

# MINUTES

## Clayton High School PTO

2/2/2020 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, Susan Brown, Gina Nakis, Kim Whittle, Lois Stemmler, Gary Pierson, Christine Win, Nathaniel Millett, Kim Hurst, Lily Raymond

Dan Gutchewsky, Principal; T'Shon Young, Student Activities and Athletics

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

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### Principal's Report

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Dr. Dan Gutchewsky reported on the following:

- He is feeling extra proud of the students and all that they are accomplishing. Last week was the ACT/PSAT10 testing for Juniors and Sophomores on February 25. On that day, the Freshman visited SLU and Wash U with lunch at SLU. The day went really well and the students were very attentive. The Seniors were also off campus for a Day of Service. There was attendance by 90% of the senior class. They participated in clearing honeysuckle, homeless shelters, March of Dimes, Elementary School mentoring, and working at food banks.
- The second annual CHS Dance Marathon was February 28 6-10pm. It was the culmination of a year long fundraiser for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. The goal was to raise \$20,000 but they surpassed that by \$9,000 for a total of \$29,000 raised.
- Celebration of Black History was held here on Feb 29th. Very successful event organized by CHS and Wydown students.
- Basketball districts were held here at CHS last week.
- Spring Parent Teacher Conferences will be on March 9 and 12. Currently have 451 parents signed up.
- Spring Break is coming up. The Center of Clayton will be closed during that week for further renovations.
- Adzick Field is making progress with the start of laying down turf today.
- We are paying attention to Coronavirus updates and have ongoing district communication with teachers to look at planning options should there be an unlikely need to close schools for a short period of time. We are also in communication with EF Tours who is the tour company operating our student spring break trip to Spain. They are currently still scheduled to go as planned.

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## Committee Reports

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

- Peppers Prom was February 22. Approximately 200 students attended.
- Today was first day of Spring Sports. Students are able to pick up eligibility cards.
- The Spring Arts Fair will be April 2.
- Prom will be April 18 at Windows on Washington. The week leading up to Prom will be both a spirit week and a week focused on Autism.
- We just launched the Clayton Greyhound App! It is a way to stay in the know of events, sporting competitions, and activities going on at our high school. Fans will get notifications of upcoming events, and other important information. Once at different events, fans can check-in using the app, and gain points to earn prizes and discounts around the Clayton Community.

For iPhone users, go to the app store and type in "Clayton Greyhounds". For android users, go to the play store and search "Clayton Greyhounds". Once you have the app downloaded you will need to create log-in and update your profile.

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

- We will be hosting a Dinner in the choir room on Monday, March 9 4:30-6:30 for teachers during Parent/Teacher Conferences. We will have several food options to try to meet different food tolerances and sensitivities.

### **Parent Connections**, presented by Gina Nakis and Lois Stemmler:

- No more events planned for the Juniors.
- The Seniors are planning a Family event for both senior parents and students in the CHS Quad on April 25 1-3pm

### **After Prom**

No updates at this time.

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## Treasurer Report

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No updates at this time.

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## New Business

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### **School Board Candidates: Kim Hurst, Nathaniel Millett, Gary Pierson and Christine Win**

There are five candidates running for three available seats for the upcoming Clayton Board of Education election on April 7. The above four candidates each had five minutes to introduce themselves, discuss their background and explain their reasons for running for the board.

A **2020 PTO Council Voters' Guide** has been created to provide you with a concise, nonpartisan publication of the candidates' views on pressing issues.

A **Meet the Candidates Forum** will be held on **Tuesday, March 31 at 7pm** in the Clayton High School auditorium, #1 Mark Twain Circle. If you cannot attend, the Forum will be available via livestream, [claytonschools.net/youtube](https://claytonschools.net/youtube).

The names of all five candidates are:

- Christine Win
- David Gulick
- Gary A. Pierson
- Kimberly Hurst
- Nathaniel Millett

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## Next Meeting

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A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Gutchewsky and seconded by Gina Nakis  
4/6/2020 6:30 PM, Clayton High School Library