

CLINE ELEMENTARY PTO
AUGUST 31st
MEETING AGENDA

Our PTO President Victoria Merkys welcomed everyone back from the longest spring break ever and thanked everyone for joining in on our first zoom PTO meeting of the school year. She advised where to find the three PTO budgets for this 2020-2021 school year, [clinepto.com/About Us/Budgets and By Laws](http://clinepto.com/About%20Us/Budgets%20and%20By%20Laws). She then introduced our FISD Superintendent Thad Roher and thanked him for coming.

Message from Thad Roher – FISD Superintendent - Thad wanted us to know how great it was to see kids on campus this morning. He gave an update on enrollment, there are 6121 students total in FISD, 1548 or roughly 25% of the student body is virtual. At Cline we have 780 students enrolled, 213 are virtual, or a little over 25%. He reminded us of the upcoming bond vote for the replacement of Cline will be on Nov 3rd (Oct 13th for early voters). Thad also reminded us that we can't let COVID separate parents from schools and the PTO is a big part of ensuring togetherness.

Message from Ashely Adair – Executive Director of the Education Foundation - Ashley started off by reminding us of the mission of the Education Foundation, to support and inchanse FISD by providing innovative and engaging learning opportunities for all students. Although this year may look a little different, the mission is still the same and we are all in the same boat. She wanted to highlight some celebrations from last year. They had a record breaking year raising over \$234,000 for the adopt a grant campaign. \$55,000 dollars when to Cline Elementary with over \$39,000 being funded by the Cline PTO. She thanked the PTO for their support. Ashley was excited to

tell us about the inaugural Student Grant Committee which was a huge success. The program went on to win the Texas Education Foundation Networks outstanding achievement award which led to another \$2,000 grant to the foundation. Ashley talking with us about the We Are Mighty Marathon campaign. This fundraiser is raising money for resources to support in person and virtual learning in FISD this year. She ended by thanking the Cline PTO for their collaboration and the creative and innovative ways the PTO partners with the foundation, the district and the community.

Message from the Principal - Mr Clifford introduced himself and welcomed new families to Cline. He thanked Victoria and the board for everything they did this summer. He loved that the PTO theme of We Are Cline in school or online and that it went with their overall theme of we are still one community. Mr Clifford also thanked the PTO for their donation last year. With the donation he was able to bring back Nana Puddin virtually so all kids will be able to participate, purchase technology that allows teachers to be more involved in class placement, and a student dismissal application that will assist in changing pick up information and car rider pickups. He also wanted to thank the PTO for the teacher appreciation lunches that boost the moral of staff. Teachers are fired up and excited to accept kids tomorrow morning!

Message from Assistant Principal - Mrs McCarty is thrilled to have the kids come back to campus. She said we are going to have Room Parents but we aren't sure at what capacity at this time. She is still waiting to hear back from the head of security on what the policy will be. She asks for parents to please hang tight with the school and we will figure it out. She also mentioned the meeting on the 18th of September may be a

Room Mom meeting only since no volunteers are allowed on campus at this time.

Introduce Executive Board Members - Board members introduced themselves. Victoria Merkys - Co-chair, Lauren Traina - Co-chair, Ashley Hoffman - Vice President, Bea Grado - Treasurer, Rebecca Follmar - Secretary

Treasurer - Bea Grado posted the three budgets we have for the year on clinepto.com for your viewing. [clinepto.com/about us/budgets](http://clinepto.com/about-us/budgets) and bylaws

Secretary- A motion to approve the general budget was given by Stacy Condon and seconded by Lindsey Whitley. A motion to approve the Movie Night budget was given by Lindsey Whitley and seconded by Tasha Franklin. A motion to approve the Silent Auction budget was given by Lindsey Whitley and seconded by Alexis DiFruscio

Co-Chair Lauren went over the schedule of PTO meetings for the year. Please note that due to the fluid situation all dates/times/locations are subject to change. Please join the Cline PTO FB page for the most current updates.

September 18th 8:30am (Room Parent meeting to follow)
October 9th 9:00am
November 13th 9:00am
December 4th 9:00am
January 8th 9:00am
February 5th 9:00am
March 9th and 11th 5:30pm
April 9th 9:00am

Committee Reports -

Co-Chair - Lauren Traina will unfortunately be moving very soon and we will need to fill her co-chair position, if interested or know someone who would make a great co-chair please contact the board at clineelementarypto@gmail.com

We still have several committee positions open, Book Fair, Boots on the Ground, Movie Night co-chair, Tickets for Movie Night, Silent Auction, & Yearbook. If interested in becoming involved with any of these committees or have any questions about commitment levels etc please reach out to a board member at clineelementarypto.com

Cline Rewards - Box tops collection is this Friday Sept 4th. It has gone virtual so you can download the app and scan or email your receipts. Also don't forget to take advantage of Amazon Smile, Staples rewards, and Krogers school rewards.

