



## Clayton High School PTO

October 5, 2020 @ 6 pm via ZOOM

Meeting called to order by Casye Butler

Attendance: Stephanie Abbajay, Valerie Brinkman, Casye Butler, Dan Gutschewsky, Paula Sparks, Cameron Poole, Gary Pierson, Sandi Straetker, Stephanie, Gross, Sharon Deem, Jeffrey Lewis, Alan Wolf, Katie Sandquist, Nancy Morgan, Celeste Gillette, Nicole Miller, Denise Stouffer, Robin Leonard, Stephanie, Ronne Turner, Michelle Meyers, Jessica Niehaus, Beth Deutsch, Maria Kremsreiter, Susan Furdek, Gina Bernstein, Anne Hopcraft

### 1. Welcome & Announcements –Casye Butler

- Drive to fill the CHS pantry with non-perishable items will be held Saturday, Oct. 24. More info later this week.

- Fundraising appeal will go out mid-month. Our goal is \$30,000.

### 2. Financial Report – Gina Bernstein

Bank balance: \$49,183.94

PayPal balance is: \$100

### 3. Principal's Report – Dan Gutchevsky

- CHS named National Blue Ribbon School. Very few schools have been named multiple times. Recognition Ceremony is virtual in early December. Looks at test scores for qualifier, then application.
- Board approved change to calendar to move PT Conferences back to November. They will be virtual. Teachers will have more opportunities in professional learning about returning to hybrid learning.
- Due to Sam Page's announcement, football will be played in the county. First game Friday night. Each player gets 2 pre-approved spectators. May be only home football game this season. Two more are away, then playoffs.
- Softball season moved to spring.
- All other fall sports are able to play right now.
- Finalizing details on performing arts groups doing a Halloween themed event in Shaw Park in November.
- Meeting tomorrow to talk about potential return to building.
- Focus has been getting youngest learners in the buildings first. Then middle school students in next. Secondary students still have high transmission rates. Information will be released as soon as it is known.

### 4. Activities Report – T'Shon Young

- None

## 5. Equity and Inclusion Report – Cameron Poole, director of Equity and Inclusion

- Getting to know each building. Visiting with administrators and teachers in each building. Familiarizing self with district office.
- Figure out how the district operates.
- Focus group conversations
- Professional development with staff - humanizing students and understanding perspective
- Equity audit of each building
- Updated equity and inclusion portion of the website
- Creating a Twitter account
- Questions:
  - Are you able to share some of your findings? (Jeffrey Lewis)
    - To an extent yes - a birds eye view. Specifics will be shared with staff to enhance the student experience.
  - Where is the Equity portion of the website? Under Community? Thanks (Celeste Gillette)
    - District website - About Us - Equity and Inclusion
  - Will you create opportunities for students to get involved in equity & inclusion activities (Susan Furdek)
    - Yes, definitely. That is my goal. It will be easier once kids are in the building. Those conversations should start at the earliest levels.
  - I am curious why you decided to come to the Clayton School District and what do you hope to accomplish? (Ronne Turner)
    - I have been doing equity work within my past positions in Parkway and Rockwood as a teacher and administrator. I never had a teacher that looked like me. I want to be the change I want the kids to see. It's important to change the narrative and stereotypes, and have that experience. I want to be an advocate for kids who don't fit the ideal mold.

## 6. Clayton Education Foundation Report – Sandi Straetker

- Joined in mid February as new director. Prior to that was independent public relations. Also a Clayton schools mom. Excited to participate in the community by leading the foundation. Created by alumni in 2009. Made up by a board of diverse group of Clayton alumni very committed to the district. Fund classroom initiatives and innovation. Signature program is teacher innovation grants. Supports creativity in the classrooms. Last year gave out \$65,000 in grants across the schools. Host Clayton Hall of Fame and Distinguished Educator Awards. Support scholarships for family center. Support projects like renovations. Support reunions and social events. Scholarship to a Clayton Senior (raffle). Support food pantry, grocery gift cards, fill the backpack program.
- Question:
  - Was the scholarship for 2020 graduates a one time event? Will you do that ongoing for 4 years with each class? (Jeffrey Lewis)
    - That is the intent, but need to raise the money for funding it. It is a good way to connect with the students and get their contact info.

- I wonder if we can establish a scholarship foundation with you and CHS. (Beth Deutsch)
  - Yes, absolutely.
- Food Drive (Celeste Gillette) - collect can goods once per year in September (this year is late because of COVID - October 24th) or financial donation online.

#### 7. Committee Reports

- None

#### 8. Questions?

- None

Adjourn – NEXT MEETING – Monday, November 2 at 6 pm