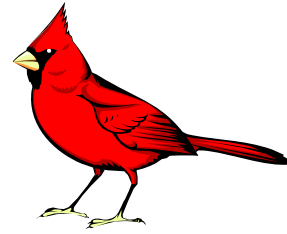


# Clifton Elementary School



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

This meeting was called to order by PTA President Patti Hopkins at 7:00 pm

### **Attendees:**

Sydney Sawyer, Ann Jones, Patti Hopkins, Annette Abutayah, Lisa Graine, Arthur Polton, Ellen Colter, Melanie Lessard, Laurie Vidovich, Connie Millken, Julia Carbaugh, Lisa Desmond, Charlie Rau, Marianne Fields, Pam DellaSantina

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Opening and Introduction of new PTA officers serving 2 year terms

President – Patti Hopkins  
First Vice President – Annette Abutayah  
Second Vice President – Elizabeth Vittori  
Treasurer – Ann Jones  
Secretary – Sydney Sawyer

Agenda for tonight's meeting was approved.

Minutes from the April 2009 and May 2009 meetings were approved.

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

- Clifton Courier – Sent home in the Tuesday folder on the first Tuesday of the month. Submissions need to be to Julie Gohl by the previous Wednesday.
- PTA email distribution list - Go to [www.cliftonpta.org](http://www.cliftonpta.org) to sign up for email notifications and announcements
- Feasibility Studies – School Board met today and voted unanimously to move forward with the community engagement process. A committee will be formed with representatives from each of 23 elementary schools. PTA Presidents have been asked to select the representatives.

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

- Audit of records completed and awaiting approval. Copies of the budget with spending to date are available on the tables and the 2009-2010 budget is posted on website. Approval given to open a savings account to avoid deposit fees.

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

- Welcome to all present and thanks for coming
- Enrollment – Down slightly from last year.
- Recognition to custodians for a great job over the summer in getting the school clean and ready for fall.
- SOL scores very strong
- Staff – All teachers returned for 2009-2010. All staff and IA returned, with exception of one retirement. Four new staff members.

- Back to School Nights – Grades K-3 Tuesday, September 22 and Grades 4-6 Thursday, September 24. PTA committees and other groups will have tables in the cafeteria from 6:30-7:00

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

- Welcome back
- Testing – VP in charge of testing. Direct questions of concerns to Miss Colter.
- Fannie Mae Walk for the Homeless – October 16. Rose over \$1000 last year. Encourage participation.

#### **First Vice President's Report – Annette Abutayah**

- Volunteers - Chairs have been found for the following: Cultural Arts and Reflections. Need chairs for the following: Odyssey of the Mind, Family Night Out.

#### **Second Vice President's Report – Elizabeth Vittori**

- Fall Family Picnic – Friday September 25, 2009. 5:00 to dark. Volunteers needed to grill. Three more grills needed.

#### **Teacher's Reports**

- Melanie Lessard – PE teacher, Don Dillon has son undergoing treatment for cancer. Support is needed in the form of meals on chemo days, which are Wednesday. A carecalendar link will be posted on the PTA website.

#### **Committee Reports**

- FLEX – Foreign Language Experience - Information sent home in Open House packet. On-line registration to open soon.
- Sally Foster – Laurie Vidovich – Drive starts tomorrow and runs for 3 weeks. Items include wrapping paper, gourmet foods and home accessories. Fifty percent of total sales come back to school. Information coming home in Tuesday folder.
- Virginia Diner – Elizabeth Vittori – Runs concurrently with Sally Foster but for only 2 weeks. Products are exclusively edible. If CE reaches goal – we earn 50% of profit.
- Community Outreach – Sydney Sawyer – Looking for a focus for this year. Mr. Polton said that we have not been approached by the Kate Hanley Shelter. Outreach activities will be limited to one per quarter. First quarter activity will be the Walk for the Homeless.
- (Silent) Auction – Lisa Graine – No longer "silent". Date is March 12 at the Heart and Hand. Looking for contributions from families, classes, teachers, community. Biggest fundraiser with proceeds going directly back to the school/teachers wish lists.
- Identikid System – Lisa Graine – Company is offering a free card-reader if we purchase 50 cards. Will expedite check-in. Lisa to investigate total costs.
- Baskin Robbins/Peterson's Ice Cream Nights – Lisa Graine – Two fundraisers last year with portions donated back to school.
- Clifton Directory – Lisa Graine – Looking for chair. Deadline for ads is 9/18/09.

#### **Unfinished Business – None**

**Announcements** – Next meeting is Monday, October 19 at 3:00pm. Meetings are held each month but alternate between afternoon (3:00pm) and evening (7:00pm) times.