

## CLEARMONT PTO MEETING NOTES / SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

### Attendees:

- ✓ John Navickas
- ✓ Kasandra Pruyn
- ✓ Sarah Sundquist
- ✓ Maggie Kawa
- ✓ Giorgia Spentzos Dravilas
- ✓ Laura Nevarez
- ✓ Kelly Bean
- ✓ Natalie Senne
- ✓ Joanna Jopek
- ✓ Maria Irizarry
- ✓ Aga Batura
- ✓ Jen Torelli
- ✓ Odet Isaac
- ✓ Jasmine Fidowicz (zoom)
- ✓ Jennifer (zoom)
- ✓ Julie Doyle-Garcia (zoom)
- ✓ Kasia (zoom)
- ✓ Paulina (zoom)
- ✓ Paulina Kwiecien (zoom)
- ✓ Michaela Shafar (zoom)

### WELCOME MESSAGE

1. Explained the change in President
  - Jessica Graham's family has moved out of the Clearmont District so she can no longer be president. After discussing amongst the board and with Mrs. Farfan and Mr. Navickas we decided it would be best for me to take over the role of president this year. In a little bit we will formally vote for President as well as new roles being taken on.

### EXPECTATIONS FOR YEAR

1. We are all volunteers doing our best
2. We are trying to get back to normal, but normal has changed.
3. We need to work together, be civil, and if you are going to complain, come up with a solution, or (even better) step up and volunteer, join the board.
4. Volunteers for committees, talk to Maggie and committee
5. Some details and decisions need to be kept at the Board level, but otherwise, we are as transparent as possible.
6. Many decisions are out of our control; they are dictated to us by the school or district administration.

### TREASURER REPORT

1. Apex Update
  - Our profit was \$14,758
    - Now we can afford a new sign for the school
  - Kids ran a total of 13,799 laps = 766 miles ran
  - Survey will go out in the next couple of weeks
2. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Shirts = About \$1000.00 for t shirts
3. Money for PTO also goes to Teacher luncheons and gifts for the staff
4. Ice Cream Social – \$164.00

### INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

1. Kasandra Pruyn – President

2. Sarah Sundquist - Vice President
3. Michaela Shafar – Treasurer
4. Georgia Spentzo-Dravilas - Fundraising Chair
5. Kelly Bean –Public Relations Chair
6. Laura Nevarez - Committee Support Co-Chair
7. Maggie Kawa - Committee Support Co-Chair
8. Natalie Senne – Secretary

### **VOTE AND SWEAR-IN NEW BOARD**

1. We need to officially vote in the new members of our board for banking and insurance purposes. We will not vote on Michaela Shafar or Maggie Kawa since they have not changed positions since we last voted in May.
  - PRESIDENT
    - Motion to Approve the change in President- Sarah Sundquist: passed
    - Second to Approve the change in President- Kelly Bean, Maggie Kawa: passed
  - VICE PRESIDENT
    - Motion to Approve Sarah Sundquist as Vice President - Natalie Senne: passed
    - Second to Approve Sarah Sundquist as Vice President – Kelly Bean, Georgia Spentzos Dravilas: passed
  - PUBLIC RELATIONS
    - Motion to Approve Kelly Bean as Public Relations – Maggie Kawa, Kelly Bean; passed
    - Second to Approve Kelly Bean as Public Relations – Jen Torelli, Maria Irizarry; passed
  - FUNDRAISING CHAIR
    - Motion to Approve Georgia Spentzo Dravilas as Fundraising Chair – Maria Irizarry, Natalie Senne; passed
    - Second to Approve Georgia Spentzo Drivalas as Fundraising Chair – Kelly Bean, Jen Torelli; passed
  - COMMITTEE SUPPORT CO-CHAIR
    - Motion to Approve Laura Nevarez as Committee Support Co-Chair – Maggie Kawa, Sarah Sundquist; passed
    - Second to Approve Laura Nevarez as Committee Support Co-Chair – Maria Irizarry, Kelly Bean; passed
  - SECRETARY
    - Motion to Approve Natalie Senne as Secretary – Jen Torelli, Kelly Bean; passed
    - Second to Approve Natalie Senne as Secretary – Sarah Sundquist; passed

