



Clayton High School PTO

Meeting October 4, 2021 @ 6:30 pm Live/Zoom

Meeting called to order by Bryan Lawrence

1. Welcome – Bryan Lawrence
2. Attendance
 - Bryan Lawrence, Sandy Straetker, Valerie Brinkman, Susie Oje, Robin Sayles-Hopper, Gina Bernstein, Liz Chung, Richard Foristel, Tanya Hayden, Grace Lee, Stephanie Gross
3. Budget Overview – Bryan Lawrence for Gina Bernstein
 - We are considerably short of our goal of raising \$29K as we have only raised \$21K to date.
 - In addition to the dollars available in this years budget, we have the following reserved funds available from prior years:
 - i. After Prom \$3,949.65
 - ii. Funds for Excellence \$6,244.05
 - Staff appreciation has only raised \$2,825. We had hoped to raise \$4500 however to date, we have not hit that goal. Increasing the budget would require us to take funds from another line on the budget and requires a vote. Therefore if we intend to increase the funds beyond the \$2825 raised, we should start discussions tonight. If anything we may need to change the current plan for Staff Appreciation if the planned expense is greater than \$2825.
 - The balance of the Simmons Bank account is \$69,519.41.
 - The balance of the Paypal account is \$100.00
4. Principal's Report – Dan Gutchewsky
 - Great homecoming week - went really well
 - Pep rally was moved from school day outside as part of the bonfire
 - Dance was divided into 3 sections - quad, gym and commons
 - i. over 600 kids attended
 - ii. no incidences
 - Approaching end of Quarter 1
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences in 2 weeks - schedule through Sign Up Genius
 - i. October 20th, 3:30-8:30 - in person with Zoom option
 - ii. October 22nd, 1:30-5:30 - exclusively Zoom
 - Fall play coming up
 - i. Our Town and Miracle Worker
 - District Conferences coming up
5. Sandy Straetker - Director Clayton Education Foundation
 - Founded in 2009 by alumni association of the high school

- 501c3 fundraising arm
 - Advance Academic Excellence
 - Fund classroom activities, building academic materials/supplies, alumni connections
 - Raised over \$22,000 in honor of Dr. Doherty to spend evenly between 3 elementary school libraries
 - Putting together donations to support families in need at all of our buildings
 - Largest program is teacher innovation grants - last year gave \$30,000 in grants
 - i. largest one last year was to Justin Hildebrand for the Catalyst Program
 - ii. applications will open in January
 - Primarily rely on monetary donations
6. Committee Reports
- Freshmen Parent Connections - Happy Hour on October 18th

Motion to adjourn: Valerie Brinkman, Second by Susie Oje

Adjourn – NEXT MEETING – November 1st