



# Clintonville Elementary School PTA Notes

## Tuesday 4/4/18 7:00 pm

Secretary: Tammy Lizotte

1. Opening of meeting (Megin Kelly - President): Time 7:15pm
2. Presenters / Guest Speakers:
  - a. Mr. Robert McGrath, Creative Financial Strategies, East Haven CT – Financial Planner (was unable to attend given the meeting date change but will be the presenter at the May 1, 2018 PTA Meeting)
  - b. Mr. Robert Cronin, Superintendent of Schools, North Haven – (was unable to make tonight's meeting due to date change, but PTA is hoping to arrange a special meeting with him in the near future)
3. Principal Shares (Mrs. Dowling):
  - a. Owl Academy night hoping in May – to discuss iReady, PBIS, SRBI etc
  - b. Mr. Rob will "Brave the Shave" as his part of St. Baldrick's this Friday 4/6 – with snow days and obstacle course has delayed the process so they will be streaming the Shave in the classrooms live – students who participated in St. Baldrick's will be his live audience – if the streaming is successful, there is potential to begin the streaming of announcements, etc with Ms Jahn
  - c. Look for the Good in March for two weeks, led by C. Acamporo (School Psychologist) – students wrote notes about what they were grateful for and posted them, gave some notes to teachers – kids also used gratitude spots throughout school
    - a. Clintonville may repeat the program in the future - PTA council and High School are interested as well
  - d. Email addresses have changed to [lastname.firstname@northhavenschools.org](mailto:lastname.firstname@northhavenschools.org) – some emails have been getting lost due to the change, but will be remedy quickly
  - e. PowerSchool will be used to announce classroom assignments in August, which is a similar system to the middle school and high school process – students will be prepared to transition to the next grade, but not to a specific teacher / classroom. The step up day will be by grade (not teacher).
  - f. Concern about class sizes was brought up and Mrs. Dowling encourages any concerns to be brought to her
    - a. Teachers are using differentiation, subject specific coaches, small group instruction, and workshop models to lessen the challenges of large numbers in classes
  - g. Having a coffee in May with interested parents – coaches, lead teachers, coordinators will be in attendance – will send an all call on the date
  - h. Town meeting – April 6 was town meeting, May 4<sup>th</sup> (1pm dismissal), June 1
4. PTA Council Report (Nicole D'Aria):
  - a. Two meetings have been held since last PTA meeting
    - a. North Haven High School participated March 14 walk out day and March 22 bus trip to Hartford regarding the national gun control debate
    - b. Band and Choir trip in April
    - c. High School will host the movie of "Screenagers" for anyone who may want to attend – the date is to be announced
    - d. Ridge Road PTA
      - working on redoing playground – had donation
      - Shred day on April 7
      - Planning trip to CT Science Center

- e. PTA Council Basketball Game game was well received and they plan to do it again next year
- f. North Haven Middle School had some changes – alarmed doors, id badges for teachers necessary, (students will be wearing ID badges at the high school as a pilot for next 3 months)
- g. Mike Freda proposing putting uniformed police officers (School Resource Officers) in town side of the budget (2 SRO for high school, 1 middle school, and 1 per elementary)
- h. The issue of a staff keeper for the athletic fields in North Haven was discussed – The question is whether the position should be town or education funded
- i. Turf field charges continue to be in question
- j. Thursday April 26 at 7pm is Adult Spelling Bee Spelling – Clintonville has team
- k. April 12 – Monkey Joes fundraiser for Montowese Elementary

5. Board of Education Representative Report (Lisa McCann):

- a. Turf fields were discussed at length regarding access, policy for charging for use, score boards
- b. After the Board of Education meets in April, then the last day of school will be established for the 2017-2018 year
- c. Next year's calendar has been approved but not yet published – August 29, 2018 is first day of school
- d. Board of Finance asked for reduction of \$520,000 from Board of Education budget proposal
- e. ECS (Education Cost Sharing) funding from state is being questioned and researched due to disproportionate funding per student in North Haven in comparison to other similar towns
- f. Monday May 7, 2018 is Town Meeting for anyone who wants to attend – 7pm at North Haven High School
- g. Budget Referendum on Tuesday May 15, 2018 – 6-8pm at Rec Center

