

Clayton High School PTO

October 2, 2017

ATTENDEES: Stefanie Litteken, Jean Heusel, Co-chairs; Dan Gutchewsky, Principal, Matt Boswell, Sheila Powell-Walker, Social Worker, Gina Nakis, Sarah Melinger, Caroline Early, Rachel Retzlaff, Diane Willingham, Charles Brennan, Jayne Howard – Treasurer, Peter Sparks, Susan Kronemer, Jessica Lewis, Sarah Bernard, Eunyoe Ro, Rich Szabo, Lois Stemmler, Angela Quigless, Jud Calkins

AGENDA: Welcome and Introductions by Stefanie and Jean.

PARENT CONNECTION GROUPS: The freshman have a social event planned for November 9 at McGraw's. The sophomores have planned a Happy Hour on October 24, 5:30 – 7:30 at Molly Darcy's. The seniors plan to do something on December 8th at the Shaw Park Pavillon to coincide with the ice rink Snowman Skate.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Dan Gutchewsky

Homecoming week is in full swing. The sophomores won Brawley Ball. The Juniors won Powder Puff. The Pep Rally is Friday, October 6 with the Parade at 11:00 on October 7 and the game at 12:00. The dance is from 8:00-11:00 at Stuber gym. Tickets for homecoming are on sale now through Thursday. No tickets are sold at the door.

The first parent visioning meeting is October 3 at 7:00. This started with the teachers and looking at what should be done to provide quality education 5, 10, 15 years down the road. The second meeting is October 24.

Conference Signups began today online. The conferences are October 18th, 3:30-8:30 and October 19th, 1:30 – 5:30.

The students are off Friday, October 13 and Friday, October 20. The end of the quarter is October 20.

GUEST SPEAKER: Sheila Powell-Walker – Social Worker

Dr. Powell-Walker is the new Social Worker at Wydown and the High School. Her role is to advocate for the students, making sure that everyone has what they need to be successful. She uses Maslow's Hierarchy of School Needs as a guide. She works on referrals from counselors as well as an open door policy for students and parents to ask for support. School Attendance is the #1 reason for referral and meeting the student's basic needs is the second reason for referral. She said that more females than males are referred. Her office is in the Tower and she has been interviewed with the Globe and by GET to get the word out about who she is and what she does. There will be separate Signup Genius sent out for people to see her during conferences. This will be confidential so no one else can see who is signed up. Her extension is #6713 and can be contacted directly by students and parents.

BUDGET REPORT

The treasurer, Jane Howard, went through the statement of activity. She also explained what the ASN number is and the procedures administration uses to disburse out money raised by the PTO.

STAFF APPRECIATION

The next staff appreciation event will be on October 18th for the first conference. Dinner will be available for all staff during the Wednesday night conferences. We are asking for soup in crockpots, condiments and help with setup and cleanup. To help, please contact Susie Rubin, dsrubin@swbell.net or Becky Goldstein, walshstl@charter.net.

NEW BUSINESS

Amazon Smiles: Purchases made through the Amazon Smiles website will result in .05% of purchases will go towards the PTO Council. There is no way to select a specific school so any money made through this method will be divided up between the six schools at the end of the school year. To access amazon smiles, go to smile.amazon.com, select Clayton PTO Council (make sure the location is Clayton, Missouri). You can still use your amazon prime benefits if you are a member. Not all items are available through amazon smiles.

It was asked about protocol if a student or parent sees someone with an illegal substance at a school event. Dan asks that you go to the School officer or a teacher at the event.

Center of Clayton gym usage policy was asked to be clarified. Students, who are members, playing basketball were told to leave during 8th hour. The policy is that students who are members are allowed to play during their free hours. Dan will follow up with the Center.

The next PTO Meeting will be held, Monday, November 6, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stefanie Litteken