



Clough PTO General Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday January 8, 2019 @ 6:30 pm in Clough Library

1. Welcome - Kelly Lucier, President

Start time 6:31

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 13, 2018, meeting was made by Kelly Lomnicki via email on January 4, 2019. Minutes approved.

3. Principal's Update - Mrs. Gallagher 6:30-6:40

\* Thanked the PTO for the 30 iPads (for 1st and 2nd graders): Kelly Lucier asked a question about the grant that provided 30 iPads as well (for 3rd and 4th grade to use for MCAS) and Mrs. Gallagher confirmed Clough now has 60 new iPads.

\* Thanked the PTO for Raptor.

\* MCAS dates are posted.

\* Friday 1/11/19 having a practice lockdown drill with students; then lockdown training next week on the in-service day for staff.

\* Kelly Lomnicki: Are we having spring parent-teacher conferences? Mrs. Gallagher was told yes, but dates not on the calendar yet. Mrs. Gallagher will look into it and get back to us.

\* Kelly Lucier: Do we have an update on the blizzard bag? Mrs. Gallagher replied they are looking to solidify details. Need to meet with the teachers union. Nothing on-line. It's possible to use up to 5 days, the district will likely use 3

4. Guest Speaker: Kathleen Moeckel - MUEF: Mendon-Upton Education Foundation 6:40-6:50

- What is MUEF? since 2005; MUEF raises money and gives the money back to the schools in the form of grants. They work with all four schools. Rachel's Initiative was funded through MUEF. Just funded a grant for \$6k at Memorial for Google Expedition. Spooky Run in past and Comedy Night coming up to raise money.
- What does it have in common with PTO and how is it different? MUEF funds programs that are sustainable, not supplies. Has to meet criteria and have programming tied to it, not supply requests.
- Their website has videos of grants they have funded in the past. [Muef.org](http://Muef.org)  
Parents can work with teachers on grants.

- How to partner with Clough PTO? Can use our help with communications.
- Kelly Lucier: How many grants per year? Varies each year; some years 1, some 4, some 7 or 8. If something comes through from Clough will fund it because MUEF hasn't funded anything from Clough in awhile.
- Grants due April 1st and they notify winners by early June.
- Clough's first grant was VEX robotics. They would love to fund something for us again. The request should come from a staff member, but project/request can be partnered with parent etc. Maybe something related to the 4th-grade transition to Miscoe?

## 5. Past Events

### Misc Fundraisers:

- Claytime - Kelly Lucier/Rylin Whitney - November \$255
- Rainers - Kelly Lucier/Devon Boudreau - November \$580  
They will give us blow up game and get it here for free.  
Meg Collins may know about the game.
- Papa Gino's - Jenn Santuosso - October - did receive \$100

### Holiday Events:

- Teacher Hot Cocoa and Popcorn Bar - Monique Dyson
- Winter vacation crafts delivered for all students - Kelly Lucier
- American Girl Doll donated to Good Neighbor Program
- Teacher Appreciation raffle - Tammy Hodgins
- Volunteer Appreciation raffle - Ann King
- Recess Toys Delivered - Beth Deverix/Myah Stone/Kelly Lucier  
Receipts checked by Myah and Beth to ensure delivery to school
- First-grade t-shirts delivered
- Holiday Shop - Jennifer Gorham/Kelly Lucier
  - Successful week - earned \$800 and 30+ volunteers

### Recent donations granted: Kelly Lucier

- Go go squeeze donation for field day
- Mendon CA grant \$250 for school-wide event
- Field trip buses grant for 3rd grade \$250
- DQ and McDonald's free ice creams and Urban Air 6 passes to be used for Box Tops Rewards (Renee Wojdag)

## 6. Upcoming Events

- February 4th -15th: Spirit Wear Sale - Kristin Golini/Kelly Lucier
  - SOAR drawing will be black and white  
Kelly asked Mrs. Gallagher to email her winners names  
Will use first place winners design only
- Cooks Night Off - Gallifords - Jenn Santuosso - Jan 31

- February 7th: Family Paint Night - Kelly Lomnicki  
\$35 for 1 child and \$60 for 2 children; painting is a fox
- March 22nd - 29th?: Spring Book Fair - Need volunteers
  - Simplified fair: Mrs. Gallagher to confirm dates and get back to us
- April Family Fun Night - Megan Collins - Forekicks or other?
- Field Day - need volunteers for the planning committee  
Kelly Lomnicki volunteered to be on the committee  
Maybe June 11th or June 12th
- 4th-grade celebration planning - Kristin Golini/Lisa Dubowik/Leila Leyvas
  - \* June 13th last day of school as of now; maybe June 13th bc likely will go to school through following Mon. If this conflicts with anything, such as K celebration, Mrs. G will work to reschedule.
  - \* Mrs. Gallagher assuming same as last year, just for the kids (slideshow, pizza party, ice-cream truck, certificates, and bags).
  - \* Students watched the movie together and had a great connection and loved it.
  - \* movie was emailed out to families
- School Committee- will need 2 volunteers for next school year  
School \*Council\* (correction): Jen Castriotta and Angela Reger interested
- Donation planning - Costco members? Mrs. Gallagher - Hideaway
- Cultural Arts update by Trish Cudmoore:
  - \* Pre-k: Ms. Smith (pre-k) drawbridge theatre or zoo bc the owners have a pre-k student and may get discount
  - \* kg, 1st, 2nd: haven't heard back from yet
  - \* 4th grade: wants to do the Owl show again
  - \* Trish has contacted trolley folks to start the process.
  - \* school-wide: Rob S. speed artist scheduled for Friday 3/15 - will invite seniors

\* Kelly Lomnicki has Costco membership, just has to renew and Kelly can use her name for PTO for donation request

\* Scrip: e-cards still open; PTO can't pay \$8.50 each week for shipping  
Timing and convenience are probably reasons people aren't using.  
Ideas: Shorter processing window and hard copies in the future  
Beth will send out a facebook reminder about ecards.  
PTO will work on another sale date

\* Contact database: Kelly Lucier asked Kelly Lomnicki about it. About 120 people signed up. We may push it one more time and then may fizzle out if no one using it.

\* Kelly Lomnicki, Girls on the Run: All 3 coaches can't do it in March. Asked if we had any volunteers reach out to us. Beth will post on facebook again. Was Tuesday/Thursday can maybe do Monday/Wednesday instead

7. Adjournment - Thank you for coming!

End time: 7:41