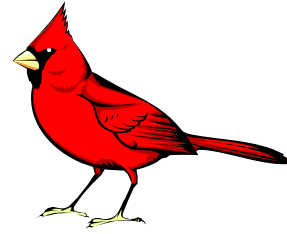


Clifton Elementary School



Clifton Elementary PTA – Meeting Minutes Monday, March 8, 2010

This meeting was called to order by PTA President Patti Hopkins at 7:03 pm

Attendees:

Sydney Sawyer, Ann Jones, Patti Hopkins, Arthur Polton, Ellen Colter, Elizabeth Vittori, Lisa Graine, Lisa Chandler

Agenda for tonight's meeting was approved.

Minutes from the January 2009 meeting were approved.
There was no February meeting due to snow and school closures.

President's Report – Patti Hopkins

- SRPC – Full committee meeting last week, Five additional schools added. New division into 4 subcommittees. Next meeting is Thursday, March 9 at Eagle View. Charlie and Ina will be reaching out to the community to find out what the community will accept in terms of renovations, etc.

Treasurer's Report – Ann Jones

- Balance: Checking - \$875.33; Savings - \$11,404.52.

Principal's Report – Arthur Polton

- School Board decision to extend the school year, June 23, 24 and 25. Also April 12 will be a full day. School will end on a Friday,
- March 18 – Clifton Elementary received the 2010 Board of Education Excellence Award from the Virginia Board of Education. Mr. Polton will attend meeting to receive the award.

Assistant Principal's Report – Ellen Colter

- Fifth grade SOL last week – Went well
- Innovation and Invention Fair – Thank you to all who made it happen.

Committee Reports

- Silent/Live Auction – Lisa Graine - 94 tickets sold. Donations continue to come in.
- Pennies for Patients– Sydney Sawyer – First week brought in over \$1000! Still have 2 weeks to go. Opinion from group is that the individual boxes are a helpful reminder to the students and parents.
- Innovation and Invention Fair –Sydney Sawyer – Fair went well, but committee will be looking for feedback as to how to improve and continue to generate interest next year. Will send survey through PTA distribution list.

New Business

- Teachers wish lists – Patti Hopkins. Unfortunately, we are not in a financial position to meet the requests of the teachers. We can fund some now, some after the SA. At the moment we can fund some of the RAM requests. Patti presented at the staff meeting this afternoon and asked the teachers what they wanted –RAM now or wait for more funds to come in. Will wait until after the Silent Auction to see if they revise their wish-lists.
- Educational Connections – Provides workshops for parents on various parenting-related topics. Is the PTA interested in sponsoring this? Annette to look into this.
- Attendance – How can we increase attendance at PTA meetings? Discussion included speakers and programs – budget, school board activity, internet safety, Consider topics and other ways to raise attendance.
- Building Condition – Minimal damage due to the snowstorm. Only one room had a leak, but no roof issues or other major damage,

Old Business

- Levels of PTA Membership – Ann Jones – Goal to increase membership and simplify multiple payments throughout the year. Membership levels could be established. A higher fee would include yearbook, directory, other PTA fees, etc. Further investigation required. This will be discussed further after the silent auction as the PTA Officers explore fundraising options.

Announcements – Next meeting is Monday April 19, 2010 at 3:00 pm

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 7:45pm.