

MINUTES

Clayton High School PTO

1/7/2019 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Stefanie Litteken, Co-President

In Attendance

Stefanie Litteken, Katie Sandquist, Gina Bernstein, Susan Brown, Joe Miller, Gina Nakis, Jessica Lewis, Christy Breckenridge, Lois Stemmler, Sara Stemmler (student), Peter Sparks, Paula Sparks, Diane Willingham, Beth Deutsch, Maggie Guo, Song Liu, Liliana Botero, Angela Quigless

Dan Gutchewsky, Principal, T'Shon Young, Student Activities

Co-President Stefanie Litteken opened the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves.

Principal's Report

Dan Gutchewsky, Principal, reported on the following:

In December Dan attended a conference in Tbilisi Georgia where he presented a session and visited a local high school. He attended the conference with approximately 90 educators from Russia who were there to learn more about promoting civil rights and active citizenship in schools while developing a network of like-minded professionals.

Upcoming Events this month at CHS:

- Practice ACT for Juniors is on Wednesday, Jan 9
- Senior Meeting Wednesday, Jan 9
- Curriculum night for incoming 9th graders on Jan 10. This year 8th graders will have a chance to pair up with a high school student to attend a few classes as well as attend an electives fair.
- CHS Musical, "Chicago" is January 31 - Feb 3
- Trivia Night is Jan 25
- The percussion group has been invited to Tantara at the end of January

Committee Reports

Activities Report, presented by T'Shon Young:

- Broomball, sponsored by StuCo, is this Saturday at Shaw Park Ice Rink at 8:45pm. Grade level competition with self organized teams.
- Trivia Night is Friday, Jan 25. Doors open at 6:30pm, trivia begins at 7pm. \$25 general admission, \$10 students and staff. The Junior class is hosting the event and is looking for silent auction items. The money raised from the event goes toward Prom.

- Peppers Prom is Saturday, Feb 9. Traditionally girls ask the boys to this dance but groups and friends also frequently attend together. Check CHS PTO website for CHS 101 Frequently Asked Questions to find out more about Peppers Prom. The Sophomore class is raising money by hosting lunchtime karaoke. It costs \$2 to sing or students can request a teacher to sing. If the teacher declines, then the teacher pays the \$2.
- Junior Class College Meeting with College Counselors is Wednesday, Jan 9 at 6:30pm in the CHS Auditorium. Students are welcome to attend but not required since they will be attending an individual family meeting with their counselor.

Staff Appreciation

A Holiday Lunch catered by Chartwells was held for teachers and retirees on Dec 19th.

Next event is a dinner during Parent Teacher Conferences in March.

Parent Connections

- Freshmen - College Counselor Meeting date to be confirmed soon.
- Junior - They have already had two events this year but given their successful attendance, they are looking to have another social event before the end of the year.

Prom

Prom is Saturday, April 6th 8-11pm at Sheldon Concert Hall. In the past several years, After Prom was held at the Moolah Theatre but we are looking at alternate venues for this year. Also looking at new activity options. After Prom is a separate ticket purchase and students can attend the event without attending Prom earlier. The biggest challenge of After Prom is finding parent volunteers to help chaperone. A survey asking for input from Seniors will be sent out this week. Please email Katie Sandquist, katiesandquist@gmail.com or Stefanie Litteken, slitteken@a-cc.com with thoughts or suggestions.

Treasurer Report

Gina Bernstein presented current PTO Budget and account balance. (See attachment).

- The Simmons Checking account balance is \$51,339.05
- We've received more contributions over the expected amount.
- The student planners came in approximately \$700 over budget.
- Funds for Excellence includes the money allocated to Adzick Field Renovation.

New Business

All In Coalition, presented by Beth Deutsch

Indie Flix will be presenting the documentary film, "Angst" at CHS on Thursday, Feb 7th during school for all students. The focus of the film is to raise awareness around anxiety. The 45 minute documentary will also be shown at 7pm Feb 7th, open to the community. Free. Food for purchase or you can bring your own.

School Board Candidate, Joe Miller

Joe Miller is a current member of the Clayton School Board and is a candidate for one of two seats open in the upcoming Board of Education election. He introduced himself, discussed his experience on the board and answered questions.

There are 3 candidates running for 2 seats for the upcoming Board of Education election. The PTO Council will be publishing a Voter's Guide as well as holding a Candidate Forum. We would like to hear what topics are important to all of you and what questions you may have. The PTO Council will compile the questions/topics for the candidates to review and respond in the Voter's Guide and at the Forum. Please let us know what those questions are and we will pass them along to the council. If you have a topic you would like to submit, but can't make it to the meeting, please feel free to email them to Katie Sandquist, katiesandquist@gmail.com or Stefanie Litteken, slitteken@a-cc.com.

Christina Blankenship and Stacy Siwak, both candidates for the Clayton School Board, will be at the meeting on February 4 to introduce themselves, discuss their platform and answer any questions.

Next Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gina Nakis and seconded by Gina Bernstein.

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