PTA Meeting Summary

February 4, 2015

TAC Discussion

This year, 85% of families donated to the teacher's appreciation campaign and we raised \$38,853. This is about \$2,000 more than 2013. Nine classes achieved 100% participation and Clifton Silverbell and Clairmont Redbud won the drawing. The PTA was able to gift each full-time teacher \$315, part-time teachers \$230, and \$100 for the guards at Clifton campus. Note that a small amount of the donations are used to cover fees for the online donation system (\$1,541).

MNO

Thirteen moms enjoyed the January Mom's Night Out at Twains. The next MNO is planned for April.

Winter Wear Drive

The winter clothing items collected during the winter wear drive were donated to Our House, which provides childcare for families experience homelessness. We were able to provide 80 children with something from our drive.

Auction

The auction is planned for March 14th, from 5:00-9:00 at Emory University's Cox Hall Ballroom. The theme is "Get Lucky" and there will be a signature drink! This year there will be shuttle service to get parents from the Clairmont campus to Cox Hall. Each class will create a piece of art for the live auction. One parent asked how decisions are made about how the auction money gets spent. The PTA noted that all parents are able to participate in the committee that makes these decisions, along with the administration.

Babysitting - There will be babysitting at the Clairmont campus for children up to 12 yrs of age. Babysitting will be available from 4:30-9:45 p.m.; \$25 for the first child, \$20 for others. Please remember to indicate your children's ages when you purchase tickets to the school can plan appropriately for babysitting.

Class Baskets – Each class will create a basket for the silent auction. Classes can use funds from the class budget or parents can donate items. A list of basket ideas will be shared with parents. On average, baskets cost approximately \$75; however, there is no minimum amount required to spend on the basket.

Donations – Auction planners will reach out to everyone who donated to previous auctions. All parents are welcome to reach out to businesses for donations – a copy of the donation letter will be shared with the meeting notes. Organizers ask that if a parent gets a donation, they notify organizers and also plan to pick it up and bring it to the school. One parent suggested that if there were a number of small donations from a single source (e.g. cut, color and style gift cards from a stylist), they be combined to increase the winning price.

Volunteers for Set Up and Auction – An email with a sign-up genius link will go out to all parents to sign up to volunteer to help set up and check in at the auction on Friday and Saturday. Set up will start on Friday, March 13th, from noon – 5:30. Trucks or large vehicles are also needed for transporting the art work from the schools to the Cox Hall.

Valentine's Breakfast

The teacher's valentine's breakfast is Friday 13th. Recommended food items are:

- Infant Fruit, coffee, juice or other drinks
- Toddler I Pastries, breads or sweets
- Toddler II Meats (or dishes made with meat)
- Preschool Breakfast or brunch casseroles

Administration Updates

Natalie reminded parents of the school's inclement weather policy. If both CDC and Emory close, the schools will also close. There may be exceptions where the school could close if only one (either Emory or CDC) closed. If the school closes, there will be a call post for parents. It will also be reported on Channel 2 news.

The Clifton campus is beginning its application for national accreditation.

Field trips will begin again at the Clairmont campus. Kids will be able to take walking field trips. They will not be going to the SAC because there are too many people and it is too difficult to keep track of the kids there. If the SAC can be reserved for the school, it may be an option. One parent asked if the SAC could be swept before the kids go out to make sure there aren't any inappropriate items left behind. Lullwater is an option, but not during the summer months due to the snake infestation problem.

Natalie was asked about enrichment activities at the school, such as the zoomobile, bookmobile or gym bus. She noted that the kids do currently have music classes and had soccer in the fall. One parent suggested better promotion of the enrichment activities to increase awareness.

Fingerprint Scanner

At a previous PTA meeting, one parent suggested the school consider a fingerprint scanner instead of the current keyfob system. A information sheet about the fingerprint system, ProCare, was shared with the PTA. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Auction Basket Ideas

Homemade biscotti and coffee basket

Weekend Getaway!

Movie Night on the Couch Basket

Family Game Night "Basket"

Train "Basket"

Outdoor and Water Play Fun Basket

Arts and Crafts Themed Basket

The Zoo Experience

Fun in the Sun Basket

Gardening Fun

Art Basket

Lazy Sunday Funday Brunch Basket

Fine Chocolate and Red Wine Basket

Classroom Basket - Gourmet Beer and Snacks

Summer Fun Basket

Summertime Fun Basket

Arts and Crafts Basket

Wine Basket

Monday Night Brewing, 4 brewery passes

Home Improvement Basket

Clairmont Holly Class Wine Basket

Board Games-Fun for everyone

Cartoon Network Basket

Bacon Basket

Bird Watching Basket

The Little Gardener

Art Easel

Bath Time Fun Basket

Arts and Crafts themed basket

DRAFT Filling Station - private tasting for 10