

The Clifton School PTA General Meeting NOTES

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 4:34-4:52 pm

The Clifton School, Clairmont campus

1. Meeting summary
 - a. PTA Board Members in attendance at Clairmont: Amanda Cook, Justin Burns, Christina Mehta
 - b. PTA Board Members in attendance at Clifton: Kristen Herzegh, Alex Mercante, Jesse Bowen
 - c. TCS administrative staff in attendance at Clairmont: Natalie Feagin, Emily Bacon, Sheenia Fields
 - d. ~ 7 parents attended meeting in Clairmont campus Studio
~ 9 parents teleconferenced in from Clifton campus conference room
~ 29 parents used teleconference number to attend meeting remotely
2. Review of TAC (Teacher Appreciation Campaign)
 - a. Raised more than \$34,000 for the teachers and staff
 - i. More participation than last year
 1. Room with lowest participation still had 50% participation
 2. 13 rooms had 100% participation
 - ii. Less money raised than last year (\$38000) but same amount donated to teachers this year
 - iii. Teachers and staff very grateful
 1. Kitchen staff at Clairmont wrote a thank you note
 - b. Send feedback about TAC to PTA email: cliftonschoolpta@gmail.com
 - c. Blank tax forms will be available at the front desk at both sites and also emailed out to parents
3. Teacher Appreciation Breakfast moved to May
 - a. In past years, parents would bring in breakfast for the teachers on a Friday around Valentine's Day
 - b. Rescheduled this event to take place during Teacher Appreciation Week (in May)
4. TCS Auction
 - a. Annual fundraiser to support improvements at The Clifton School not covered by other funding sources
 - i. Examples of previous auction-supported projects are industrial steamers, garden boxes, water play area, and others
 - ii. Each class creates an art project that is auctioned off during the live auction
 - iii. Each class also donates a themed basket that is auctioned off during the silent auction. Please register your class baskets here:
Clifton Campus: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080448adac29a20-clifton1>
Clairmont Campus: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080448adac29a20-clairmont>
 - b. Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 5:30 pm at Cox Hall Ballroom on the Emory Campus
 - c. Great Gatsby theme
 - d. Shuttle from Starvine deck (Clairmont campus) to Cox Hall Ballroom
 - e. Babysitting available at Clairmont site
 - i. \$15 first child, \$10 second child
 - ii. Opens at 5 pm with pick-up requested by 9:45 pm
 - f. Tickets \$40 parents, \$25 for teachers
 - i. Website to purchase tickets: <https://clifton.ejoinme.org/auctiontickets>
 - g. Going back to auctioneer from previous years (Robin Huff)

- h. Need volunteers to help with Auction! Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080448adac29a20-2016>
 - i. There will be games!
5. Updates from Administration
- a. Oana Hogrefe is the Spring photographer and Jim Elkins is the Fall photographer
 - i. Balance between the two styles
 - b. Open House is for families considering The Clifton School for their child and not for current parents
 - c. Move-up meetings successful
 - d. This Friday, February 5, 2016 is First Friday Coffee and Chat
 - e. Reminder about Clairmont parking: Please do not park your car in the TCS parking lot for drop-off and then leave your car there for an extended period of time (or all day). Other parents need those parking places for pick-up and drop-off. Thank you for your consideration.