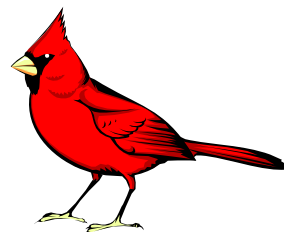


# Clifton Elementary School



## Clifton Elementary PTA – Meeting Minutes Monday, December 14, 2009

This meeting was called to order by PTA President Patti Hopkins at 3:02 pm

### **Attendees:**

Patti Hopkins, Annette Abutayeh, Ann Jones, Melanie Lessard, Lisa Graine, Elizabeth Vittori, Arthur Polton, Ellen Colter

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The agenda for the December meeting was approved, with the understanding that the guest speaker would have the floor first. . \*The minutes of the November 9 2009 meeting were approved as posted on [www.cliftonpta.org](http://www.cliftonpta.org).

Melanie Lessard said that Clifton Elementary will be holding a blood drive in honor of Ryan Dillon on January 25, 2010, from 3-8 pm. Appointments made be scheduled in advance by emailing Mrs. Lessard ([melanie.lessard@fcps.edu](mailto:melanie.lessard@fcps.edu)) or by calling 1800GIVE LIFE. Additional information about online registration will be posted at [cliftonpta.org](http://cliftonpta.org). Registering in advance will prevent undue waiting time for donors. The donation process takes about an hour. One donation can save up to 3 lives. All donors will receive a Red Cross t-shirt.

### **President's Report - Patti Hopkins**

- Patti Hopkins provided an update on the SW Regional Planning Committee. Subcommittees have been researching and gathering data independently; subcommittee reports were presented to the full Committee at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Clifton representatives, Ina Patton and Charlie Rau serve on the "Liberty and other sites committee and "Clifton" subcommittee, respectively.
- The subcommittee addressing the Clifton renovation issue has toured Clifton Elementary with FCPS staff and administrators. The subcommittee is planning to keep the water issue separate from the renovation. The subcommittee is also addressing community impact and attendance issues. For more information, contact Patti Hopkins at [pattihopkins@cox.net](mailto:pattihopkins@cox.net). The next full committee meeting is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of January
- The Grandparents Coffee will be held in the cafeteria on Wednesday, December 23 at 8:30 am.

### **Treasurer's Report – Ann Jones**

- Clifton Day parking netted \$1,336.
- The current checking account balance is \$1,623 and the money market account balance is \$15,419.

### **Principal's Report – Arthur Polton**

- Mr. Polton thanked parent volunteers for their role in making the Book Fair a success.
- Approximately 150 families attended STAMP night.
- Interims will be sent home in the December 15<sup>th</sup> Tuesday folders.
- December 23<sup>rd</sup> will be a 2 hour early dismissal.

Lisa Graine asked if organizations using the school for "after school" activities would be charged fees. Mr. Polton said he would find out and report back.

### **Assistant Principal's Report – Ellen Colter**

- Miss Colter thanked parent volunteers for their help in making the Thanksgiving lunch a success.
- Preparations are beginning for the Innovation and Invention Fair to be held Tuesday Feb 23. Participants from grades 4-6 will be selected to attend the Udvar Hazy Center following the Fair. More information about this event is available by contacting Sydney Sawyer (sydneysawr@aol.com)
- Holiday parties will take place the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of December.
- Family Life Education (FLE) instruction will commence December 15.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Annette Abutayeh**

- The group briefly discussed possible reasons for the downturn in fundraising.
- A planning meeting for the Fun Fair and the Silent Auction will be held in the cafeteria on Thursday, January 7 at 9:15 am.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - NONE**

### **Teachers/Staff**

Mrs. Lessard said that dates to provide meals to the Dillon family are open for the month \*of February. Volunteers may sign up to prepare meal at <http://www.carecalendar.org/?cid=15518> code is 3707

### **Committees**

Sydney Sawyer, Chair, Innovation and Invention Fair will provide an update at the January 11 PTA meeting.

### **Announcements**

\*Wednesday, December 23 will be Stuffed Animal Day. In January, there will be a Pajama Day Thursday, January 27, 2010.

The next meeting of the Clifton Elementary PTA will be Monday, January 11 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.