### **PRINCIPAL REPORT – JOHN NAVICKAS**

1. Apex – So thankful for everyone’s help! It’s outstanding the amount of money that was raised for the school.  
THANK YOU
2. Holiday party – Time is yet to be determined.
3. Clubs - Monica did send a message out about clubs per grade level. There was some interest in a Soccer Club
4. Music Concerts – There will be 2 music concerts this year.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Tentative date is December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Tentative date is March 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm
5. Field day – Sarah Sundquist asked if there can be parent involvement for field day this week. Other schools allowed it. This question has come up with some other parents as well. The feedback received from parents who volunteered in APEX that they love it!
  - John will follow-up

### **CALENDAR**

1. CCSD59 Fall Fest - September 24; 11a-2pm; Admin Building
  - Can something be posted on PTO FB page. Not a lot of parents know about this event.
2. 5th Grade Shirts and Yearbook Theme

- Need help picking a theme
- Send survey out to 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents on suggestions for a theme
- 3. Shirts for other grades
  - Working on Clearmont family shirts
- 4. Signs
  - Digital?
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: Need to see what the village will and will not allow
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Need to see what the district will allow
  - Concerns on digital – should we do non-digital due to the digital not functioning correctly?
  - Sign Committee
    - Add to Sign-up sheet
- 5. Conferences and Book Fairs - October 12 and 13
  - Suggestion for teachers to view books 8:00 – 3:30 on Tuesday.
  - PTO will send a message out with a survey to the teachers
  - Whatever books teachers pick and it's the last copy. Books can be ordered so more books can arrive in time for book fair for children and parents
  - Location of bookfair still needs to be determined.
    - Possibly the front hallway by the gym?
  - Cannot have bookfair in lunchroom due that where children eat their lunch
  - Cannot be in the way of the kids
  - Scholastic will drop books on Monday
  - Books can be purchased online
  - One day for teachers to view (Tuesday); Two days for Parents and children to view (Wednesday and Thursday)
- 6. Trunk or Treat - Date to be Determined
  - Superhero will be the theme to follow the School's vision for SUCCESS
  - Jen Torelli & Maria Irizarry offered to help Sarah Sundquist
  - Suggestion for Lottery raffle
  - Suggestion for Taffy apples sale
  - Added to Sign-up sheet to secure a spot. If you don't sign up, there's no guarantee you will have a spot. We can try to fit you in.
- 7. Halloween Parties - October 31; afternoon
  - Still working on the details when costumes can be worn (to school or changed during school)
  - Still working on the times. Might be 1:15 but 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be different due to their specials.
- 8. Next PTO Meeting - November 3
  - We will have better location so that those on zoom can hear better
- 9. Holiday Shop - Date and Location to be Determined
  - Weeklong in person event - limited space (might have to be rework)
  - Will have more details
  - Maybe a winter event so we can combine the winter event and Holiday shop
- 10. Holiday Parties - December 22; afternoon
  - Still working on the details for time
    - Might be 1:15 & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be after their special

#### **MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING 5/4/22**

1. Sara Sundquist motions minutes;
2. Kelly Bean motions second

#### **QR CODES:**

1. Kasandra apologized for the issues with the QR codes. Signed up for what she thought was a free trial but found out they bill out annually \$107 with tax.
2. We will be creating new QR codes on FB.
3. John Navickas will look into if the school/district has QR code and if they can provide it to us



4. Adding QR codes to all PTO functions linking to PTO Facebook page

**OTHER DONATIONS:**

1. Amazon Smile – Clearmont PTO is listed as a donation.
  - a. An announcement will be going out to families so they can add the school
2. Kasandra mentioned there's also Raise Right

**PTO MEETING:**

1. Working on childcare for future meetings.