



Clayton High School PTO

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CLAYTON HIGH SCHOOL PTO

Wednesday, April 2, 12:00 pm

This Meeting was held on Zoom and in person at the Center of Clayton, Meeting Room C.

The following board members were present in person:

Co-President Joanna Dinsmore, Co-President Jena Schaumberg, Communications Director Priya Bazzani, and Secretary Amber Kempf

The following CHS Staff, PTO Members, and PTO Committee/Event Chairs were present:

CHS Principal – Dan Gutchewsky
Emily Whitney – Staff Appreciation Committee
Amy Wilson – Staff Appreciation Committee
Suzy Ogé – Faculty Special Projects Awards
Chellie McLellan – Clayton All In Coalition
Tahnee Jackson Whitlock
Marni Dillard
Melissa Rideout

The following members and Board/Committee/Event Chairs were present via Zoom:

Kelley Karandjeff – Senior Parent Connections Co-Lead
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Marisa Johnson
Caroline Lee
Naiwen Zhang
Emily Zhou

- **Welcome & Introductions:** Joanna Dinsmore and Jena Schaumberg
- **New Senior Graduation Event - Kelley Karandjeff - Senior Parent Connections Co-Lead**
 - Graduation Parade and a Party in Shaw Park on 5/21/25
 - This year the Senior Parent Connections Co-Leads have been meeting and working with the Senior Class leaders to develop a new graduation tradition that includes the community and families of Seniors. On 5/21/25, the night before graduation there will be a Graduation Parade that will start at 5:30 pm at Gay Field. The car parade will travel through downtown and end at Shaw Park. A graduation party will be held at the end of the parade in Shaw Park for Seniors and their families. Entertainment will be provided by the CHS student community. Drinks and Desserts will be provided with funds from the Clayton PTO. Food Trucks will be available to buy dinner. The car parade will be the

same as those that occurred during the Covid 19 Pandemic. More details about the events will be forthcoming as the date gets closer.

- **Presidents' Report:** Joanna Dinsmore and Jena Schaumberg
 - Approval of the Previous Months' Minutes
 - When a request was made for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 5, 2025 PTO meeting, Suzy Ogé requested to amend the proposed March 5, 2025 meeting minutes. No specific proposed amendments were presented. The Secretary and Board requested that any proposed amendments to the March 5, 2025 meeting minutes be sent via e-mail to the Board. A vote for the approval of the March 5, 2025 meeting minutes was tabled until the May 7, 2025 meeting for consideration of any proposed amendments.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Joanna Dinsmore and Jena Schaumberg
 - Funds for Excellence Fundraising Goals Met
 - Right now the totals raised for Funds for Excellence are as follows:
 - \$21,210.40 is in the PTO Bank Account
 - \$6,134 has been donated through Cheddar Up, and will be transferred shortly into the PTO bank account from Cheddar Up
 - An additional donation of \$1500 was made through a Charitable Fund which is on its way through the process of being donated but has not arrived to the CHS PTO yet.
 - Total donated for the 24-25 School Year - \$28,844.86
 - 24-25 Budget - \$27,500.00
 - \$1344.86 – has been donated over and above the budget
 - Thanks to the community for helping the Board meet the Budget this year.
 - A new Treasurer coming in for the 25-26 School Year that works in the financial field
 - The Board is considering a proposal to move the Monthly PTO Meeting to the Wednesday of the 2nd week of each month to make sure all financial information has time to be processed and included in the Monthly Treasurer's Report.
 - Videos were viewed from some of the recipients of PTO Faculty Project Awards that have been granted. More videos from the Faculty Project Award grants are coming and will be shared with the community as they are received
 - A CHS Math Department Award provided additional whiteboard space for students to work on Math.
 - The PE Department shared the T-Shirts it purchased to incentivize students to meet goals students set for themselves in student exercise classes.
- **Speaker - Chellie McLellan – Behavioral Wellness and All-In Coalition Specialist shared a Report of Data collected by the All-In Coalition on alcohol and drug use among Clayton Students**
 - The most robust data collection was during the 2022 School Year. The Coalition is working on how to increase student participation in the surveys used to collect data. Data is collected every two years. Limited data was collected in 2024. The Coalition is working through a grant with the District to determine the best way to collect survey data to engage the most students and parents going forward.
 - Some of the data from the Presentation is available here:
 - <https://allincoalition.com/our-data/>

- If you would like a copy of the Slides from the presentation you can contact Chellie McLellan at: chelliemclellan@claytonschoools.net
 - The Clayton AI-In Coalition has a survey currently pending for district parents of students from 6-12 grade to complete. This will assist them in determining what information, programs and events they can provide that would benefit students and parents.
 - Take the Parent Survey at this link: <https://allincoalition.com/2025/03/14/all-in-clayton-coalition-parent-survey/>
 - On April 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm, there will be a Zoom Presentation *In The Weeds A Cannabis conversation for Parents and Caregivers*
 - You can sign up for the event here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBkiR7FYGc8uxwt7Auh6hBL47hnUsgn5x4QX3Or24uOWgv0g/viewform>
- **Principal's Update:** Dr. Gutchewsky
 - The PTO Conference Dinners for Teachers/Staff were a success.
 - Spring Conferences had about 50% in person attendance.
 - PSAT/SAT testing for Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors was today 4/2/25. There were only a few minor problems. This was the first time that CHS had all the students take the test at the same time to avoid disrupting all students' schedules multiple days.
 - The Seniors were out today on their Senior Day of Service providing Community Service to several local organizations.
 - The Spring Musical Willy Wonka is on April 23-25. Tickets go on sale Monday. The performance is at The Black Box.
 - Spring State Testing is coming up.
 - Prom tickets are currently on sale. Prom theme is the Roaring 20's and the Prom will be held on April 26 at the event space Reverie in Chesterfield.
 - May 5th-16th is when AP Exams will be held. The dates are set by the State of Missouri.
 - May 22 Graduation Events
 - Senior Send Off was moved so it will not conflict with AP Exams.
 - The Graduation Parade was moved to Wednesday 5/21 at 5:30 pm and will be followed by a party in Shaw Park for Seniors and their families.
 - Graduation is on 5/22 starting at 6:00 pm. Graduation lasts about an hour and 45 minutes.
 - May 1, 2025 will be the Student Awards Ceremony in the CHS auditorium
 - **Committee Chair Updates**
 - **Staff Appreciation:** Amy Wilson, Emily Whitney
 - Conference Dinner for staff was a success. The committee is working on the final luncheon for teachers within their remaining budget.
 - **Parent Connections**
 - Emily Zhao - Junior Parent Coordinator
 - Shared there was some concern about attendance at the Junior Parent Event tonight with the incoming bad weather. It was suggested by the Board to follow what the School District does with regard to evening events.
 - Upcoming Freshmen Parent Connection Event
 - College Q&A with the college counselor on May 8, 2025.

- There was a Sophomore Parent Connection Event last week.
- The Board is still working on finding a Freshman Parent Connection Liaison for next year. There will be a lot of materials and information available to guide the new Liaison. Please reach out to the Board if you are interested or know someone who would be a good fit.

○ **Questions and any other business**

- The Board reaffirmed that the CHS PTO Budget has been met for the 2024-25 School Year.
- A parent requested assistance in scheduling conferences with her students teachers and information was given to connect the parent with the folks at CHS that could help her.

The Next PTO Meeting will be held on Zoom and in person at the Center of Clayton, on May 7, 2025, Meeting Room C, from 12 to 1 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Kempf, Secretary