



Clough PTO General Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, December 10, 2019, @ 6:30 pm in Clough Library

Start time: 6:33 pm

1. Welcome - Kelly Lucier, President

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 November 12, 2019, meeting was made by Kelly Lomnick. Minutes approved.

3. Principal's Update - Mrs. Gallagher

- Recess carts: Third and fourth graders were sharing a cart. Mrs. Gallagher purchased a new cart so they don't have to share anymore. Mrs. Gallagher will check in with teachers to be sure age-appropriate toys are on the recess carts.
- Safety kits/stop the bleed kits: Not doing a sign-up genius. If it's about safety for the school, it should come from the school. Mrs. Gallagher reported they are starting to gather big totes. The school nurse has eight stop the bleed kits but would like more. Kelly Lucier will follow up with Mike Kelley and Tara Bellafontaine.
- Blizzard bags: ASL bags went home today. If full-day snow cancellation tomorrow, it will be an ASL bag day.
- Water system committee- Clare Ovelman Working on setting up a sub-committee. Kelly asked them to start by assessing their direct water issue, figuring out solutions (what we would buy) and what fundraisers would be needed. May be starting up in Jan? Just a heads up at this point.
- Inspired Learning Day was scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2019. With the snow and ice prediction, it is going to be rescheduled for January 8, 2020.
- School-wide holiday sing-along in December. Each grade leading a song.
- Teachers have requested flexible seating/alternative seating. Some classrooms have Big Joe's, seat cushions, etc., Last year, Mrs. Gallagher surveyed the teachers about what they want/need. They wrote a grant for flexible seating but it didn't get approved. They did a lot of research about what works and what other schools have used. Mrs. Gallagher would like to use the golf tournament money for flexible seating. She has sent

an email to Kelly for purchasing - Kelly will look at if it's easier for her to purchase directly or for the office to do and PTO will reimburse them.

4. Golf - Erick Brown

- * Erick passed out a 2019 Clough Classic handout
- * \$19,377 profit for the Clough PTO. This is about 85% of what the PTO brings in for fundraising.
- * Oasis has been a top tournament sponsor for the past 5 years. The golf committee gave them a special plaque.
- * Kelly Lucier asked Erick what he thinks about taking some of the silent auction items (i.e. Principal for the day, gym teacher for the day, ride to school in a police car/fire truck) and rather have them as raffle items at an Open House or at Specialist Night to open it up to more people. The silent auction makes about \$800 at the golf tournament. Erick and Mrs. Gallagher in agreement. Would decide if continue to do as a silent auction or raffle
- * Next Clough Classic is September 18, 2020, at Shining Rock.
- * In the future the golf committee needs help recruiting golfers. Less than half of the golfers have a student at Clough. They also need help finding sponsors.
- * Kindergarten information day on January 15th, 2020, and the Memorial Day concert would be good days to advertise for the next Clough Classic and pass out postcards.
- * Erick and Christine Brown have been on the golf committee for the past five years and will be on it the sixth year, but we need to start looking for some new volunteers.
- * Brendan Landers and his wife, have an incoming kindergartener and said they would be interested in being on the golf committee. Joe Casula offered to help.

5. Bylaws update

- * Kelly presented proposed changes: PTO members can be removed from committees at the discretion of the board. Voting is required with two-thirds approval of all present members.
- * We will vote on the bylaw changes at the January 2020 General Meeting.

6. Past Events

- November 13th: Cooks Night Off at Mendon Greenhouse
- November 28th: Mendon Turkey Trot 5k Brought in about \$3,000.
- December 2nd - December 6th: Holiday Shoppe at Clough About \$6,000 worth of merchandise sold over three days.
- Donated \$400 GC to Good Neighbor program

7. Upcoming Events

- December 30th - Family Fun Night @ Forekicks in Marlborough - Laura Devanney
 - Signup needed. Cost \$1050
- January 14th - PTO General Meeting @ 6:30 in the Clough Library
- January 31st - Harlem Wizards partnership with MUEF, Memorial and Miscoe PTOs - Trish Cudmore The first planning meeting is tonight.

- Fourth Grade Celebration - Kelly Lomnicki - timeline and picture requests
* An email will be sent out to parents soon.
- Learn to Skate Program in Hopedale or Franklin. FMCI will donate \$10 to the PTO for each child's registration.
 - * referral code: CLOUGHPTO1920 - May have a new referral code for Dec 30th session. TBD

8. Tower Hill gift card - teachers (raffle to a teacher)

Lyndsey picked number 31 which is Paula Ramsey!

9. Open discussion/questions

* We raffled 4 passes to the Discovery Museum for people present at the meeting. Erick Brown won!

10. Adjournment: Thanks for supporting the Clough PTO! Happy holidays!

End Time: 7:37 pm