

CLINTON VALLEY ELEMENTARY

PTO Meeting Agenda

Tuesday February 25th, 2020

Attending:

Presidents Welcome: Kristen Murray introduced as PTO president and welcomes parents, teachers/staff to the meeting. Welcome Superintendent Ron Roberts to Clinton Valley.

Principals Report: Mrs. Wright will be discussing happenings around the school. – Few things to share: March 10th is now a ½ day. We are in the process of getting a new playground. They will be working on that during the summer months. We had a chance to pick some of the things that we want. We had updates to our camera systems as well. We now have more cameras throughout the building (roughly double). In the Fall of 2020 we will be getting a new PA system as well as some technology upgrades. NWEA testing will be taking place in March vs the previously planned May. This test helps guide instruction so we can do better on our MSTEP. By the time we come back in the spring (after spring break), we will have the MSTEP.

Positivity Project Student Recognition Ceremony.

February Students:

Anthony Gifford
Charles Griffith
Remi Kubiak
Promise Goudie
Donyae Hughes
Elle Niewolak
Destiny Behenna
Landen Payne
Ella Evangelista-Morales
Henry Ryan
Cayden Ritz
Alyssia Estell
Da'Niajha Trice
Scarlett Lee
Annemarie Riehl
Joshua Davis
Benjamin Mitchell
Lukas Shagena
Jose Cervantes
Brynnlee Robert
Jacob Davis
Sophia Mantel
Mackenzie Shagena
Lily Diem
Jaela Friend
Kenneth Woerlin

*Once Positivity Project Ceremony is complete students will be released to childcare, located in the cafeteria. *

-Superintendent Mr. Ron Roberts will give short presentation of Enhancement Millage which will be on the March 10th, 2020 primary ballot. Followed by an opportunity for any families who may have questions for the superintendent. Mr. Roberts taught here back in 1978 (1st grade for 6 years). He started his career here.

Some info on the millage: In 1994, the state took control of school funding with one exception – Regional Enhancement Millage. This takes place on March 10th. This goes to our operating dollars. It needs to be county wide. Districts had to pass resolutions to have it on the ballot. Let's say Chippewa Valley does great but the rest of the county is not as enthusiastic, it would fail and Chippewa would get nothing. Collected by intermediate school district. Distributed on a per student basis. We have control of the money. We can use it to enhance whatever we want to enhance in the district. 1.9mils for 10 years, which would generate \$418 per pupil, per year. Based on property taxes so if property values go up, this amount goes up. \$190 per year on a home valued at \$200,000. If successful, the millage starts in the summer of 2020.

There are plenty of other counties in the state of Michigan that have asked for enhancement millages. (Wayne, Charlevoix-Emmet, Midland, Kalamazoo, Monroe, Ottawa, Kent, Muskegon)

In the old model, there were rich districts and poor districts. We were a lower funded district back in 1994. In 26 years, there is still no equity in the system. The updates that Mrs. Wright spoke of is from bond dollars, not enhancement dollars. Employee salaries – teachers have salary schedules with 12 steps. We have had people not get raises in 5 years. We have pay to participate sports, reduced custodial staff, few bus runs, etc. to save dollars. CVS receives \$369 less than the average typical Macomb County school district. The state will not address this problem. If we had received an increase per pupil per year based on inflation, we would have about \$630 more per student, per year. The enhancement millage tries to do what the state is not. Dakota High School only has 1 counselor per 500 students.

We want to work on reading, maintaining student safety – Social-Emotional Learning, Mental Health needs for students., Career & Technical Education Programs, maintaining current education programs,

The importance of a school district in the community in which you live – improves property values. This is good for the community regardless whether you have students in school or not.

Title One Report: It is unclear at this time if Lynn Henshaw will be present. Mrs. Henshaw was unable to be present tonight

Teacher's Report: A teacher will be reporting any needs the teachers may have. Mrs. Strohm reporting – No requests from the teachers at this point. Penny wars was a blast!!! The kids had a blast with it along with the teachers and Mrs. Wright.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Spring will discuss all transactions that have cleared this month. Also, there have been changes made to Huntington bank's policy which will be discussed. We raised a grand total of \$2,113.64 from the penny wars! We had the zap zone fundraiser and received a \$75 check from them. We also received a gift card from them. We paid for Science Alive \$1,635. Current Bank Balance: \$4,806.56

Old Business: Penny Wars results and winners. Mrs Chimenti's class was the winning class. Want to address the comment made on Facebook regarding what the funds are be used for. We are 100% transparent so no parent should ever feel bad about asking questions about what we use the money raised for. More information about Science Alive. The students and teachers love it. Cardinal Corner staffing. We do not fund it but we do staff it. We have only had 2 Fridays since Cardinal Corner began that we didn't have someone to staff it. It is a lot of fun for the students and the parent volunteers have a lot of fun with it too! You can sign up through sign-up genius or message us on Facebook.

New Business:

March 16th: Donuts with Grownups 8am-9am, in Gym- RSVPs are due by March 6th. CRC Background check forms are available to tonight if anyone would like to pick one up. We currently have about 110 people signed up to attend this!

March 25th: PTO Meeting 5:30 Pm **There are conflicts on Wednesdays. Taking a vote: 10 yes's, 2 no's. Meetings will be changed to Tuesday nights.**

March date TBD: Bingo 4 Books (we will be holding a bake sale) **PTO does not fund or host this but we do have a bake sale. Items must be in Ziploc bags, individually wrapped for potential allergies.**

Movie Night: A Friday in the beginning of April

April 22nd: PTO Meeting 5:30pm

April 25th: Mom2mom Sale- Applications are available tonight, along with volunteer sign up sheets. **We currently on have 4 tables signed up. If we do not reach a minimum of 50, we will have to cancel. It has been posted on Facebook and also the Michigan Mom-to-mom website.**

May 4th-8th: Teacher Appreciation Week **PTO hosting this. There will be a planning committee for this.**

May 15th- Fun Run- Planning committee meeting will be taking place within the next couple weeks, please sign up if you are interested in attending. **Previously the walk-a-thon. We removed Cutting Edge Gymnastics (\$930). We have a goal of \$10,000 to raise. Kristen suggesting a budget of \$800 for prizes. Vote (10 in favor, 0 no's), voted unanimously to update the budget.**

May 20th: PTO Meeting 5:30

Spring Fair: June 5th 5pm-8pm. Planning committee meeting will be taking place within the next couple weeks, please sign up if you are interested in attending.

Fundraising Updates:

Shoparoo Updates – **for this year we are at almost 31,000 points which equates to \$62 dollars. Last year we ended the year with 33,000 points.**

Box Tops Updates- April will give updates regarding BoxTops for Education – **Current earnings from digital box tops is \$20.40. Will be counting clipped Box Tops this weekend. Additional update: There were 650 clipped, non-expired Box Tops which equates to \$65.**

Spiritwear Updates- Liz will give updates regarding Spirit Wear. **This year we have not been doing that great. Only 6 people have ordered anything for \$300. We don't even get anything until we hit \$1,000. Anything over \$1,000, we get 20% back.**

Questions/Comments from general membership

We have 3 parents that have stepped up and expressed interest in the PTO so that is great. In May we will be holding elections for Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

