

# MINUTES

## Clayton High School PTO

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2/4/2019 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Stefanie Litteken, Co-President

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### In Attendance

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Stefanie Litteken, Katie Sandquist, Gina Bernstein, Susan Brown, Sarah Bernard, Gina Nakis, Celeste Gillette, Peter Sparks, Paula Sparks, Julie Cohn, Scott Cohn, Lois Stemmler, Diane Willingham, Stacy Siwak, Dana Becker, Melissa Clark

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

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

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### Principal's Report

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Dan Gutchewsky, Principal, reported on the following:

- The CHS Winter Musical “Chicago” was this past weekend. It was outstanding and well attended.
- Khaylie Ross, junior, won the first girls district wrestling championship. She will move on to compete at the State Wrestling tournament in Columbia next week.
- Individual appointments with grade level counselors began this week to discuss class schedules for next year.
- Indie Flix will be presenting the documentary film, “Angst” at CHS on Thursday, Feb 7th during school for all students. The 45 minute documentary will also be shown February 7th at 7pm in the CHS Auditorium. It is free and open to the community. There will be a panel discussion following. Food will be available for purchase or you can bring your own.
- Monday, February 11th, 6:30-8:30p Community Conversations around Equity Part 3 at Wydown Middle School.
- Spring Sports begin at the end of the month.
- We are hiring in several positions..... Math, Social Studies, English and Athletic Director
- “Hounds Grounds” is our new coffee shop in the welcome area of CHS. It provides our transition to work students practical work experience and was funded by a CHS student grandparent.

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## Committee Reports

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### **General Announcements**, presented by Stefanie Litteken

- The Care Fund which was created to meet basic needs of students raised enough money to help 40 families at the holidays.
- Elizabeth Macanufu has coordinated with Mike Duffy's restaurant on Clayton Rd to donate a portion of sales on Saturday nights to Adzick Field. Please remember to mention it if dining there on a Saturday night.
- Upcoming Sports Banquets, please remember to reserve your table cloths through the PTO. Orange, Blue and White are available. Contact Katie Sandquist, [katiesandquist@gmail.com](mailto:katiesandquist@gmail.com) or Stefanie Litteken, [slitteken@a-cc.com](mailto:slitteken@a-cc.com).

### **Activities Report**, presented by T'Shon Young:

- Peppers Prom is Saturday, Feb 9. Traditionally girls ask the boys to this dance but groups and friends also frequently attend together. Tickets went on sale today and will be available through lunch on Friday. Anyone bringing an outside guest needs to complete a form that is available in the Activities Office. The form requires a parent's signature as well as a signature from the Principal of the guest student's school. Doors open at 7:45pm. Dance is 8:00-11:00pm
- Chaperones are still needed for Peppers Prom! It's easy. Teachers and staff are there to do the hard stuff. Parents needed for coat check etc.
- We are celebrating Black History Month at CHS in a variety of ways. On Mondays we will remember Black artists that have passed away with Music Mondays. On Tuesdays we will have Black History Trivia in the Commons. On Fridays we will have Soul Food samples.
- The Community Service Club is coordinating a fundraiser with Chipotle in Clayton on Tuesday, Feb 5th 3-7pm
- Broomball has been rescheduled for Saturday Feb 23 at 9:00pm.
- All Clubs will have group pictures taken this Wednesday, Feb 6th.

### **Staff Appreciation**

There will be a dinner provided for teachers and staff on the first night of parent/teacher conferences March 13. Volunteers always welcome and needed.

### **Funds For Excellence**, presented by Sarah Bernard

Letters for tax purposes were sent out last month. Please contact Sarah Bernard [sarahbernard@redkeystlouis.com](mailto:sarahbernard@redkeystlouis.com) if you did not receive and she will resend.

## **Parent Connections**

- Freshmen - We need Chaperones for Peppers Prom.
- Sophomores - College Counselor Meeting, March 6.
- Juniors - Spring Social event TBA.
- Seniors - No information at this time.

## **Prom**

Prom is Saturday, April 6th 8-11pm at Sheldon Concert Hall and is attended by Juniors and Seniors. After Prom will be at Tropicana Lanes 11:30-1:30am. After sending out a survey to both students and parents, the general feeling was that people wanted a closer location for After Prom and wanted several different activities to choose from. We also need to keep the costs down. We contacted several other venues but the locations were pretty far. It has been at Tropicana in the past and after seeing their renovations and discussing the costs, we thought it would be a good venue.

We need lots of volunteers!

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## **Treasurer's Report**

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Gina Bernstein presented current PTO Budget and account balance.

- The Simmons Checking account balance is \$57,244.91
- Emails went out last month with tax letters for donations to CHS. Be sure to look in your junk email.

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## **New Business**

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### **School Board Candidate, Stacy Siwak**

Stacy Siwak is a candidate for one of two seats open in the upcoming Board of Education election. She introduced herself, discussed her experience as an educator and Clayton parent, and answered questions.

There are three candidates running for two 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 on Tuesday, March 26 in the CHS Auditorium.

Brad Bernstein, candidate for the Clayton School Board, will be at the next PTO meeting to introduce himself and answer any questions.

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## **Next Meeting**

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

3/4/2019 6:30 PM, Clayton High School Library

