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Clayton High School PTO

10/1/2018 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Stefanie Litteken, Co-President

In Attendance

Stefanie Litteken, Katie Sandquist, Melissa Clark, Jessica Lewis, Gina Bernstein, Susan Brown, Gina Nakis, Stacy Siwak, Betsy Laakko, Peggy Goodfriend, Bill Goodfriend, Keith Laakko, Christy Breckenridge, Bob Welch, Lois Stemmler, Diane Willingham, Beth Deutsch, Christiana Ireland, Nancy Donohoo, Celeste Gillette

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

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

Principal's Report

Dan Gutchewsky reported on the following:

- Busy week this week with Homecoming activities. Brahley Ball and Powderpuff games on Sunday were well attended and Juniors won both.
- Parents are now able to sign up for Parent /Teacher Conferences coming up Oct 17-18. The link for online signups is on the CHS website. www.ptconferencemaker.com/clayton/
- The Fall Play is "Men On Boats" Oct 25-28.
- During Homecoming week a former CHS grad Leah Warshawski will be presenting her documentary "Big Sonia" in the CHS Auditorium on Thursday Oct. 4th at 7:00pm. It will be open to the community. Reservations required. Leah and her husband will meet with Sophomore classes during the day and will host a Q& A after the screening. "Big Sonia" will also be showing at the Chase during the weekend of Oct 5th.

Committee Reports

Activities Report, presented by T'Shon Young:

- Homecoming Dance is Saturday, October 6.
- An email went out today to correct the dress days for students this week. Tuesday and Wednesday are being switched because the class t-shirts did not come in time. Now Tuesday Oct 2 is dress in your Favorite Sports Team Jersey and Wednesday Oct 3 is dress in your class colors.
- Students are decorating the halls tonight and on Thursday the Commons will be decorated. StuCo will decorate the gym for the dance on Saturday.

- Homecoming tickets went on sale today. They are \$10 each. Students bringing a guest from another school need to complete and submit a form that is available on the CHS website.
- The activities this week are all a part of a competition to win bragging rights to the Golden Greyhound which happens to be currently missing.
- The Link Crew placed fliers “All Things Homecoming” on all freshman lockers to keep them informed.
- Chaperone’s for Homecoming are typically parents of sophomores but all volunteers are welcome. Please see the link on PTO website to volunteer.
- Friday, October 5: Entire student body will dress in CHS gear or blue/orange. School Pep rally 2:20pm, Class Competitions and Bonfire begin at 7pm, Gay Field. Student participation in the field competitions is optional. The Bonfire event is to include Parents! The actual Bonfire usually starts around 8:15pm after the student games are over. This event happens rain or shine.
- Saturday, October 6: “Homecoming Day” CHS Homecoming Parade at 11am. Students and any others participating in the parade need to be there by 10am for line up. Homecoming Football Game vs Parkway Central at 12pm, Gay Field.
Homecoming Dance at 8pm (Stuber Gym). Doors open at 7:30pm

Homecoming Bonfire, presented by Celeste Gillette:

- The Bonfire is an event for Parents, Families and Students on Friday October 5th at Gay Field 7pm. The parent tent is behind the concession stand next to Gay Field.
- Refreshments and baked goods are donated by parents. We have plenty of volunteers but always welcome more if others want to participate. Baked goods can be store bought. Baked goods can be delivered to the school activities office before 3pm on Friday or directly to the Bonfire event on Saturday.
- The Homecoming Parade is on Saturday October 6th leaving the High School at 11am en route to Gay Field, followed by the football game at noon. Everyone participating in the parade should be there for line up at 10am.

Staff Appreciation:

- The next event is a staff dinner Wednesday night during Parent Teacher Conferences. Please sign up to volunteer via the PTO website.

Funds For Excellence:

- Always collecting. Donations still accepted. We will have a list of what has been funded at the next meeting.

Parent Connections:

- Freshman will have a tent at the homecoming parade near the Family Center on Oct 6th.

- Sophomores will have an event Nov 8th at J.McGraugh's.
- Juniors have an event coming up on Oct 11th for Parents to hear from CHS College Counselors, CHS Library at 6pm.
- Seniors.... TBD

CHS 101:

A link to Frequently asked Questions and Answers is now posted on the CHS website. If you are looking for an answer to a question that you can't find, please notify the PTO to add it to the list. chspto@claytonschool.net

Volunteers:

Please sign up through the PTO website. We are always looking for volunteers!

PTO Tablecloths:

Orange, blue and white tablecloths are available to be used for sports banquets or any club event held on campus. Please just notify the PTO by emailing one of the co - presidents or chspto@claytonschools.net to reserve them.

All In Clayton Coalition, presented by Beth Deutsch:

- The coalition was established to promote healthy and sober choices. Anyone who would like a yard sign "Don't be a Friend, Be a Parent" should contact allincoalition@gmail.com
- A traveling exhibit will be available during Parent Teacher Conferences on October 17th 3:30-8:30pm in the Clayton High School Auditorium. "Hidden in Plain View." Tour at your convenience.

Treasurer Report

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

The Simmons Checking account has \$53,205.79

Total funds: \$62,984.16 (including \$9,273.38 in the paypal account)

We are still trying to work with PayPal to gain access to funds in the PayPal Account which was created in 2011 under the PTO Treasurers name at that time.

New Business

At the previous PTO meeting, a proposal was made to vote on donating funds to the Adzick Field Renovation. Clayton Education Foundation (CEF) is raising money to fund the Adzick Field

Renovation and is looking for a donation from each of the Clayton School PTO's. They are asking for \$5,000 or more from each PTO which would be matched by Centene (up to \$600,000) if pledged before 12/31/18.

We currently have approximately \$32,000 in the PTO reserves. As a guideline from the Clayton PTO Council we are required to maintain the equivalent of one year operating budget of the previous year. We currently have brought in \$30,676 through this years ask but donations still coming in.

The Funds for Excellence program is designated for special projects such as Destress day, Site License for Big Sonia, Student Led Book Study, etc. (Typically does not include athletic requests.)

The Center of Clayton does not contribute money to the field. It has a reciprocity agreement with CHS for use of tennis courts etc. but CHS has priority over use of Adzick Field.

The CEF will be hosting a fundraising Gala on Saturday November 24th at the Ritz featuring guest Andy Cohen and event emcee Ben Hochman. Tickets are \$200 each. It is not known how much of the money raised from this event will go toward Adzick Field Renovation.

A motion was made to approve the \$5,000 request to donate to Adzick Field Renovation by Nancy Donohoo. It was seconded by Christy Breckenridge. Vote was unanimous. None opposed.

We will discuss and vote on making an additional donation to Adzick Field Renovation of up to \$5,000 at the next PTO meeting. This donation would come out of the reserves.

Next Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Melissa Clark and seconded by Beth Deutch.

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