

MEETING MINUTES

Claymont PTO General Meeting

January 23, 2025 | 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Guest Speaker: Brian Kuhn - Student Wellness Program

1. Welcome - Marissa Harjoe and Dave Francis
 - a. Live streaming and 15 attendees in person

2. Guest Speaker - Brian Kuhn - Student Wellness Program
 - a. Questionnaire given to 5th, 7th, 10th graders
 - b. Program Steps
 - i. Identify-with questionnaire
 - ii. Support-those with potential concern/students who ask for help will meet with mental health professional to determine next steps
 - iii. Connect-parents/guardians are contacted by SWP to discuss screening results and options for support
 - c. Anxiety-how can the wellness program be a tool?
 - d. Some topics around prevention
 - i. Allow students to experience successes and failures
 - ii. Limit screen time (discussion for progression of introduction to technology)
 - iii. Allow for time without adult supervision
 - e. Tips for what to do if your child is anxious
 - i. Ideas if parents are worried about Anxiety Disorders-see professional support from school counselors-Joanna DeLong Suzanne Rodgers and school mental health specialist-Melanie Tusing
 - f. April 7-10th meet with 5th grade students for screening tool on Chromebook-parents will get email few days before
 - g. Parents will be notified of results

3. Approval of Nov 2024 minutes – Laura Schaiiff
 - a. Motion to approve was made (Casey Pfarr), second (Fatima Zapata)

4. Treasurer’s Report – Rebecca Valencia
 - a. Budget Update
 - b. Status of PTO Accounts
 - c. Tax Services
 - i. Requesting increase in budget for tax provider
 - ii. Requesting approval for approx \$800 for tax provider
 - iii. Motion to approve was made, second was made; approved increase

5. President’s Report – Marissa Harjoe and Dave Francis
 - a. Bayer Days - Jan 24th and Jan 31st
 - i. There are a couple more volunteers spots
 - b. Trivia Night - Saturday, February 8th, 2025
 - i. Tables sales end on Jan 31st
 - ii. Wagon of Cheer donations still needed
 - iii. Volunteers for setup and raffle sales still needed
 1. players can still volunteer to sell between rounds
 - c. Friendship Day Parties
 - i. Feb. 12th-Room parents will reach out soon to gather volunteers
 - d. Talent Show
 - i. April 4th

- e. Family Night
 - i. Looking for new chair to shadow current chair
 - f. Teacher Grants
 - i. Teacher requests will be in by 1/31
6. Vice President's Report – Allie Deno and Anna Jordan
 - a. Spiritwear Update -total of \$521.11
 - b. 2025-2026 open PTO Executive Board Positions
 - i. Two Vice Presidents
 - ii. Volunteer Coordinator
 - iii. Secretary
 7. Fundraising Chairs' Report – Olivia Neary and Amanda Clover
 - a. Shorthorn Spirit Update
 - i. Don't forget Company Match
 - b. Spirit Night Schedule
 - i. 1/29/2025, Wed - Chipotle; order online-you need to present code; no deliveries
 - ii. 2/13/2025, Thurs, Early Release - Main Event; must present itemized receipt when leaving
 8. Volunteer Coordinator's Report – Katie Salvo
 - a. Update on Membership Toolkit Volunteer Opportunities
 9. Principal's Report - Dr. Nathan Burch
 10. Upcoming Dates & Adjournment – Marissa Harjoe and Dave Francis

Upcoming Dates:

Fri, Jan 24/Fri, Jan 31 - Bayer Days
Wed, Jan 29 - Early Release/Spirit Night - Chipotle
Sat, Feb 8 - Trivia Night
Wed, Feb 12 - Friendship Day Parties
Thur, Feb 13 - Early Release/Spirit Night - Main Event
Fri, Feb 14 - No school - Prof Dev
Mon, Feb 17 - No school - President's Day
Wed, Mar 5 - March PTO General Meeting