

MINUTES

Clayton High School PTO

4/1/2019 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Stefanie Litteken, Co-President

In Attendance

Stefanie Litteken, Katie Sandquist, Gina Bernstein, Susan Brown, Gina Nakis, Celeste Gillette, Peter Sparks, Paula Sparks, Lois Stemmler, Sarah Bernard, Diane Willingham, Stephanie Abbajay.

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

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

Principal's Report

Dan Gutchewsky reported on the following:

- Tuesday, April 2 is election day. Please vote. Information about Prop E can be found via a link on the CHS website.
- Tuesday April 2 is ACT Test day for Juniors.
- Prom is Saturday, April 6
- Senior Skip day is April 8 (always the Monday after Prom).
- The Student Run Musical is "Seussical" and is April 10-14.
- On April 17th we will co-host with Ladue a showing of "Big Sonia" at Ladue. Leah Warshawski will be back to speak along with her brother. Free to the community. They will be soliciting donations for the Jewish Federation.
- April 23-26 Course Exams
- The turnover of staff positions has been abnormally high this year so we are still continuing the hiring process in several departments. One English position has been filled, one part-time English remains. Two Social Studies teachers have been hired, one Social Studies position still open. One Biology position still open. Two math positions still open. Two counseling assistant positions open. A Choral Music teacher position is still open. The Athletic Director position is in the final stages of hiring. A recommendation will be made to the School Board and an announcement could possibly happen by April 11th. Ryan Luhning has accepted a position with another school as Principal so there is now a Vice Principal position open.

Committee Reports

Activities Report, presented by T'Shon Young:

- 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. Tickets will be on sale until through Friday. Valet will be provided at the Sheldon and is included in the ticket price.

- After Prom will be at Tropicana Lanes 11:00-1:30am. Tickets are \$10 for students that do not attend Prom. After Prom tickets must be purchased by Thursday this week. There will be a place to change clothes and storage of formal wear for those that go directly from Prom to After Prom. After Prom will have free bowling, a movie, games, food. One time entry.
- We need lots of volunteers for Prom and After Prom!
- April 1-5 is CHS Awareness week.
 - Monday - Blood Drive goal was 39 units but we collected 59 units. American Red Cross will donate two \$50 scholarships.
 - Tuesday - Dress in Yellow for Mental Health and Suicide Awareness.
 - Wednesday - Dress in Purple for Healthy Relationship Awareness.
 - Thursday - Dress in Red for Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness.
 - Friday - Dress in Orange for Diversity and Unity Awareness.
- Thursday, April 11 is the Arts Fair. It is not mandatory. Buddy recruitment is this Thursday and Buddy Training will be the morning of the Art Fair. Chick-fil-A will be available for purchase.
- May 23 is De-stress Day during 4th, 5th and 6th periods.
- May 24th is Senior Send Off
- May 24th is the annual Kickball game between students that went to Glenridge, Meramec, Captain and Other.
- STuCo will have some changes next year in the organization but will still include officers, student ambassadors and Link Crew.

Staff Appreciation:

- The next event is a staff lunch during the week of Finals. We need volunteers to serve and clean.

Parent Connections:

- Freshman have a meeting with CHS College Counselors soon. Date TBD.
- Sophomores had a College Counselor meeting a couple of weeks ago.
- Juniors have a happy hour event coming up on April 25th 6-8pm at Rob and Lori Anderson's home (221 N. Central). Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.
- Seniors have a happy hour event coming up on April 18th 5:30 at Penos. Appetizers will be provided.

Treasurer Report

Gina Bernstein presented current PTO Budget and account balance.

- The Simmons Checking account has \$50,204.34
- No contributions in the last 60 days. We've had some After Prom and Parent Connections expenses come in as well as an expense for hosting a foursome for the Golf Tournament in May.
- To balance the budget for next year, Gina recommends that we
 - Increase FFE by \$150
 - Decrease Delivery and Postage by \$370
 - Increase Conference Snacks by \$150
 - Increase Grade Level Testing Snacks by \$100
 - Decrease Staff Appreciation by \$1200
 - Increase Student Planner by \$720

We will vote to approve the 2019-2020 Budget at the next meeting.

New Business

PTO Positions for 2019-2020 School year will be voted on at the next meeting. Please contact us if you are interested in a position.

Katie Sandquist and Stephanie Abbajay have volunteered to be Co-Presidents
Gina Bernstein has volunteered to stay on as Treasurer
Susan Brown has volunteered to stay on as Secretary
Melissa Clark has volunteered to stay on as Communications

We need volunteers for quite a few committees/positions:

PTO Board Vice-President
Freshman Finals Festival
Staff Appreciation
Freshman Parent Connections
Open House/Parent Teacher Conference Snacks
Funds for Excellence

The next PTO meeting will be a Social Gathering on May 15th. Details will be emailed soon.

Next Meeting

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

5/15/19 6:30 PM, Location TBA

