

Clarke PTO Meeting Minutes – Jan 14, 2020

Attendees:

Dane Despres - Principal
Wendy Riseborough - Parent
Stacy Walsh - Secretary
Ally Wang - Co-President
Lamia Khanafer - Parent
Yan Zhou - Parent
Crystal Dolcismascolo - Co-President
Tricia Weisberg - Treasurer
Cindy Arens - VP Communications
Carrie Wu - team Parent
HongMei Zhang - fundraising

Principal's Report

- Thank you for the luncheon, very much appreciated! Mandatory training on Suicide Prevention and Awareness.
- Heading into 2nd Semester, working on developing behavioral norms for hallways. Created a list, bathrooms breaks, passes, how to walk in the hallway, how to engage with teachers you don't know, reset expectations, start changing a few things. Goal to make hallways more orderly. They are safe but want everyone to be better informed. Set expectations so they are clear.
- DC trip - new round of preparations, opening up the Google Form for roommates, heading in Feb vacation doing flights, buses, sending info to parents soon. Local trips are starting to shape up. 75%-80% signed up now.
- New website, rocky start, at the stage where district wants to centralize all the work, sending in tech orders to town's IT department, all schools submitting changes.
- 6th grade Chrome Book Meeting - Q&A at the end, discussion - need for a working group to take stock in use of technology. Maybe Spring time. How to measure success? Changes?
- Digital learning coach walked through classrooms to get a read on how they are being used. Required? Not? Kids opting in? Interested in learning in a more scientific way.

Treasurer's Report

- Chocolate fundraiser did well. Will support 8th grade DC trip for this year and years to come.
- No check from Nicks, Bertuccis and Flatbreads yet.
- Book Fair didn't do that well.
 - How does the school IMC benefit financially from this?

Book Fair - no one is here to update us on this.

Chocolate Fundraiser - made a good amount of money. Prizes and rewards:

- Trick Show - need to figure out a way for kids from Boston to get here. Raffle too.
- Limo lunch ride for 12 kids.

- Ice Cream Sundae bar for each grade.
- Can do cookie dough via online link, delivered to Clarke on a certain day. Mrs. Fields. February time frame.

Clarke Night Out

- Need donations.
- Need a new venue

PPC meeting update -

- Policies for fundraising, donations, etc.. are still being reviewed.
- Redistricted students will get a letter this week.
- Talked about budget deficit. Budget summit this Thursday, 1/16/2020.
- Did not get the MSBA approval grant for the high school this round. Have to resubmit.
- PPC - candidate Sarah Cobertson
- Kate Colbert is leaving.
- Ally Wang hosting a Forum Feb 1st.

PTO MEETINGS

February 11 (8:30 am, Clarke cafe)

March 10 (8:30 am, Clarke cafe)

April 14 (8:30 am, Clarke cafe),

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 17 – Adventurer Team sponsored breakfast

January 27 - Executive Function parent forum

February 7 - Endeavor Team sponsored breakfast

Last week of February (TBD) - Going to LHS for 8th grade parents

March 6 – Explorer Team sponsored breakfast

March 12 – International Potluck

March 13 – Clarke Night Out