



The Clifton School PTA Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2020

12pm / 8pm

Zoom

1. Welcome and Status of the PTA

- Khalia Williams, President
- Lisa Loveall, Treasurer
- Lauren Gay Barber, Secretary
- cliftonschoolpta@gmail.com
- Only three members remain on the PTA Board, and we'd love to have parents volunteer to join and/or become Room Reps. Currently the Clifton Campus has no representation on the board.
- We're recording this meeting, and a link will be sent to all parents via email.

2. Room Reps (Lauren)

- Thus far we've had nine parents sign up from 80 open spots (two for each classroom at each site).
- The link will be I will resend the link for the sign up genius link (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080448ADAC29A20-theclifton1>), which is also located on our website (<http://thecliftonschool.org/families/pta/>).
- Being a Room Rep is a great way for parents and guardians to be involved. Families in each classroom donate to the class budget, which is used for purchasing birthday gifts for teachers, baskets for the silent auction at the annual Art Auction, and Teacher Appreciation Week each Spring.
- The deadline we've set for sign up is next Wednesday, November 18, and we will hold our **Room Rep Orientation on Monday, November 30 via Zoom at both 12pm and 8pm.**

3. Staff / Teacher Appreciation Campaign (Lisa)

- STAC is the annual campaign run by the PTA to show some love to our teachers and staff before the holidays. Think of it as their annual bonus.
- **STAC begins Monday, November 16 and will run until 11:59pm on December 4.** We have a compressed schedule this year due to Winter Break. We must have a full seven-days to let funds clear the account, and PTA Board members write cards and checks to each individual teacher and staff member.



- We equally divide up contributions for full-time and part-time teachers and staff at both campuses. It was decided last year that our support staff should be included as they do so much to support our kiddos education as well.
- We strive for 100% participation from all families, and the suggestion for donation amount is a week's tuition for each student at the school (roughly \$314 per child), though any amount is appreciated.
- An email will be sent to all families next week with a link to donate to STAC AND to purchase raffle tickets for the Big Green Egg raffle. Raffle drawing will be at our next PTA meeting, December 9 at 12pm. You don't have to be present to win, and you will arrange pick up from Ace Hardware Toco Hill.
- If families would like to do nice things for teachers/staff beyond STAC, feel free, but STAC donation is certainly sufficient.

4. Art Auction Ideas (and missing picture) (Khalia)

- We'll be sending a brief survey to parents in the next week or so gauging interest/thoughts about our annual Art Auction, which is the biggest fundraiser of the year for TCS.
- We would love to know parent's thoughts on how they'd like to see it go, whether silent auction baskets from each classroom could/should be made this year, if anyone has experience doing virtual auctions, etc.
- Funds created from the Auction are used to make improvements on both campuses (think play areas, etc.). Interested in receiving ideas from parents for the Spring Auction – will send a brief survey form out next week.
- Additionally, if anyone has seen the art work below, please let the PTA know ASAP. It has been missing since the auction held in March 2020, and we'd love to know where it landed.

5. Natalie

- Thank you to PTA and Room Reps for often being the first point of contact for school administrators
- We have been very successful in not having internal COVID transmission. That said, holidays/travel/more interaction means there is a higher risk of exposure, and we ask that if you are not following social distancing guidelines over the holidays please self-quarantine and keep children from school until you can be tested.
- We have a new partnership with Emory in which teachers and children can get COVID testing if they're experiencing symptoms. Contact a site director for contact information. Turn-around time for results is 24-28 hours. It is our understanding that in the next week or two an additional testing location will be made available for asymptomatic patients who may have been exposed, etc. More information forthcoming.



- Natalie briefly discussed the recent extension of hours until 5:30pm. Both campuses are cleaned extensively each evening before our children return the next morning, and the earlier closing time is necessary to accomplish that.
- Our school has been very fortunate not to have had to dismiss teachers, but that everyone has had to take a mandatory five-day, unpaid leave. STAC will be even more important to our teachers this year, and everyone is incredibly grateful for this campaign. They'll also be very surprised, as it was believed this year would be skipped.

6. Q&A

- A question was asked about what support will be given to teachers for them to vote in the run-off elections on January 5, to which Natalie responded that teachers are always covered to vote.
- Another parent asked about the procedure for getting tested at Emory and if pool testing has been/will be considered. Natalie responded that parents should contact their site director for contact information to schedule testing appointments and that thus far, pool testing has not been considered.
- A parent inquired about the use of humidifiers in classrooms and who to contact with specific questions, to which Natalie responded that all questions could be sent to her at NFeagin@thecliftonschool.org
- There were several other excellent questions, and those have been answered in the information above

7. Next Meeting: December 9, 2020, at 12pm / 8pm