

PTA General Meeting Agenda NOTES

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 4:35-5:00 pm

The Clifton School, Clairmont Campus

1. Meeting Summary
 - a. Board members in attendance at Clairmont: Jesse Bowen, Christina Mehta
 - b. Board members in attendance at Clifton: Alexandra Mercante, Amanda Raziano, Kristen Herzegh
 - c. TCS administrative staff in attendance at Clairmont: Natalie Feagin, Emily Bacon, Cindy Britt, Andrea Bourne, Sheenia Fields
 - d. ~ 5 parents attended meeting in Clairmont campus Studio
~ 3 parents teleconferenced in from Clifton campus conference room
~ 8 parents used teleconference number to attend meeting remotely

2. Review of Harvest Festival
 - a. Very successful- lots of people attended, good reviews on survey
 - b. Earlier time popular
 - c. Possible award for best booth next year
 - d. Complaints about line for face painter- considering options for next year
 - e. Harvest Festival Survey still open- please respond!
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FBQHR2B>

3. Teacher Appreciation Campaign (TAC)
 - a. A way to thank TCS teachers (full- and part-time) for all of their work during the year. Parents voluntarily donate to TAC, the money is pooled across rooms/villages/sites and distributed equitably to the teachers. TAC does not include administrative staff.
 - b. Starts Monday, November 16
 - c. Each family is encouraged to participate by donating any amount.
 - d. Amount donated is strictly confidential but number of families in each classroom that participate in TAC is tabulated and compared each week. Rooms with 100% participation at the end of TAC are eligible for a prize!
 - e. Donations to TAC on-line (web link available shortly), cash (include note with site and room) or check (made payable to The Clifton School PTA, include note with site and room). Cash/checks can be dropped off in PTA boxes in the lobby of each site.
 - f. Donations are tax-deductible.

4. Dad's Night Out
 - a. Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 21 at Mason Tavern

5. Auction
 - a. Saturday, March 12, 2016
 - b. Cox hall ballroom
 - c. Likely will have shuttle from Starvine Deck to Cox Hall again
 - d. Finalizing theme
 - e. Parent volunteers needed!

6. Administrative Updates
 - a. Parents Morning Out in December- date not finalized yet

- b. Annual Symposium
 - i. Wednesday, December 9 4:15-6:00 pm at Clifton site
 - ii. Wednesday, December 9 4:15-6:00 pm for Infants and Toddler I at Clairmont site
 - iii. Thursday, December 10 4:15-6:00 pm for Toddler II and Preschool at Clairmont site
 - iv. Progressive, starting with infant village
 - c. Thanksgiving Lunch for Teachers, Thursday, November 19
 - i. Parent volunteers needed for each classroom so teachers can go to lunch
 - ii. Sign-up in each classroom
7. Parent Questions/Comments
- a. Thank you to TCS for holding Parents Night Out
 - b. How much money was raised by Harvest Festival?
 - i. Still finalizing expenses
 - c. How long before pictures are delivered?
 - i. Not sure, TCS admin will email the photographer to find out. Usually 2 weeks for parents to review the proofs.
 - d. How can a parent get the other parents in their room together if there is a room concern?
 - i. Email TCS administration and they will facilitate a meeting of the families with administration