

# MINUTES

## Clayton High School PTO

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9/9/2019 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Stephanie Abbajay, Co-President

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### In Attendance

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Stephanie Abbajay, Katie Sandquist, Gina Bernstein, Susan Brown, Melissa Clark, Allie Rossini, Alison Hoette, Jodi Ladner, Gina Nakis, Celeste Gillette, Beth Deutsch, Paula Sparks, Peter Sparks  
T'Shon Young, Coordinator of Athletics and Activities

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

### Principal's Report

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T'Shon Young presented in Dan's absence:

- Progress Reports out next Friday. Check PowerSchool.
- Parent/Teacher Conference Sign ups will be available the week of October 1st.
- The first Clayton Conversation session will be September 25.
- Coffee with the Principal begins this month on September 27 at 9am in the Library. All welcome.

### Committee Reports

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

- Junior Challenge is this Thursday, September 12. All Juniors plus 30 Senior volunteers will be bussed to Tower Grove Park and will return by 2:15pm to CHS.
- The first edition of The Greyhound Insider was emailed out this week. It will be sent every other week and includes news and updates on athletics, extra curricular activities and clubs. It is sent to all parents in the Clayton School District.
- Homecoming Spirit Week is September 15-21. An email with information regarding the week will be sent out to families soon. Brahleyball Games and Powderpuff Football will both be held on Sunday, September 15.
- The Pep Rally will be Friday, September 20 at 2:20pm.
- Class Games and Bonfire will be Friday, September 20 at Gay Field from 7:00-8:30pm. This is a family event. All welcome. Class sponsors will coordinate students in games on the field to compete for the "Golden Greyhound".

- Any students with interest in being considered for Homecoming Court, please complete a form this week. See T'Shon Young with any questions.
- The Football team is selling coupon books for \$25. They are available in the Athletic office.

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

The teachers lunch on August 20th went well. Next event will be during Parent/Teacher Conferences. A sign-up genius will be emailed to those that have volunteered.

**Homecoming Bonfire**, presented by Celeste Gillette:

The bonfire is on Friday, September 20 7:00pm- 8:30pm. This is a fun night and parents as well as siblings are encouraged to attend. The parent tent is next to the parking lot of Gay Field. We are doing good on volunteers for this event.

**Parent Connections:**

- The Senior Class will have their first social event on Friday, September 13.
- The Freshman Class is working on an event at the Ritz in October. Stay tuned.

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

- We are still working on a venue but the City Museum is a possibility. Prom will be at Windows on Washington making it a convenient location, however, it would require more fund raising to cover the higher costs. The City Museum does not allow outside food so they would provide food included in the cost. After Prom is 11:00pm - 1:30am.
- We need another parent volunteer to help coordinate After Prom with Melissa.

**Volunteers:**

We are always looking for volunteers on all committees. Please sign up through the link on the CHS PTO website or contact Katie Sandquist ([katiesandquist@gmail.com](mailto:katiesandquist@gmail.com)) or Stephanie Abbajay ([sabbajay@gmail.com](mailto:sabbajay@gmail.com)).

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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 \$63,743.37
- The Paypal account has \$100.00
- So far 165 families have donated to Funds for Excellence. Last year 240 families donated. We are still short on funding this year. Will send out another email ask soon, however, if we cannot raise the budgeted amount we will need to look at where to make cuts.

- There was a short discussion regarding the fees to use PayPal and whether or not those using PayPal for payment should absorb the fees. No decision was made. It is currently optional.

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## New Business

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**All In Coalition**, presented by Beth Deutsch:

- The Coalition is a community-wide prevention organization with the goal to keep minors safe from substance use while supporting their mental health. Last year they provided \$8,000 in services to the Clayton community.
- The group meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month 6-7pm in Clayton Administration Building.
- Yard signs for the Safe Celebration campaign are available and we need volunteers to distribute. Please contact Beth (314-283-3159) if you can help.
- The Coalition is funded by a Missouri grant and in-kind donations. They have applied for a Federal grant and will know by Oct 31 if it will be received.
- The next educational event, “Hidden In Plain View” will be during Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 15 at Wydown Middle School. It is free and open to the public. Adults only.

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## Next Meeting

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

10/7/2019 6:30 PM, Clayton High School Library