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Clayton High School PTO

3/4/2019 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Stefanie Litteken, Co-President

In Attendance

Stefanie Litteken, Katie Sandquist, Gina Bernstein, Susan Brown, Gina Nakis, Jaret Perryman, Kim Hurst, Greg Pierson (student), Laura Pierson, Sarah Bernard, Celeste Gillette, Nancy Donahoo, Paula Sparks, Peter Sparks, Susan Buse, Lois Stemmler, Caroline Marsden (student)

Dan Gutchewsky, Principal

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

Principal's Report

Dan Gutchewsky reported on the following:

- Spring sports have started. Girls Basketball just won district championships and will play again Tuesday, March 5 at 8pm.
- We are continuing the hiring process for several positions (Social Studies, English, Math and Athletic Director). The process is labor intensive. We post the positions for 2-3 weeks then close them. Following that we sit with HR and the Department heads to do a paper screening. Following that we do introductory interviews. Applicants are then brought in to teach a lesson topic observed by the Principal, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum Coordinator, and Department Head. The pool is then narrowed down and further interviews are held within each department.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up March 13 - 14. So far 441 students are represented by appointments with teachers.
- Spring Break is March 18-22, 2019
- April 2 is the CHS sponsored ACT test for Juniors.
- April 6 is Prom.

Committee Reports

Activities Report, presented by Dan Gutchewsky in T'Shon's absence.

- Prom is Saturday, April 6th 7-11pm at Sheldon Concert Hall and is attended by Juniors and Seniors. Dinner is served at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$65 and they include both Prom and After Prom. Valet will be provided and is included in the ticket price.

- After Prom will be at Tropicana Lanes 11:30-1:30am. Tickets are \$10 for students that do not attend Prom. There will be a place to change clothes and storage of formal wear for those that go directly from Prom to After Prom.
- We need lots of volunteers for Prom and After Prom! A sign up genius will go out this week.
- April 1-5 is CHS Awareness week. Several topics will be highlighted including Blood Drive and Health Awareness Fair, Mental Health, Healthy Relationships, Drug and Alcohol Awareness and Unity.

Staff Appreciation:

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

Parent Connections:

- Sophomores have a College Counselor meeting on Wednesday, March 6 in the Library.
- Juniors have a happy hour event coming up on April 25th 6-8pm at Rob and Lori Anderson's home. Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

Treasurer Report

Gina Bernstein presented current PTO Budget and account balance.

- The Simmons Checking account has \$57,248.97
- We paid the \$6,000 grant to Adzick Field. No contributions in the last 60 days.

New Business

School Board Candidate, Brad Bernstein

Brad Bernstein is a candidate for one of two seats open in the upcoming Board of Education election. He introduced himself, discussed his experience 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.

CHS Children's Miracle Network Dance Marathon Representative, Caroline Marsden

Our student run organization has spent the last four months raising funds and awareness for local children's pediatric hospitals. We have put on a series of mini events such as donuts drives and movie nights, as well as partnered with local businesses in sponsorships to work towards our goal

of \$10,000. 100% of the donations will directly benefit St. Louis Children's Hospital and SSM Cardinal Glennon.

Our year of fundraising will culminate with a four hour long Dance Marathon in Stuber Gym on March 7th (6pm-10pm). The event will include dancing, games, raffles, catered food, and stories from patients and their families.

If you are interested in learning more about CHS Dance Marathon, visit our website - www.chsdancemarathon.com or check us out on Instagram - [@claytondancemarathon](https://www.instagram.com/claytondancemarathon).

Proposition E, Jaret Perryman and Kim Hurst (Treasurer and Co-chair of Citizens for Clayton Schools)

Proposition E is a proposal on the April 2, 2019 ballot asking voters who live within the School District of Clayton to approve an operating levy increase of 56 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation and an eight-cent waiver of Proposition C sales tax revenues.

Further information can be found on the District website www.claytonschools.net/domain/1634

Greg Pierson, CHS senior

Greg is working toward getting a student representative on the Clayton Board of Education. The student representative would be a sophomore with a one year term beginning in April and would not be able to vote. The student would be selected by the Administration but it has not yet been publicized for applications. There would also be District Student Advisory Council consisting of 8 students (2 freshman, 2 sophomores, 2 juniors, 2 seniors) which would be elected by class peers and would serve a one year term.

Next Meeting

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

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