6. Treasurer Report (Holly Gifford):

- a. Funds used for support upcoming Eli Whitney 5<sup>th</sup> grade trip and Energize Connecticut Center for 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- b. Recent fundraisers - Winter enrichment classes (\$390), Book Fair (\$2500), Socks, Color Run (Clintonville has the most participants at this point)

7. President (Megin) shares:

- a. Fundraising Updates: "Thank You" to Russell's Photography - \$2,700 fundraising profit for the 2017/2018 school year. We have also renewed their contract for another 5 years.
- b. Congrats to Mrs. Knapp & all of Room 3 - they collected 1,341 socks during our January Sock Drive!
- c. Safety Patrol – No update at this time – Mrs Adinolfi will be the lead teacher
- d. Student Behavior at PTA afterschool events – parent concerns about misbehavior was noted
  - a. Afterschool events are not supervised by teachers so it is important to stress to students about appropriate behaviors for the safety of all (students and volunteers included)
- e. Photographing of other children at PTA events – Lisa McCann will contact PTA rep at state level to investigate further

8. PTA Events:

- a. Future PTA meetings – 5/1/18 – voting will occur for anyone interested in Executive Board position for the 2018-19 school year
- b. Babysitting services will be available on a first come first serve. Please email Lisa McCann at [lisa.e.mccann@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.e.mccann@gmail.com) if you would like to take advantage of babysitting services.

9. Recent events / updates:

- a. Spring ENRICHMENT NOW IN SESSION – Ukulele (Mr Walsh), Creative Kids starts April 5, Rubik’s Cube and BBall classes just finished
- b. Junior Achievement – March 13, 2018 did not occur but Lorrie DeSorbo and Brian O’Connor would want to try again in June 2018
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St Baldrick’s Event – March 14, 2018 - Donations continue to come in
- d. TV Turn off Week – Thank you Sue Carbone and her Committee
- e. SPRING BOOK FAIR “Paws for Books” - March 15, 16 – Thank you Roxanne Harris and Committee
- f. "V.I.P. NIGHT" (Parent/Son Night) Friday 3/23 – Thank you Kathy Maciejko and Committee – well attended
  - Suggestion to poll boys about activities for next year

10. UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS (all volunteers welcome!!):

- a. MY SCHOOL COLOR RUN Sunday 4/8 - Stacey O'Connor [Djosms410@aol.com](mailto:Djosms410@aol.com)
  - For those who preregisterd by March 25 deadline, you can pick up t-shirt, color packets, bibs at Dicks Sporting Goods (9am – 12pm) on Saturday April 7
  - Still have 4 days to sign up, but are no longer guaranteed t-shirt, color or bib
  - Each school will have a fundraising table
    - Clintonville will sell socks, bandanas, color packets
    - Other schools selling powerbars, henna tattoos
- b. North Haven Spelling Bee – Thursday 4/26
  - “Team Clintonville” = Ms. Iannuzzi, Ms. Jahn, Mrs Nagy
- c. "SOMEONE SPECIAL DANCE" Friday April 27 –
  - Adam Fox [acfox@mercedesbenzofnorthhaven.com](mailto:acfox@mercedesbenzofnorthhaven.com)
- d. TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK - April 30-May 4 – need volunteers and donations
  - Stacey Yarbrough [jsyarbrough\\_law@yahoo.com](mailto:jsyarbrough_law@yahoo.com)
    - [Breakfast buffet, candy bar, grab and go bag, lunch and salad bar, ice cream day](#)
- e. BLOOD DRIVE Tuesday 5/8 (2-7pm, Rec Center) - Clintonville PTA [clintonvillepta@gmail.com](mailto:clintonvillepta@gmail.com) – [need volunteers](#)
- f. PLANT SALE Friday 5/11 - NEED VOLUNTEERS and someone to run the event
- g. Movie Night – 6/8 at 7:00pm
- h. End of School Picnic – 6/12/18 – waterslide, DJ, food, possible dunk tank. Popcorn, ticketing
- i. Yearbooks are on sale until April 20, 2018

11. Close of Meeting: Motion: Megin 8:38 pm 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lisa approved

**NEXT PTA MEETING – TUESDAY May 1, 2018 (7:00 pm)**