

PTO Council Meeting - Agenda - April 14, 2022

****Meeting on Zoom and Recorded****

Present: Nisha Patel, Stacey Siwak, Kristin Pollak, Robyn Wiens, Susan Kronemer, Jessica Graetz, Laura Pierson, Tonya Hayden, Jenny Abeles, Allie Rossini, Sandi Straetker, Kim Sherony

6:30-6:45: Welcome and Introductions (including any updates from specific schools)

Family Center - Not Present

Meramec - Not Present

- Helping Hands committee working on a quiet activity for the library. They are making strips out of plastic bags and weaving them into mats.
- Not doing the pancake breakfast this year.
- Working on Summer Send Off
- Starting to get back into 2nd phase of playground - nature space with customized bricks

Glenridge - Not Present

Wydown -

- Working on 8th grade promotion - the plan is to have a parade and a reception on the field
- 6th and 7th grade camp this week went well
- Staff Appreciation coming up
- Parent Night Out on April 22nd.

CHS -

6:45-6:55: District Update from the Superintendent, Dr. Nisha Patel

- Spring sports are in full swing.
- Last night was the first public in-person school board meeting.
 - Swore in 3 new board meetings
 - Elected new officers for the board - same as last year
- Next Wednesday is another board meeting with a community engagement forum - focused on Goal 1 - "A Place for Everyone" The number of attendees is limited to 75.

6:55-7:05: District Communications Update: Chris Tennill - Not Present

7:05-7:15 Board of Education Update: Stacy Siwak

- Chris Win and Stacey Siwak took oath last night, and Jason will be sworn
- Dr. Poole highlighted May is Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage and Jewish American Heritage month.
- Curriculum updates last night were in Career and Technical Arts Education
- Proposal to support Afghan refugee students was approved.
- Steve Hutson reported on several proposed changes to the athletic department.
- School calendars have been approved for two years.

7:15-7:25: Clayton Education Foundation Update: Sandi Straetker

- Today was Prize Patrol Day - handed out \$50,000 in grants to Clayton school programs
- Adzick Field was completed two years ago. Formal dedication is happening on April 23rd.
- Clayton Alumni Hall of Fame and Distinguished Educator Awards on April 22nd and 23rd.
- Encourage graduates to get signed up with the Alumni Association.
- Food and Essentials Drive - Week of September 18th or 25th might be good in the fall.

7:25-7:35: All in Coalition Update: Kim Sherony

- Next week at Wydown is a wellness week that is coinciding with MAP testing.
 - Activity Packets
 - Short films
 - Popsicles
 - Duo Dogs
- CHS wellness week happening around finals.
 - May need parent volunteers
 - Incentivizing students
- Parent workshop - Head and Heart Series - Phone Usage

7:15-7:25 Student Services Update: Robyn Wiens

- ESA summer program - 9-12am with a possible connection with The Center of Clayton for students to spend the afternoons there. Also, KidZone is available.
- Wydown Summer Academy - any middle schooler can sign up. Multiple math options. Leadership from CHS students working as interns.

7:35-7:45: Treasurer's Report and Discussion on New Accounting Software: Tanya Hayden

- See attached report
- Discussed insurance - covered if a PTO officer is sued, but not covered if the treasurer does something wrong. Should we get more insurance to cover the treasurers? We don't have enough people at the meeting to feel comfortable voting on this issue.
- An email will be sent out to all officers.
- Looking into replacing Quickbooks. Money Minder is accounting software for nonprofit organizations. Additionally, they have an online store to set up fundraising, and the capability to send emails with tax receipt info. Also, quite a bit cheaper than Quickbooks.. Tanya will send the info to the treasurers.

7:45-7:55: New Business including Upcoming Slates

- PTOs who need help filling positions, please let us know.
- There are two open positions on PTO council
 - Jessica is interested in continuing.
 - Diana Hopper is leaving.

7:55-8:00: Adjourn