



Clough PTO General Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, October 12, 2021, @ 6:30 pm remote meeting

Zoom meeting link: [PTO Meeting Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 710 051 7803

Passcode: 9XvK36

**Start time: 6:35 pm**

**Attendees: Mrs. Gallagher, Dr. Cohen, Wendy Gama, Kelly Lucier, Mike Kelley, Myah Stone, Monique Dyson, Justine Cole, Lyndsey Nickerson, Brenda Boudreau, Andrea Lucey, Renee Wojdag, Ainara**

1. Welcome - Wendy Gama

2. Statement on Remote Participation/Governor's Executive Order Suspending Remote Participation Requirements;

- This is a statement on remote participation consistent with the MA Open Meeting Law, MA General Law Chapter 30A, Section 20, Regulation 940, Code of MA Regulations, 29.10. This allows for remote participation in certain circumstances under the MA Open Meeting Law Regulations. The Clough PTO will be conducting this meeting remotely. In this case, all 5 board members of the Clough PTO are participating remotely and virtually through video conferencing. This is consistent with Governor Baker's executive order of March 10, 2020, which eases the requirements of having a meeting in a physical space open to the public and having a quorum of the committee physically present. Any and all votes will be conducted by roll call votes.
- On June 16, 2021, Governor Baker signed into law An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency. This Act includes an extension, until April 1, 2022, of the remote meeting provisions of his March 12, 2020, Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law.

3. 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 September 14th, 2021, meeting was made by Beth Deverix. Minutes approved.

#### 4. Welcome the Superintendent - Dr. Cohen

- Former PTO Board member herself, and thanked us for all we do.
- Wanted us to put a face to the name.
- More than happy to help. Just reach out.

#### 5. Principal's Update - Mrs. Gallagher

- Thanked Dr. Cohen. We are very fortunate that she is leading us. Leadership meetings are thought-provoking.
- Molly Walsh was honored at the Blackstone Valley Collaborative Promising Practice Award Ceremony. Mrs. Walsh was acknowledged for her innovation & best practices and for inspiring and motivating her students in Music at Clough School, especially throughout the pandemic.
- Thanked Kelly Lucier and Kelly Lomnicki for volunteering and helping out with coordinating picture day.
- Volunteers should park in (first 2 rows of visitor parking lot) because of buses. Mrs. Gallagher will put out a reminder to all parents. She plans to get some cones to block the spaces by the buses.
- Fire safety week last week. The firefighter went to all third-grade classes.
- The first school-wide walk went well. They will be held on the first Friday of every month. Encourage students to wear Clough Spirit Wear or Clough colors every Friday for spirit days.
- Upcoming: First and Second graders will get to walk to the library to get library cards.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be in person.
- Silent Auction from Clough Classic: Fire truck and police car can do in October/November, except for October 29th (Halloween parade). Mrs. Gallagher and Mr. Hayes can be in December.
- Kelly Lomnicki will be our representative for Student Council. The first meeting will be a joint meeting with Memorial School.
- Thinking about having an Inspire Day in December.

#### 6. Budget Approval

- Mike Kelley made a motion to accept the budget and Lyndsey Nickerson seconded it.

#### 7. Possible spending ideas

- New headphones for classes: We can buy headphones if teachers need them. Mrs. Gallagher to share the offer with teachers and let us know if needed.
- future meeting with Mrs. Gallagher to discuss
  - \* We have money and need to figure out how to spend it.
  - \* We can do 3rd and 4th-grade trolley.
  - \* Put money aside for Family Day activity.
  - \* We have money set aside for teachers. Kelly asked Mrs. Gallagher to let teachers know.

