



# MEETING MINUTES

Claymont PTO General Meeting

September 4, 2024 | 6:30 – 7:30 PM

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Nathan Burch, Claymont Principal**

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1. Welcome - Dave Francis and Marissa Harjoe
    - a. Call to order at 6:32
    - b. 23 people in attendance
  2. Approval of May 2024 minutes – Laura Schaiff
    - a. Motion to approve-Casey Pfarr, 2nd-Fatima Zapata
  3. Guest Speaker: Dr. Nathan Burch - Claymont Principal
    - a. Shorthorn Support Squad
      - i. Ways for families to get involved in school community during the day
      - ii. Training and volunteer approval are required-reach out to Dr. Burch
    - b. Claymont School Families (during school day)
      - i. Character education/belonging
    - c. Melanie Tusing-Licensed Therapist; full time at Claymont
      - i. Supports short term goals for students and families in need
      - ii. Supports long term needs for support
    - d. Achievement and Growth
      - i. Engaging learning activities
    - e. Benchmark Advanced
      - i. Focused on making meaning, language development, fluency, content knowledge, foundational skills
    - f. NWEA Assessment
      - i. Will continue to take this year
    - g. Purpose to learning
      - i. Student clubs, choice in curriculum, exposure to careers/experts, leadership growth, exploration of passions
    - h. Introduced Parkway's Vision For a Learner
      - i. Critical thinker, empowered learner, connected citizen, resilient individual
  4. Treasurer's Report – Rebecca Valencia
    - a. Treasurer's presentation
      - i. Budget overview
        1. Money raised 24-25 school year will fund next school year's budget.
        2. Goal each year is \$30,000 to fund all current activities for next year.
        3. All funding will go towards operating budget, remaining funds will go towards special project
        4. 23-24 school year, Claymont community raised \$44,000
          - a. Majority from Shorthorn Spirit Campaign and Trivia Night (80%)
        5. Based on parent teacher feedback survey, adjustments were made to 24-25 budget
          - a. Budget was approved during May 2024 general PTO meeting
          - b. Breakdown of budget can be found on the Claymont PTO website
        6. How to stay up-to-date
          - a. follow PTO on Facebook
          - b. review meeting minutes on PTO website
          - c. attend general PTO meetings
  5. President's Report – Dave Francis and Marissa Harjoe
    - a. Welcome Allie Deno, Anna Jordan, Olivia Neary, and Amanda Clover
    - b. Continuing this year: Teacher Grants! Teacher's will be able to apply in October.

- c. Cardinals Night - Friday, September 6th
    - i. Special thanks to Katie Deets, Rebecca Valencia, Katie Salvo, Melissa Hendrick, Mary Genthon
    - ii. 5th grade class will be singing at the game
  - d. Spiritwear (Allie Deno and Anna Jordan)
    - i. Online sales will open this month
    - ii. Some spiritwear will be for sale at Curriculum Night
  - e. Trunk or Treat - Friday, October 25th
    - i. Committee chair is open-reach out to Dave Francis if interested
  - f. Kindergarten Social (Marissa Harjoe) - Faust Park, Saturday, Sept 21st, 11a-1p
    - i. Way to meet other families and parents
    - ii. Flier coming out soon
  - g. Classroom parents-still need volunteers
6. Vice President's Report – Allie Deno and Anna Jordan
    - a. Special Project - Front Lawn Sign board-bid awarded to Fast Signs company
    - b. Special Project - Turf for soccer field-will be looking into quotes
  7. Fundraising Chairs' Report – Olivia Neary and Amanda Clover
    - a. Shorthorn Spirit Update
      - i. Two ways to donate this year - PayPal & Check; Don't forget Company Match
    - b. Spirit Night Schedule
      - i. Wed, 9/11 (early release) - Slick City
      - ii. Sun, 9/15 - City 2 game
      - iii. Thurs, 10/10 (early release) - Freddy's
  8. Volunteer Coordinator's Report – Katie Salvo
    - a. Update on Membership Toolkit Volunteer Opportunities-sign up through MTK to show interest
      - i. room parents-sign up through link in Claymont Call
      - ii. staff appreciation
      - iii. library aide
  9. Upcoming Dates & Adjournment – Dave Francis and Marissa Harjoe
    - a. meeting adjourned 7:10 pm

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**Upcoming Dates:**

**Wednesday, Sept 4** - PTO General Meeting - 6:30 pm

**Friday, Sept 6** - Cardinals Night

**Wednesday, Sept 11** - 2-hour Early Release; Spirit Night  
(Slick City)

**Sunday, Sept 15** - City 2 game

**Thursday, Sept 19** - Curriculum Night/SHS Kickoff, 6 pm

**Saturday, Sept 21** - Kindergarten Social, Faust Park  
11am-1pm

**Thursday, Oct 10** - 2-hour Early Release; Spirit Night  
(Freddy's)

**Friday, Oct 11** - No School (Fall Break)

**Monday, Oct 14** - No School (Fall Break)

**Friday, Oct 25th** - Trunk or Treat

**Tuesday, Oct 29** - PTO Exec Board Mtg, 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, Nov 6** - PTO General Meeting - 6:30 pm