

PTA Meeting Minutes – September

The first PTA meeting of the school year was well attended. It took place in the multipurpose room.

PTA president Julie Kluge: gave a warm welcome and introduced the members of the 2013-2014 PTA board.

Fundraising Update: Clair Sassin discussed Innisbrook, the first fundraiser of the year. It runs from September 10th through September 23rd. Information was sent home in this week's Tuesday packet. Please contact her at: clair@sassinconsulting.com if you did not receive the information.

Fun Run: Courtney Holmes talked about the Healthy Kids Fun Run on October 26th. Entries to participate in the Fun Run are due by September 17th. Checks can be made out to Claremont Elementary. Please contact Elizabeth Mook at mookcomm@comcast.net if you have any questions.

After school Enrichment: Courtney Holmes discussed the after school enrichment program. The forms are due by September 20th. The classes are filled by first come, first serve.

Principal Address: Ms. Panfil welcomed all with a brief presentation which included the school's mission statement and the many ways the school offers an immersion environment, including morning messages in the classroom, routines, whole child environment. She introduced the teachers that are new to the school this year. Ms. Denisar and Ms. Engelhardt were introduced as the PTA teacher representatives at this meeting.

Outdoor Classroom: Ms. Panfil stated that each of the 4 science teachers have been assigned a day of the week to utilize the outdoor classroom dependant on the weather.

Communication Tools: Ms. Panfil briefly explained the many communication tools at the school including the Tuesday packet, the Claremont website, the

calendar on the website, and the PTA and Parrots Prattle list serves. To maintain an earth-friendly environment, hand-outs are placed in only the youngest sibling's Tuesday packet. The calendar on the website can be downloaded to a Smartphone if desired. Some printed copies of the calendar are available in the school office.

Back-to-school Night: will be held on Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00pm.

The meeting concluded with a "meet and greet" session in which tables were set up to explain the various roles of the PTA. These tables included: Adelante, Educational and Green Activities (after school enrichment, Viva Verde, Jr. Great Books, and more), Events and Social (movie night, parent-teacher social, and more), Membership and Outreach, and Fundraising.

Next PTA meeting is Tuesday, October 1st. The topic is: Healthy Students make Happy Students. The counseling and clinic services will present on a variety of topics.