

CLAYTON HIGH SCHOOL PTO  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 6, 2008

Attendance: Kathleen Vierod, Ornetta Buchanan, Russell Buchanan, Jan Goodman, Ann Gold, Jackie Militello, Sonia Beard, Louise Losos, Eric Hamylak, Robin Rivard, Patty Cooper, Sue Hodapp, Christy Breckenridge, Yun-Ho Sikora, Kathleen Matheny, Beth Haslet, Patty Paster, Lisa Avery, Carol Evers, Jeanne Golden, Joana Ritter, Mary Hummell, Maryan Shumway, Holly Goldfarb, Ilene Joseph.

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order by Jackie Militello at 7:00pm. Ann Gold presented the September minutes for approval. They were reviewed and approved.

**Website:** The Buchanan's gave a hand out of instructions for the web site.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tina Holland was not present for approval of the September budget. Ilene Joseph did report the FFE total is \$7,500.00 with only 10% of the families represented. The goal is to increase participation. Another letter will be mailed after Thanksgiving.

The Prom committee asked if the PTO should provide a bus for the kids to get to and from the Prom since it is located at Windows. They asked the committee to talk with other parents about the issue and will have a discussion at our January meeting.

**Upcoming Events:** Lisa Avery discussed the plans for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade progressive dinner planned for Sat, 11/15. She has posted a flyer on the PTO web site. Yun-Ho Sikora discussed the 10<sup>th</sup> grade Parent's Tapas Party to be held Sat, 11/08. She also discussed the need for volunteers for the Halloween Dance, Sat., 10/25. The goal is to have 2 shifts with 5 volunteers for each shift.

Eric Hamylak discussed a Trivia Night sponsored by the junior class to be held on Sat, 11/01 to raise money for prom. It will be held in the Commons and the cost is \$20.00/person.

**Past Events:** Beth and Robin discussed the bon fire and asked if we should allow the students in the parent tent. If we choose to do so, we should increase the budget for the bon fire for next year.

Patty Paster reported the Staff Appreciation Dinner the night of Open House was a huge success. Teacher participation reached 55 and they all 'loved' the food.

**Principal's Report:** Louise said Homecoming week was a huge success. All the activities throughout the week were fun thanks to Eric and the dance went off 'without a hitch.' 600 tickets were sold for the dance. She also stated Project Blue Print has reached the unveiling stage and would like to combine the Nov. PTO meeting with the high school and middle school. All PTO members from both committees have agreed. The meeting will be held at CHS.

Louise took questions from members of the PTO. Four questions were answered by Louise:

1. What is being done about marijuana in the school? Of course, it is not tolerated. If a teacher suspects a student is high during their class they will intervene and the administration and the police will become involved.
2. Is bad language tolerated throughout the building and especially in front of the building? The administration and teachers are aware of the use of inappropriate language and address the student violating the policy.
3. Why is the cafeteria food expensive? Chartwell's is contracted by the school and they need to have competitive pricing. They are aware of the number of kids who go off campus for lunch.
4. Why do some kids in the middle get 'lost' in the system? Louise stated naturally the focus is on those who take honors classes and those who need additional help. But, overall, she feels they do not get lost. An emphasis is placed on the class curriculum and class size. She also stated there are so many different clubs and programs that should be of interest for each and every student at the school.

Meeting adjourned by 8:00pm.

**Next Meeting: November 3, 2008 at 7:00pm in CHS Library. This will be a joint meeting with the Wydown PTO to discuss Project Blueprint.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Matheny  
Secretary