



Clayton High School PTO

CHS PTO meeting minutes August 29, 2022

The meeting was opened with a welcoming statement from Superintendent Dr. Patel. She spoke about her excitement for the upcoming school year and how glad the staff is to have the students back in person. The goals this year from an administrative standpoint include flexibility and adjustability with regards to learning in the continuing pandemic. She stated that parents are valued and appreciated members of the community. She spoke briefly about the survey that was sent out this summer to the entire Clayton community, including households without students enrolled in the district. The responses were excellent. The administration appreciates the survey data and continues their commitment to focus on the school district strategic plan.

Principal's Report

Dr. Gutchewsky spoke next about how the school year was off to a great start.

-There are some modifications to the schedule this year including lunch for all students at the same time followed by greyhound time right after lunch. This new schedule allows all students to have a 75 minute block of unscheduled time in the day. This break can be used to meet with teachers, exercise, eat, do homework, or attend some clubs/activities that may be held during the new flex time.

- The welcome desk at the front of the school has been moved to the opposite side of the doors to improve safety. New fire buttons have been added around the school for safety purposes also. These buttons create door closures in an emergency that can help with fire spread and prevent movement of intruders in the building.

-The library renovations are almost complete.

-The school is implementing the image of a "greyhound scholar" around the building. The image of the greyhound scholar is intended to show students what a CHS graduate may look like and includes 6 traits and characteristics which represent a common vision for CHS.

-Fall sports are in full swing and going well.

-Parent teacher conference dates are settled and will be both on zoom and in person this year.

Activities Report- T'Shon Young

-Spirit day was last Friday with a lot of student participation in the quad and representation of fall sport teams and school clubs.

-Class elections and student council elections are right around the corner.

- The school activity focus will quickly be switching to Homecoming theme and preparation.
- The school will be holding mascot auditions and a naming contest for the CHS mascot.

Treasurer Report- Gina Bernstein

- The PTO has a new accounting system.
- Fundraising is just getting going and still has a way to go.
- Please remember that if you have PTO related expenses that it is easy to get reimbursed.
- There was a discussion among the group about the best way to promote fundraising this year and some discussion about being able to make donations via the website, paypal, or by check.
- There is a new communications coordinator this year. Ideas are welcome from the community regarding the website design and navigation.

Committees

- The secretary position is still open.
- The staff appreciation committee would like more parent volunteers if possible. This group helps support the staff during conferences, workdays, and open houses. There are fewer restrictions regarding providing food to the staff this year than there was during the last few years with the pandemic.
- All parent connection grade levels are filled except the 11th grade needs one more volunteer. Each grade level provides gatherings for 2 events each year.
- The PTO council has a food, product and supply drive coming up this fall.
- The PTO is looking for volunteers for the homecoming bonfire on October 7.

The next PTO meeting will be held on September 12.

Meeting was adjourned.