

Clyde Hill PTSA General Membership  
Meeting Minutes  
2.3.27

Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** April 29, 2009

**Attendees:** Lisa Brock, Suzanne Santora, Laura Blanch, Jiffy Yeatts, Diane Korotkin, Ellen Epstein, Holly Westerberg, Michelle Gretsch, Anne Bentley, Melissa Campbell, Stephanie Gorder, Lisa Aronovitz, Nikki Adams, Kurt Adams, Ramsay Ringo, Jill Follett, Jen Benson

**Meeting called to order:** at 8:08am by Lisa Brock

**Agenda – Lisa**

- 8:05 Call to Order – Lisa Brock
- 8:05 Approval of Minutes – Suzanne Santora
- 8:07 Principal’s Report – Jen Benson
- 8:30 Treasurer’s Report – Diane Korotkin
- 8:40 2009-2010 Officer Vote – Lisa Brock and Ramsay Ringo
- 8:50 New Business
- 9:00 Adjourn

**Approval of Minutes – Suzanne**

Suzanne handed out the minutes from the last General Membership meeting which was held January 27, 2009. Michelle Gretsch moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jiffy Yeatts seconded and all present agreed. Suzanne mentioned that the minutes from General Membership Meetings will be posted on the clydehillpta.org website within 2 weeks of the meeting.

**Principal’s Report – Jen**

The green-colored student placement form is going home with students shortly. We need to have completed forms turned in so we know how many students are returning to plan accordingly. Non-continuing contracted teachers won’t be renewed; these are generally first year teachers and depending on hire date. PTA cannot use funds to buy down class size; our current class teacher-student ratio is on average 23:1. During the placement process, Jen will bring in substitute teachers at each grade level so the teachers, specialists, and Jen can meet for approximately two hours. Jen is available to schedule parent meetings for parents to discuss their own children. Volunteer luncheon has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30am. The next two Volunteer Training classes are on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:10am and 6:00pm. There will be information on the swine flu from our school nurse in the next newsletter. In the next Principal Coffee, she’ll discuss ways to support our children with literacy and math through the summer. New family tours are being offered on an ongoing basis and Jen is planning the Sack Lunch for Kindergartners before school starts in August. Thank you PTA for all you’ve done for Clyde Hill Elementary!

**Treasurer’s Report – Diane**

Let Diane know if you have any incoming expenses so she can update the budget before the end of the school year. Diane referred to pie charts handouts; we’ve spent our reserve and there will be no funds carried over for next year. The money we’ve made during our current year is used for next year’s expenses. We’re still expecting funds to come in from class events. As we budget for next year, we’ll have approximately \$75,000 less to work with. We may not be able to sustain aid-per-grade year over year. Through surveys, we know that parents and teachers rate reading & literacy support very high. PAT has found that with the new Math Expressions, there is less need for math-related aid for the teachers. We’re considering reducing our aids down to 3-4 and applying more structure around their job descriptions; Jen to oversee aids, specialists and will evaluate job descriptions; she’ll also play a bigger role in structuring their workload. It will also provide more opportunities for parents to volunteer in classrooms.

**2009-2010 Officer Vote – Lisa & Ramsay**

Ramsay presented the slate for the Executive Committee for the 2009-2010 school year for Clyde Hill. Ramsay asked for any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor and ballots were passed out. After voting, ballots were collected and counted. The new officers for 2009-2010 Clyde Hill Elementary Executive Committee are as follows:

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President	Laura Blanch
President Elect	Ellen Epstein
Vice President	Simone Kim
VP Finance	Michelle Gretsck
Co-Treasurer	Lisa Aronovitz
Co-Treasurer	Nikki Adams
Secretary	Suzanne Santora

**New Business**

Academic Challenge; Lisa Brock is looking for ideas for next year's Academic Challenge for the primary grades. We'll be receiving information on Reflections before summer so students can start working on it before school starts in the fall. Clyde Hill PTA has won two awards; Platinum Membership Award and PTA Taking Significant Action Award. Reminder about BSF Luncheon will be Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. Please let Ramsay know if you'd like to attend with her; she'll be bringing Jen Benson as PTA's guest. Jessica Ostrow will be our BSF representative starting next year.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05am.