Cline Classroom - This new committee was spearheaded by Meg Dunn. The PTO partnered with Custom Chemical Coating and along with generous donations from Cline families we were able to purchase 33 cleaning packs and Custom Chemical Co matched our donation. With that the PTO was able to give 66 cleaning packs to the school.

Spirit Store - The Spirit store will look a little different this year because we won't be able to sell at events we have partnered with Inked Design and will sell the Spirit Gear through Inked Designs website. The store will open periodically through the year, and you can purchase through the site.

Pay PTO membership dues - The funds from your membership go directly to the students at Cline. Membership gets you on our email list so you stay in the know, and gives you access to our member directory. In addition, we will be doing a PTO a

Pony of the Week drawing for paid members. Every week a random PTO member will get their children's name in lights on the school's marquee.

Yearbook – Because we can't be in the school this year to take pictures we will be depending on parents to send us photos for the yearbook. Parents can either post on Cline PTO's FB page or the app ImageShare. The Cline code for imageshare is 127395. Please send us first day of school pictures, virtual learning or just your kids getting together with school friends. Yearbooks that have not been picked up yet will be delivered to class at Cline. If your child has moved on to Windsong, those should be delivered to classrooms there. If your child is virtual you will be contacted.

We Are Cline Fundraiser Presentation - We are Cline is focusing on bridging the gap between virtual and in person kids. There will be three separate events.

Silent Auction - Preview will run Oct 26th-30th with auction running Nov 2nd-7th. There will be lots of fun things to bid on!

Paparazzi Fun Run- Saturday Feb 27th 8am
The Fun Run 1k/5k will have a virtual aspect for the virtual kids and can go completely virtual if needed. Set your goal and get that smile ready for the red carpet.

Movie Night- Saturday Mar 6th 6-10pm
We will sell individual tickets and packages with fun Friendswood swag. There will be concessions, and the kids favorite raffle baskets!

How can you participate you ask? We are excited to offer 3 wonderful options for supporting WE ARE CLINE.

Option 1: Choose a Sponsorship Level - Support all of our We Are Cline events by purchasing a Title, Platinum, Gold, or Silver Level Sponsorship to maximize your exposure.

Option 2: Choose a Specific Sponsorship - This Is a fun way to put your name on one of the events branded items (goody bag, Fun Run medal ribbon, etc.) or in a highly visible area.

Option 3: Choose to Donate an Item or Service - Do you own a rental house, have airline miles, hotel points, gift cards, own a business and can donate family dinners or experiences? Your generous donation will be featured at our Virtual Silent Auction event.

More details in our sponsorship packets will follow in Friday folders and on our website, please contact Kristen DeLeon & Laura Sarafin at Clinefestsponsor@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to donate or sponsor.

We also have a new sponsorship opportunity this year with School Sponsors. Because we are not doing Clinefest this year and due to the uncertainty we face in income we are looking for sponsors for STEAM and Slash day.

\$500 Sponsors - will receive a sign at the event AND a shirt, hat and sticker for their child/ren to wear on the day of the event!

\$250 Sponsors - will receive a sign at the event AND a hat and sticker for their child/ren to wear on the day of the event!

\$100 Sponsors - will receive a sign at the event AND a sticker for their child/ren to wear on the day of the event!

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Wear it Wednesday shirts can be purchased online and will be delivered to the school. Every week there a cline student will win a shoutout on FB along with a yard sign for the week.

Dates to Remember

- EVERY WEDNESDAY BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF We Are Cline Fundraisers STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THEIR We Are Cline SHIRTS FOR “WEAR IT WEDNESDAYS” – Weekly FB contests.
- September 1 – 1st Day for in person learning (A-K) (L-Z) virtual session
- September 2 – 1st Day for in person learning (L-Z) (A-K) virtual session
- September 3 – All in person students begin
- September 3 – Menchie’s – Small Fundraiser
- September 4 – Box Top Collection
- Monday, September 7th – Student Holiday
- Friday, September 18th – PTO Meeting via zoom (8:30 a.m.)
- Friday, September 18th – Room Parent/Volunteer Meeting immediately following PTO Meeting
- September 25th – Spirit Day -Wear your Spirit Wear
- October 9th – PTO Meeting – via zoom (9:00 a.m.)
- October 12th – Student Holiday

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