



Clintonville Elementary School PTA Notes

Tuesday 5/1/2018 7:00 pm

Secretary: Tammy Lizotte

1. Opening of meeting (Megin Kelly - President) Time: 7:05pm
2. Presenters / Guest Speakers:
 - A. Mike Depalma and Matt Zupperman - Creative Financial Strategies, East Haven CT – Financial Planner
 - College funding struggle tends to be lack of planning
 - In state vs out of state tuition differences
 - Planning can start in elementary school
 - Planning tools can be 529A but there are other investments tools available
 - A financial planner meets with family to establish tools – do not charge for first meeting (consultation only)
 - B. Jen Kozniewski (Director of Technology for North Haven Public Schools)
 - a. District has updated student information system with more features for families
 - b. Trying to use one platform for all student data
 - c. Google apps for education is useful for student collaboration and resources
 - Teachers can monitor progress
 - d. High school using google classroom – teachers can post assignments, students can load work, consult with one another from home
 - e. A technology barrier is computer time so North Haven is increasing access to technology (better student / device ratio)
 - f. Students need to be comfortable with technology to be career and college ready so Clintonville is making technology a natural part of instructional day
 - g. 3-5 grades one to one chromebook and charts for every other grade to be shared
 - Projecting that middle school will have 1 to 1 in two years
 - h. Robots being used for STEM activities, more center based activities
 - i. Middle school technology – 1 more year with windows laptops but will be increasing to 450 laptops (about 2 to 1)
 - Bring your own device policy is being written
 - j. Registration for new and established students – email alert in July through powerschool
 - k. Screen time in classroom – defer to Pediatric Association recommendations – screen time for educational value is not calculated in the data so it is a priority of the technology department to make sure that devices are limited to educational valuable tasks
 - Most recent study in 2016 – 2 hours per day for entertainment value screen time
 - Need to prepare the culture for changes in access to technology – student and teacher education
 - Student Data Privacy Policy is on the school district website to ensure that schools are compliant with laws
 - l. There is a three-year tech plan that will be posted to website after approval

- C. Dr. Robert Cronin, Superintendent of Schools, North Haven
 - a. Budget presentation in March and will continue to focus on it until after referendum
 - b. Approved 2017-18 - \$51,648,899
 - c. Proposed 2018-2019 - \$53,727,032
 - d. Approved 2018-19 – \$53,052,836 will go to referendum
 - e. Requested increase centers around transportation increases (\$338,000), health insurance increases (\$895,000) and contractual / staffing obligations increases (\$463,000)
 - Joined a consortium for transportation with neighboring towns to lessen transportation costs
 - f. Budget priorities for the 2018-19 year – much of budget is dedicated to the following:
 - Meet all contractual obligations
 - Preserve both certified and non-certified positions
 - Continue to import student achievement
 - g. Budget Requests
 - Groundskeeper
 - Girls Hockey Program
 - Strength and Conditioning Coach – the current year’s coach was through grant
 - h. District priorities
 - Strengthen curriculum and instruction
 - High quality professional development
 - Increase use of student performance to guide decision about teaching and learning

- D. Open discussion with Dr Cronin and PTA members:
 - a. Concern presented that budget is geared to performance of one group of learners – Dr. Cronin stated that decisions that are made to increase performance of one group of learners does not occur at the expense of other learners
 - Budget Town Meeting Monday May 7, 2018
 - Referendum is Tuesday May 15, 2018
 - Nonresidents may not be able to vote, but can voice their opinion and speak at the Town Meeting
 - Average class size guidelines (18 in kindergarten and 1st, 2nd through 4th 21 / 22, 5th and up is 25)
 - b. Concern presented about the benches outside of Clintonville – Phil Diana is a resource at public works– Dr. Cronin will bring it up at the next meeting with public works
 - c. Staffing - Enhanced the hiring process to better vet staff and administrators (multi-tiered)
 - d. District focus is student focused and student centered
 - e. Parental involvement is key to have students who thrive – important to raise concerns and become part of the planning and problem solving process

3. President (Megin Kelly) shares:

- a. UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS
 - TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK April 30-May 4
 - Breakfast, candy, luncheon, ice cream
 - Stacey Yarbrough jsyarbrough_law@yahoo.com
- b. PTA Council – Panera fundraisers Wednesday May 2, 2018
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