

# MINUTES

## Clayton High School PTO

2/3/2020 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Stephanie Abbajay, Co-President

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### In Attendance

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Katie Sandquist, Stephanie Abbajay, Gina Bernstein, Susan Brown, Melissa Clark, Gina Nakis, Diane Willingham, Gary Pierson, David Gulick, Stefanie Litteken, Julia Schlegel, Annika Sandquist (student), Bridget Walsh (student)

Dan Gutchewsky, Principal

Co-President Stephanie Abbajay opened the meeting. Attendees introduced themselves.

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### Principal's Report

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Dan Gutchewsky reported on the following:

- The school musical “Wizard of Oz” was this past weekend. The kids worked hard and had a lot of fun.
- The Clayton High School Band was invited to perform for the Missouri Music Educators Association (MMEA) In-Service Workshop/Conference in January.
- The Social Studies teachers took a group of 20 students to the Iowa Caucuses. Went well despite weather.
- Clayton Conversations are going well. The January topic was “Homework”. When students were polled about stress, “homework” was the most mentioned item. The 41 Clayton Conversation groups were asked to come up with ideas to help ease the stress of homework and there might be a few things that can be implemented.
- Sophomores will be taking the PSAT10 on February 25.
- Freshman and Seniors will be off campus on February 25 due to the ACT/PSAT10 testing. The Freshman will have organized college visits to SLU and Wash U including lunch. The Seniors will have an organized day of service. Ballots with 6-8 service options will be given to seniors soon to vote and choose their service activity.
- Peppers Prom has a new date of February 22. Same format as past years.
- Spring Parent Teacher Conferences will be on March 9 and 12 to help Wydown Middle School with their Parent Teacher Conference scheduling. This is a slight change from the last meeting. WMS is a polling place on March 10 and therefore cannot hold PTC’s that evening and will move their meetings to the evening of March 11. CHS needs to give our teachers an opportunity to vote on the 10th so we cannot host PTC’s that day.

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## Committee Reports

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**Staff Appreciation**, presented by Gina Nakis:

- There will be a staff dinner on March 9th. Nothing specific decided at this point but may consider returning to a crock pot format in order to keep food warm for teachers that arrive later in the evening.

**After Prom**, presented by Melissa Clark:

- After Prom will be at the City Museum following Prom at Windows on Washington on April 18.
- After Prom will be from 11:00pm -1:30am and is right next door to Windows on Washington. Students will be allowed to leave their cars parked at Windows on Washington and can walk to the City Museum. There will be city police officers on site in addition to CHS Officer Whitaker to monitor the transition of students from one location to the other.
- There will be a place to check bags for students that want to change clothes.
- The cost is \$9,132 which is more than budgeted but there is a plan to ask for donations after we learn how much will be received from ticket sales and the upcoming Trivia Night. We are estimating an attendance of approx 300 students at \$25 per person plus a fixed cost of \$1,632.
- Food and drinks are included in the cost of the event and no donations will be needed from parents for that. We will however, need 30 chaperones ( one chaperone per 10 students attending).
- A side note of interest.... the children of the founder of the City Museum were Clayton High School students.

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## Treasurer Report

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Gina Bernstein presented the current PTO Budget and account balance.

- The Simmons Checking account has \$59,563.74
- A check was sent to the Care Fund to move the funds collected for the extra testing program run by Carolyn Blair.

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## New Business

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**CHS Dance Marathon**, Presented by Annika Sandquist (student), Bridget Walsh (student):

The second annual CHS Dance Marathon is coming up on February 28 6-10pm. It is a fundraiser for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. The goal is to raise \$20,000. Annika and Bridget were here to ask for help in sending out a Sign Up Genius to request food and snacks for the event. The event is a night to celebrate money that was raised throughout the school year. The night will include dancing as well as a raffle, fundraising jail, taping of Mr Hildebrand to the wall, a flash mob and a bounce house.

**New Neighbor Update**, Presented by Stephanie Abbajay

There is a need for new families to the Clayton School District for assistance with questions and support in learning about both the schools and living in Clayton. We are trying to focus more on families that are not only new to Clayton but new to Missouri. Trying to give more of a personal touch at this time by making phone calls and meeting new families in person to answer questions. Please contact Stephanie Abbajay or Katie Sandquist if you would like to be involved.

**School Board Candidate, David Gulick**

David Gulick is a candidate for the upcoming Clayton Board of Education election. He introduced himself, discussed his background and reasons he is running for the Board.

There are five candidates running for three seats for the upcoming Board of Education election on April 7.

**Extra business not on the agenda**

Julia Schlegel asked to speak about a personal matter. It was decided to adjourn the meeting and hold the discussion after.

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**Next Meeting**

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

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