

Clark School PTO meeting  
September 9, 2019  
5:30 pm, Clark School Library  
Meeting minutes

**For more information or to volunteer for any jobs listed in these minutes, please contact Joey Conover, PTO president, at [clarkbeespto@gmail.com](mailto:clarkbeespto@gmail.com).**

I. Welcome/Introductions - Joey Conover, President

- Wonderful to see the great and diverse turnout!
- The PTO is a democracy. If you see something that needs to be done, you can make it happen!

II. Committees and 2019-2020 Fundraising Efforts

- **Buzz by Belmont 5k.** Sat Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 2019. Free. Also kids dash, biking events, Wildrock. This is our main fundraising event. We are working to get more sponsors. **Please contribute!** Money goes to Clark to support teachers doing small projects. <https://www.clarkbeespto.org/support>
- **Garden club coordinator:** We need someone to be a point of contact for City Schoolyard gardens and to organize a garden cleanup day.
- **Grocery store points.** If you have a fob that you use at the grocery store, you can get it set up from [our website](#); money goes to Clark. Also, give **box tops** to Ms. Anderson or download the App, take a screenshot of your receipt. The money goes to Clark. Someone at the meeting who works at Wegmans checking to see if they will participate.
- **Membership.** If there is anyone who didn't get the email about the PTO meeting please email the address above. If you have ideas about how to make meetings more accessible for parents, please speak up.
- **Teacher appreciation** (Ashley). Volunteers needed to help make breakfast and other food a few times per year.
- **Photographer.** We need a parent volunteer in communication with Ms. Isley to take photos at events, get approval, and then post them.
- **Bike/walk to school day coordinator.**
- **Carpool coordinator?**
- We might make spring fun fair a fundraiser as well.
- Neighborhood Representatives?
- Classroom Representatives – help with class needs and finding volunteers. We are looking at how we can do this.
- Other volunteer ideas: language reps: parents who can help other parents; community relations

II. Principal Update – Anna Isley

Power Point Presentation

- Introduce our new assistant principal, Mr. Tillman.
- Other introductions of teachers and staff.
- Back to school night is Tuesday Sept 17 5:30-7:00 pm. For parents, but kids can come if necessary.
- Social emotional learning program has expanded.
- New literacy program, HMH Virginia.
- Growth from last year on SOL data.

- If you want to participate in the school improvement process please reach out.

### III. Gifted program update (Bev Catlin)

- [Power Point Presentation](#)

### IV. Treasurer's Report (Amanda Ohlms)

- We don't have a bylaw about how to approve of spending our saved funds. Joey and Dina are working on this.

### V. Bianca Johnson, Student and family engagement representative

- We provide things to families to help them have kids be successful. We are a resource for you so let us know if we can support you. Plans to get footage of meetings so parents who can't attend can see. **Parent university: November 19th Johnson Elementary.**

### VI. School Needs

- Basketball hoop on playground. This is an ongoing request. Got stalled out. Asked in the spring. We are still waiting to hear back.
- Water fountain/bottle filler. \$6,000 to replace 5 fountains plus installation. Krista Jana and Ms. Isley will keep working on this.
- Music Instruments (new or used)-these are listed on the webpage. If you know anyone who has these that would be great.
- Meals for families over breaks-a teacher suggested meals for families over break.
- Healthy in-class snacks—feel free to bring them in.
- We always need clothes and underwear and shoes for the nurse's office. Best if it's elastic waist. We need more of the littler sizes. Ms. Isley will let people know in the Sunday message about what is needed.
- Teachers should post their needs etc. on Clark PTO Facebook page.