

Clayton High School PTO November 6, 2017

ATTENDEES: Stefanie Litteken, Jean Heusel, Co-chairs; Dan Gutchewsky, Principal, Gina Nakis, Sarah Melinger, Beth Deutsch, Dev Chatterjee, Kathleen Matheny, Dorrieh Helwani, Mohamad AlHelwani, Jayne Howard, Celeste Gillette, Susan Kronemer, Diane Willingham, Charles Brennan, Lin Yang, Cindy Wallach, Justin Hildebrand, Mike Schroeder, Mona Helmy, Lois Stemmler, Howie Sher, Rachel Retzlaff.

AGENDA: Welcome and Introductions by Stefanie and Jean.

PARENT CONNECTION GROUPS: The freshman will have a casual get together on Thurs, Nov. 9th. The sophomore parents had a happy hour at Molly Darcy's and approximately 30 people attended. The seniors plan to do something on December 8th with the tree lighting ceremony in the City.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Dan Gutchewsky

Dan reported the Professional Development Day was at the History Museum discussing core practices having difficult conversations around race. Protocols were set forth to discuss these issues with students.

There was the National Honor Society induction.

Spire test was issued for all 10th graders.

Freshman Finals Festival will be on December 4th to explain the expectations and strategies for preparing for finals.

Justin Hildebrand was introduced by Dan to talk about his new initiative. Just is a marketing/business teacher at the high school who has started, Community Outreach an initiative focused on giving students genuine learning opportunities through experiential education. He is looking for professionals in the community to get involved with the students as mentors/shadowing partners. The hope is to have a full program involved with the Clayton Chamber of Commerce by the Fall of 2018.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT: Matt Boswell

Matt Was absent from the meeting.

BUDGET REPORT

The treasurer, Jane Howard, went through the budget line item explaining each in detail. She stated the Online donation form is on the school web site and ready for use. The Funds for Excellence have been used by the Calculus class, Science Dept., and funding to help the students distress around finals in Dec.

STAFF APPRECIATION

The next staff appreciation event will be a Holiday Luncheon on December 19th during finals week.

The next PTO Meeting will be held, Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Library. There is not a meeting during the month of December.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Matheny, Secretary