

MINUTES

Clayton High School PTO

11/5//2018 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Stefanie Litteken, Co-President

In Attendance

Stefanie Litteken, Katie Sandquist, Gina Bernstein, Celeste Gillette, Gina Nakis, Christy Breckenridge, Sarah Melinger, Elizabeth Macanujo, Susan Kronemer, Bill Goodfriend, Jenny Abeles, Betsy Laakko, Beth Deutsch, Caroline Early, Stacy Siwak, Josie Gillette (student), Zachary Fisher (student)

Ryan Luhning, Assistant Principal, T'Shon Young, Student Activities

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

Principal's Report

Ryan Luhning, Assistant Principal, reported on the following:

- Dan was on his way home from his trip to Russia at the time of the meeting.
- Testing season is getting close.
 - * Final exams are December 19, 20, 21
 - * Aspire test for the Sophomores is next Wednesday, November 14th, all day
 - * Algebra and Government end of course exams are on November 27, 28. The school will have block schedule those days, but the testing only affects kids in those classes.
- Conferences were very successful. This fall had the highest turn out. They heard lots of positives from parents and teachers. They need to work on finding more slots for some of the courses/ teachers.
- Fall sports have ended.
 - * Boys cross country ended 5th in state
- Winter sports is in the 2nd week

Committee Reports

Robotics Report, presented by Josie Gillette and Zachary Fisher

Josie Gillette and Zachary Fisher, both students and members of Robotics, came to the meeting to talk about what they are doing and how the funds that the PTO has contributed to Robotics in the past have been used.

- They have been to 2 regionals and made it to finals one of those times.
- They started Robotics at Wydown and soon hope to start a program for kids coming to Wydown.
- They are having their chili cook off this Friday, November 9th, 5-8pm. It is \$15 for adults. All are welcome. CHS Commons.
- They were asked about their relationship with Boeing. They have a mentor and get a grant from Boeing.

Activities Report, presented by T'Shon Young:

- Thursday, November 8th is the Blood Drive at the Center of Clayton. Students must be 16 years old and have a parental permission form to participate.
- There are about 80 student clubs and new ideas continue to be added
 - * There is a Frisbee club – they are having a fundraiser on Friday, November 9th at Potbelly's
 - * Thursday, November 15th, there is a fundraiser at Raising Cane's in the Galleria for the Speech and Debate club.
- Freshman Finals Festival is Monday, December 3 at 6pm
 - * This is a chance for freshmen to come find out about finals.
 - * They have breakout sessions to learn about study skills, ways to prep and core class information.
 - * There will be a snack/treat provided at the end of the night.

Staff Appreciation

- The staff appreciation dinner during conferences consisted of artisanal pizzas from Chartwells and donated salads from parents.
 - * The pizzas were a huge hit. Chef Jair is coming up with fun new items to offer for catering, so if you are looking to cater something at the school that is something to consider.
 - * Thank you to all of the parents who donated salads.

Funds For Excellence

\$11,188 has been spoken for. We are expecting more asks to come in.

The following is a list of FFE contributions to date:

- Building kits for the Science Olympiad.
- Supplies for Conic unit of study in Honors Precalculus.
- Clayton Connect – After school snacks
- Paul Holescher is bringing back the book club. Provide funding for the books for the teachers and the students.
- Katie Storms – supplies for a mindfulness project.
- CTE – bringing in a photographer to help students learn about new equipment.
- Providing funds to commission new material for the CHS Brass choir.
- Math department décor.
- Math Book club.
- Helped fund the American Foreign Policy Panel that took place on Oct. 27.
- Portable Charging Stations in the business/marketing rooms.
- SP Lang and Composition students – fund presentation materials for their end of year presentations after working with 6 nonprofit companies.
- Student Activities – Purchased 2 monitors to publicize daily announcements and events happening around the school. One will be in the Commons and one will be in the World Language hallway.
- Big Sonia movie screening

Parent Connections

- Freshmen parents had an event at homecoming.
- Sophomore parents have an event coming up on Thursday, November 8th, 7pm at J.McGraws.
- Junior parents had an event with the college counselors.

Treasurer Report

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

The Simmons Checking account balance is \$62,980.70

We have not paid out the commitment to Adzick Field (\$5,000) and FFE PTO Account (\$2,393.27)

The Paypal account has been figured out.

New Business

Adzick Field Donation - Additional Ask

- At the last meeting we approved \$5,000 to donate to the field. There was an ask from the Friends of Adzick Field for an additional donation up to \$5,000.
- There was discussion about increasing the ask for the general PTO fund.

- There was discussion about increasing the reserves so that in the future we can be prepared for bigger asks like this.
- 236 families have donated to the PTO so far this year.
- Stefanie put forth a motion to donate an addition \$1,000 to Adzick Field based on what we could find available in the budget.
- Beth Deutsch seconded the motion.
- 9 approved.
- 2 opposed.
- 1 abstention.
- Motion passed.

Clayton Focus Open Houses, presented by Stacy Siwak

- The open houses are 3 hour windows, in an open house format so that you can come and go as you please.
- About a possible tax levy on the ballot in April. Feeling out the community to see if it would pass. Will also be discussing what will happen at the district if it doesn't pass/happen.
- Wydown Middle School, November 6th, 5-8pm
- Clayton High School, November 8th, 6-9pm
- Center of Clayton, November 10th, 9am-12pm

Prom

April 6th at Sheldon Concert Hall.

Next Meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sarah Melinger and seconded by Caroline Early.

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