



Clough PTO General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 10, 2019, @ 6:30 pm in Clough Library

Start time: 6:35 (18 parents in attendance)

1. Welcome - Kelly Lucier, President

- New Board Member Introductions: Monique Dyson, Vice President; Mike Kelley, Treasurer; Wendy Gama, Communications Secretary; Myah Stone, Recording Secretary

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were emailed by Myah Stone to members who attended the meeting for review and comment. A motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2019, meeting was made by Alanna Bodio. Minutes approved.

3. Principal's Update - Mrs. Gallagher

- Looking at reimplementing the mentoring program for students
- September 10th: Joel Warren, a former music teacher in Northbridge, came for a kickoff assembly presented to all students: SOAR (Today focussed on "S" and he did a song about safety) next time "O" for "on task", then "A" for Act KCR, than R for responsible - PTO is adding PBIS to budget for 2019/2020 to support
- September 23rd-27th: A Promise for SandyHook: Hello Week: trying to build connectedness with everyone Wednesday will be green day/school spirit day, random acts of kindness.
- Parking lot: 2 new mirrors and crosswalk
- Clough Classic: Mrs. Thibault and Mrs. St. Pierre volunteering as well as Mrs. Berthao and Mrs. Ellis
- Field trips: Costs are high. A lot of schools are moving away from field trips and seeing if can bring people into the school instead. Possibly looking to have parents donate \$5 each and bring someone into the school. Discussion regarding pros and cons.
 - * Cons: high costs, parent worry about safety and school shootings
 - * Pros: Students look forward to them, educational, gives students real-life experiences, builds connections between what's happening in school/curriculum and the real world
 - * Email Mrs. Gallagher with any thoughts/ideas.
- First Fire Drill was a success: 1 minute and 48 seconds for all in the building to evacuate

4. Goals and Mission - Kelly

- Continue cutting costs while not reducing support and increasing revenues
getting donations from the community, increasing payback to the school
- Increase family events: Forekicks, Mobile Laser Tag
Hope to do 1-3 family events
- Increase volunteer participation and recruit new volunteers

5. School Policies Reminder - Kelly

The office is busy in the morning, so if going in try to go after 9:30. No interruptions in office 2:30 - pickup. Let Julia know when coming in to school, where you're going and for what.

6. Year-End Financials - Kelly

7. Past Events: Summer and Back to School Activities

- School supplies delivered - green folders, pencils, agendas to 3rd and 4th grade
- Schoolkidz delivered
- Kindergarten Meet and Greet event at Clough plus welcome to school gifts
- Popsicles in the Park meetup event
- Pre-k welcome back gifts
- 1st and 2nd-grade books for all students (Magic Tree House and My Weird School)
- Teacher breakfast for the first staff meeting and welcome back gifts
- September 5th: Back to School Ice Cream Social at Dairy Queen

8. Upcoming Events

- September 10th: Making Strength of Character Stronger - PBIS
- September 18th: Open House (PreK-2nd-grade)
** Deb asked if we can provide food for the teachers because it's a long day. Mrs. Gallagher will poll the teachers and get back to Deb.*
- September 19th: Open House (3rd and 4th-grade)
 - All for Change drive, popcorn, magnets, TA, boxtops raffle and signs
 - *Can we organize babysitting for 3rd and 4th graders? Mrs. Gallagher said okay. Monique will ask Justine, the National Honors Society President.*
- September 20th: Annual Clough Classic Golf Tournament at Shining Rock
 - * We need 2-3 volunteers, teachers for babysitting, Family sponsors
 - * \$4,000 raffle items donated
 - * Banner at the playground *ok per Mrs. Gallagher*
- October 2nd: Custodian Appreciation Day
** For the different teacher events, can we get the list of how many staff? (i.e. How many paraprofessionals? Specialists? etc...) Mrs. Gallagher will ask Julia to get us the numbers after open house. Specific names will come later.*
- October 8th: PTO General Meeting @ 6:30 in Clough Library

- October: Shop With Scrip fundraiser - Myah Stone
Accepting credit cards now
- October: Spiritwear Sale - Stephanie Deveau
- October 15th-23rd: Fall Book Fair-Ann King/Kelly Lucier; Family Night on the 15th
 - Signup genius will be sent out for volunteers
- October 20th - Mobile Laser Gaming
 - Vendor Fair? Trax and game?
- November 2nd: Worcester Railers Family Event- 4th-Grade Chorus
- November 4th: Claytime 5:50-7:30 in Clough Cafeteria
- November 12th: PTO General Meeting @ 6:30 in Clough Library
- November 28th: Mendon Turkey Trot 5k
 - Need sponsors and participants

9. Ongoing

- Cooks Night Off: Looking for new ideas (Papa Gino's, 5 Guys)
5 Guys didn't pay us last time; Maybe look into Chipolte, Gallifords, Willowbrook, Panera, Subway, Greenhouse, Hide Away, Deluxe, Nona's
- Boxtops: changes and summer contest
- Marker Recycling: Can we keep in the art room? *Mrs. Gallagher said that's fine.*
- School Supplies: new company?
** We will get a new company next year that is more cost-effective.*
** PTO will pull out the standard items from the kits such as wipes and just buy them in bulk.*

10. 2019/2020 Committee Chairs - Thank you to all!

- Cultural Arts ~ Missy Glowa
- BoxTops ~ Renee Wojdag
- Teacher Appreciation ~ Monique Dyson, Deb Lane, Jenna Callahan
- Cooks Night Off ~ Jennifer Santosuosso
- Clough Golf Classic ~ Erick & Christine Brown, Megan Collins, Stacey Oliva, Kelly Lucier
- Book Fair ~ Ann King & Kelly Lucier
- Field Day ~ Alanna Bodio, Monique Dyson, Deb Lane, Kelly Lomnicki
- Kindergarten Meet and Greet ~ Kelly Lomnicki & Kelly Lucier
- Fundraising ~ Christine Quimby
- Grant Writer ~ Kelly Lucier & Jen Gorham
- Spirit Wear ~ Stephanie Deveau
- Staff Bulletin Board ~ Thuy Hill
- 4th Grade Celebration~ Renee Wojdag, Kelly Lomnicki, Meg Collins, Jamie Fernandes
- Back to School Kits ~ Lyndsey Nickerson
- Holiday Shop ~ Kelly Lucier *and Kelly Lomnicki*
- Turkey Trot ~ Lyndsey Nickerson, Clare Ovelman, Renee Wojdag, Wendy Gama, & Monique Dyson

11. Open discussion/questions

* Eric: Inquired about Clough getting a water filtration system: Mrs. Gallagher looked into this with the school nurse last year. A lot goes into it such as piping, plumbing, filtration, etc., Mrs. Gallagher open to the idea, will talk to district, custodians etc and circle back to us. Maybe start with getting an estimate of cost and asking parents for donations or a specific fundraiser for it.

* Marina: Can we drop off items such as lunch? She asked about the second set of doors being locked for safety and so that parents can drop off items there in between the two doors. Mrs. Gallagher said it was looked into and very expensive. Mrs. Gallagher said ALICE training will be offered again this year.

* Trish will talk to Mrs. Vandervaulk about an event.

12. Adjournment: Thanks for attending our first meeting of the school year!

End Time: 8:22