- \* Mrs. Gallagher thinks it would be great to bring some presenters in for assemblies. We don't currently have a STEAM/Cultural Arts coordinator but will try to find help. If the school has ideas, send them to PTO and we are happy to fund them.
- \* We can fit 1-2 grades at a time because 3 feet apart for assemblies. Dr. Cohen thinks 2 grades will work because we can space them out.
- \* Outdoor gym equipment? Field trip money?
- \* Mrs. Gallagher mentioned a need for a storage bin for recess.
- \* Kelly mentioned the electronic bulletin board on North Ave. Mrs. Gallagher said that would be so nice! (about \$8k to \$10k). Wendy to organize with Mrs. Gallagher and PTO board to discuss spending

#### 8. Past Events:

- September 17th: Golf Tournament at Shining Rock: Megan Collins, Kelly Lucier, Aubrie Choiniere, Shaina and Mark DeToma, Amy Jo Wilkinson, Sean, and Andrea Lucey  
\* Made \$26 thousand from Clough Classic. Kelly Lucier thanked Meg Collins.
- October 2nd: Custodian Appreciation Day: Monique Dyson, Marina Claro  
\* Made baskets for the custodians.

#### 9. Upcoming events

- October 11th-20th: Fall Book Fair - Kelly Lucier,, Erin Fater
- October Cook's Night Out (CNO)?: Jessica Dunner / Beth Deverix: \* Gallifords in October?
- Pumpkin walk?: Brenda Boudreau: Wendy mentioned what we did last year with the pumpkins set up outside the school. Brenda asked if we could do a Harvest Fair too. One port-a-potty outside. Parks and Rec for the backfield. Kelly mentioned laser tag on backfield as an option too. Brenda said she would call laser tag tomorrow and find out how many people they could accommodate and the time frame. Kelly said laser tag may be easier than a Fall Festival. Brenda will work on communications and planning for a pumpkin stroll - to decorate for the Halloween parade on the 29th by backfield.
- November 6th: Worcester Railers Clough night: Complimentary tickets for students with the opportunity for parents to purchase discounted tickets starting at \$12! When you purchase you will receive a unique link to share with friends. Everyone who buys from your link will sit with you at the game. Pay separately but sit together! All purchasers will receive their tickets via text 48 hours prior to puck drop. For all questions, please reach out to Mike McCarthy at mikem@railershsc.com or by phone at 508-365-1760. [Clough School Night with the Worcester Railers](#) The event is more than half sold out. Tickets are free for kids and for purchase for parents.

- November 9th and 10th: 1/2 days for conferences- Is the teacher appreciation committee planning anything for teachers? Monique Dyson/Marina Claro: **Monique asked if we could do a sign-up genius for a potluck and if volunteers are allowed to come in and set up. Mrs. Gallagher will check in with the nurse and administrative team and get back to us about covid restrictions with food being brought in.**
- November 25th: Turkey Trot: Monique Dyson, Wendy Gama, Lyndsey Nickerson, Renee Wojdag; Visit <https://cloughpto.weebly.com> and click on the "Turkey Trot" tab
  - \* virtual and live racing options: **Still time to sign up.**
  - \* We are not able to use the school this year due to no custodian. Trying to find other options. **Myah asked if we could pay for a custodian. Kelly said no one wants to come in that day. Kelly mentioned a heated tent. Lyndsey said they make tents with sides and we could put space heaters in them. Still brainstorming ideas.**
- December: Holiday Shop: Kelly Lucier and Kelly Lomnicki:
- Jan 13th: Rainers Event with the 4th-grade chorus - Kelly Lucier
  - \* **Family fun event for all Clough families. Not intended as a fundraiser but we do make about \$5 per ticket.**

#### 10. On-Going Items

- Fundraising
  - Boxtops - Renee Wojdag
  - Amazon Smile - choose Clough PTO as your charity to support
  - Planet Aid - Liquor World parking lot
    - Donates a % back to PTO
  - Dismissal sheets - \$5
- 4th-grade tile wall installation from 2020-2021 school year and 2019-2020 school year
  - A volunteer from the community is installing the tile wall for both years on Friday 10/8. **Complete!**
  - **Andrea said he owns his own company. Myah will email him for the name and give his business a shout-out on Facebook and send him a thank you card with a gift card as a token of our appreciation.**
- Spirit Wear - Stephanie Deveau
  - **Kelly to send spirit wear link to Mrs. Gallagher.**

#### 11. Open Discussion/Questions

#### 12. Adjournment:

- There is no PTO General Meeting in November. Please reach out if you have comments/questions!

**End Time: 7:20 pm**