The final receipts are still coming in, but right now they've made a profit of 1k. The goal is always to break even. The program ad revenue helped a lot. The cast party is on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The kids have chosen Wizard of Oz for next year!

G.) Family Dance: Love You to the Moon & Back (3/15 6:30-8:30) – Erin Mugglebee  
[mugglebeemtc@gmail.com](mailto:mugglebeemtc@gmail.com)

The Family Dance will emphasize the special bond within a family. It will be outer space themed. There will be a DJ, a photo booth, some Instagram-able photo ops, a Fortnite Dance-Off and other surprises. It will be \$20 per family which includes 2 adults and unlimited kids within that family.

H.) Family Fun Night (4/27) – Hannah Walbridge – [hannahwalbridge@gmail.com](mailto:hannahwalbridge@gmail.com)  
More details to come.

I.) Lap-a-Thon, Katheryn Snow – [nursesnow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nursesnow@sbcglobal.net)  
Anyone interested in being mentored by Katheryn?

I.) Staff Appreciation – Lauren Zalabak – [boother123@gmail.com](mailto:boother123@gmail.com)  
The soup and salad bar was a big hit. In March, Lauren will have a popcorn bar for the staff. It looks like Staff Appreciation Week is going to be May 20-24.

J.) Middle School Update – Arlene Little, [arlenep.little@gmail.com](mailto:arlenep.little@gmail.com)

K.) New Business

*Budget Questionnaire* – An e-blast will go out this week. Please encourage teachers and parents to fill it out. It has already gone home in folders. Sarah and Leslie will start working on the budget in March.

*Letter –Writing Campaign to Increase State Funding for Redwood City*

Averi Johnston-Crofts is coordinating this effort at our school, email her for more information on how you can help. [ajohnstoncrofts@gmail.com](mailto:ajohnstoncrofts@gmail.com)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

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