

# Clayton High School PTO

## August 17, 2015

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### ATTENDEES

Celeste Gillette and Jamie Marvel, co-chairs; Dan Gutchewsky, Principal; James Gladstone, Student Activities Director; Lori Anderson, Sarah Bernard, Moira Jablon Bernstein, Susan Block, Patty Bloom, Laurie Brown, Jennifer Chan-Wong, Flora Dulle, Maripat Gatter, Willis He, Jean Heusel, Tracee Holmes, Latrina Hopton, Jayne Howard, Lisa Humphreys, Maya Kirkhope, Stephanie Littiken, Sylvia Massad, Harold Miller, Laurel Miller, Carolyn Morris, Gina Nakis, Elienne Perin, Anneliese Schaefer, Eric Schneider, Erin Schuver, Parisa Seraji, Hilary Sharpe, Rachel Simpson, Sandy Straetker, Beth Stohr, Rich Szabo, Diane Walton, Tammy Williams, Lori Zimmerman,

### AGENDA

#### Welcome and Introductions: Celeste Gillette and Jamie Marvel

#### Open House

- Thursday, April 27 at 6 p.m. for parents of Freshmen
- 7 p.m. for parents of upperclassmen
- PTO will have booth so parents can sign up to volunteer.
- We will be serving popcorn and refreshments
- PTO is raffling 4 seats and reserved parking at graduation. \$5 per raffle ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets. Funds will support the after-prom party

#### Budget Report

- Balance of PTO checking account as of 8/2/2015: \$46,077
- Amount deposited on 8/20/2015: \$18,600
- Additional deposit on 8/31/2015: \$8128
- Contributions by category
  - FFE \$13,455
  - Dues \$5920
  - Staff Appreciation \$4663
  - After Prom \$2925
- Pending contributions: \$475 (money submitted electronically but not yet received)

#### Principal's Report: Dan Gutchewsky

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- CHS hired 7 new faculty members (**Sean Rochester**, English, hired from Parkway Central; **Roshaunda Cade**, English, hired from Webster University; **Kayra Merrils**, Spanish, hired from University of Maryland; **Erick Price**, choir, hired from Pacific, former Broadway performer; **Dan Henderson**, Orchestra, hired from Pattonville; **Ally Libby**, PE and health; **Blake Ahern**, Basketball Coach, played at Desmet and professionally; Matt Boswell, English learning center;
  - Freshmen orientation went well and was led by 50 LinkCrew members who are Juniors and Seniors.
  - Counseling did a great job with schedules.
  - Fall sports competitions are beginning. Teams have new uniforms.
  - Graduation is on Friday, May 20 at Chaifetz
  - The winter musical will be Caberet.
  - Enrollment: 881 students, 11 more students than last year, 30 new students in the Freshman class, 90 new students. Typical class size is 220.
  - Administration is sending home refrigerator magnets with important dates.

### Student Activities Report: James Gladstone

- Freshman Student Council positions are open and elections will be held soon.
- Grade level assemblies were held the first week of school and showed great energy.
- Homecoming week is October 4-10.
  - Pep Rally: October 9. It's an early release day.
  - Playing Parkway West
  - Theme is Pixar Perfect
  - Bonfire Friday night with Spirit Games at Gay Field with tent for parents
- The date of the Halloween Dance is changing and will be announced soon.

### Committee Reports

- Parent Connections: Jamie Marvel
  - Juniors are responsible for getting chaperones for Homecoming
  - Sophomores are responsible for getting chaperones for the Halloween Dance
  - Freshmen Parent Connection had a well-attended coffee on the first day
  - Sophomore Parent Connection is having an event at Sweetology on October 27 at 6:30.
- After Prom Party: Lori Elliott
  - Prom will be held at the Randall Art Gallery on April 16
  - After Prom will be held at Moolah. You can attend After Prom even if you do not go to the prom.

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- Last year, 243 kids attended the after prom party. 30 parent volunteers helped. The event included bowling, movies, photo booth, snacks, attendance prizes, and a raffle. Cost was \$8,000.
  - Lori is meeting with Senior Student Council officers to see if they want to make any changes for next year.
  - The Junior Trivia Night fundraiser on January 30 will raise money for prom.
  - Buzz Books: Erin Schuver
    - Buzz books at the print shop. Any changes given after last week were not included.
    - Parents who paid PTO dues will get a book at Open House. Parents who have not can pick up a book after Open House from the office.
  - Staff Appreciation: Tracee Holmes and Kristi Skor
    - PTO will provide a box dinner for faculty at Open house
    - PTO will do something dinner for faculty the week of conferences in October.

### Committee Reports

- PTO Council Handbook: The CHS PTO is governed by the Clayton School District PTO Council which has its own set of bylaws. They are available online. We will be voting on those bylaws at the next meeting. Celeste and Jamie do not feel there is anything controversial in the bylaws.
- Speaker's Series: Celeste Gillette and Jamie Marvel
  - PTO would like to organize a speakers series for parents
  - Topics ideas include: organization tips, drug abuse prevention, etc.
  - Contact Celeste or Jamie if you have ideas or would like to help organize the speaker's series.
- Volunteer List: Committee chairs will receive a volunteer list of parents who expressed interest in helping with that committee. Parents can complete the volunteer interest form on the PTO webpage.
- Golf Tournament will be held October 3. It is open to anyone, and raises money for athletic teams. The committee's goal is 32 teams. PTO sponsors a team of teachers. Information about the Golf Tournament will be available online soon.
- Fall Sports Meeting is Wednesday night.

**Next PTO Meeting: September 21 at 6:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Patty Bloom