

# Claxton PTO Meeting Agenda

Google Meet Virtual Meeting: [meet.google.com/qcw-mjcf-rey](https://meet.google.com/qcw-mjcf-rey)  
Tuesday, December 1, 2020 @6:00

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Attendees (15): Lisa Manning, Stephanie Jones, Alison Gioia, Mary Nichols, Miriam Scott, Rachel Autrey, Amanda Pattanayak, Amy Aiken, Shannon Morgan, Sara Niedenthal, Jennifer Rhode Ward, Paul Garrity, Brooks Buttler, Abby Owolabi, Dawn Rollins

6:00 - 6:10

## Thank Yous

- Coffee for staff: Staff Appreciation Team
- Tommasanne Davis for her marquee magic (special thanks from Wren and Bethany for showcasing Corporate Sponsors)
  - Thank you for keeping this updated!
- New Corporate Sponsors: Thank you for the support, this year especially
  - Premier Martial Arts (CLX parent!)
    - This is a repeat and have sponsored for several years
  - Sarah Howell of One 4 One Realty, Keller Williams (CLX parent!)

6:10 - 6:25

## Staff Updates

- Principal's Message: Mary Nichols
  - All teachers are working from home, announced on 11/20,
    - For the next two weeks and will be back for one week prior to winter break and then again after winter break for two weeks.
    - Some people are working in the building and teachers can come in if needed
    - This was hard, to move everyone home
      - Teachers are working hard to make sure that the kids are meeting their academic needs
  - Drive through celebration:
    - Date changed because staff is not in the building on the original date.
    - Moved to Tuesday 12/15 pickup and celebration, 3:30 – 6:30
    - A craft for each kid at the drive through
  - Before thanksgiving we had prepared for 34 students to return after thanksgiving and that didn't happen. This is why specials schedules changed.
- Claxton Staff Team Updates
  - MTSS (Multi-Tier System of Supports) Team
    - Rachel: met with Molly today to plan the schedule
    - Talked about big rocks.
    - Tier 1 plan and SST (student support teams)
    - Next week break up into teams and plan how the goals will be achieved throughout the rest of next year.
  - Social Justice Team
    - Paul: Staff resilience. Thank you to the PTO for supply coffee
    - Some other fun things:
      - Secret pals and staff are gifting each other (like secret santa)
      - Staff meeting was very festive with holiday hats
      - Trying to keep the energy up
  - Social Emotional Learning Team

- They provided amazing resources for Thanksgiving and providing information about the history and the indigenous people.
  - These resources were adapted for parents to use as well – created with the SJ Parent Auxiliary.
- Lighthouse/Leader in Me Team
  - Using the 7 habits as a core of emotional learning.
  - Focusing on WIG and goals.
  - Partnering with the SEL team.
  - Main lessons are coming through the announcements and having teachers show them in the classrooms is really helpful. Helps streamline it and get the messages to the children.
- AMPED (Art, Music, PE, Drama) Team
  - Adjusting to the schedule change and the way we are approaching the classes.
    - Moving away from asynchronous and moving to daily with each grade level
  - Finished the Celtic unit last week with the 4<sup>th</sup> graders.

#### DRAFT TEAM MISSION STATEMENTS:

- MTSS: We believe every child can achieve grade level benchmarks
- SEL: Emotional well-being and healthy relationships are foundational for students to thrive in learning and in life
- SJL: We believe in creating and sustaining socially just learning communities
- AM2PED: We believe that the arts are fundamental to teaching and learning
- TLIM: Everyone can be a leader.

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#### Treasurer Team Updates

- Treasurer's Report: Ashley Israel, Sara Niedenthal, and Dawn Rollins
- In November:
  - \$5,100 in corporate sponsors
- \$5,600 total YTD in corporate sponsors

6:30 - 7:00

#### Event Updates

- Mini Grant Requests: Amanda Pattanayak for Gabrielle Trott
  - Ed puzzle access for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Total is \$92 for the year. Would give access to all third graders. It is a platform that allows teachers to put videos and question for the students to see and can be re-watched numerous times
  - Fall total given out YTD \$1,352.62
  - \$ is remaining \$1,647.38
- SJL Parent Auxiliary: Amy Aiken
  - We have identified 2 avenues that we are working on to support and collaborate with SJL
    - Funding for next year's school year
    - Take on some workshop/trainings. The SJL team do not have the capacity to do this.
      - Book club, podcast or maybe a guest speaker
    - Survey to parents to get an idea of their level of participants and their interest
      - Maybe send by each class
    - Aiming for a January/spring 'training'.
    - Maybe leverage the FB page for resources to share

- Scrip gift card fundraiser: Stephanie Jones
  - Thinking of alternate ways to get this message out to the community
    - Send an email (Miriam can do this)
    - And a flier for the Tuesday 12/15 holiday drive through event
  - You can use their app or the website
  - You can choose a physical gift card or an e-gift card (which can be sent via email to a recipient from computer, not app).
  - Claxton gets the stores designated % as a donation!
- Giving Smiles Holiday Program
  - A craft that we thought would be fun to include:
    - Air dry clay: a couple in each. Kids can make a snowpal!
    - Confetti
    - String for scarf
  - Do we need parent volunteers to help with the set up for this? Mary N. to get back to us.
  - Drop off for gifts is any time before 12/10, 7:30 -3:30
- Corporate Sponsors Team actively looking for new sponsors (contact Bethany [bethanymalley@gmail.com](mailto:bethanymalley@gmail.com) or Wren [wrendalondon@gmail.com](mailto:wrendalondon@gmail.com) for more information)

**Meeting Chat notes:**

Jennifer Rhode Ward

6:04 PM

checking in on this medium. loving Ta-Nehisi Coates "The Water Dancer". Buncombe County Libraries are leading a book club about it -  
THANK YOUUUU!!!!

Rachel Autrey

6:17 PM

We really appreciate all that you do!

Abigail Owolabi

6:19 PM

Thank you all for working with us and supporting our students and families for the holiday as always . Appreciate you all so much. Abby Owolabi

Jennifer Rhode Ward

6:21 PM

I really appreciate the attention towards teaching the historical Thanksgiving story in a more inclusive way.

Paul Garrity

6:21 PM

Glad to hear that. Thank you, Dr. Ward.

Miriam Scott

6:25 PM

The new specialist schedule rocks! Thank you. You all are amazing!

You

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we agree, Dylan is loving it!

Jennifer Rhode Ward

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Our family is really enjoying specialists each day, and I think it is nice for students to see their grade-mates. I am grateful for the specialist teachers' work on this!

Amy Aiken

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Agreed, it's awesome and we appreciate so much all you are doing!!!

Sara Niedenthal

6:25 PM

AGREED!

Paul Garrity

6:26 PM

Good feedback! Thanks, y'all!

Miriam Scott

6:29 PM

Much appreciated from a parent perspective also! (Thanks SJL and SJ Parent Auxiliary!)

Rachel Autrey

6:29 PM

That's fantastic! Thank you for getting those resources to parents!

Jennifer Rhode Ward

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Could we ask the students to act it out? That would be fun(ny).

Amanda Sevigny Pattanayak

6:47 PM

Yes!!

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### **Dates to Remember**

**Thursday, December 10:** Giving Smiles gift bags due at Claxton

### **Things to Remember**

**Claxton Connections:**     [tinyurl.com/clxconnections](http://tinyurl.com/clxconnections) Support our Community connected businesses

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# - Scrip -

## Over 750 Major Retailers Want To Give Claxton Money!

We would like to introduce you to a new and easy gift card fundraiser that we are starting now and will continue throughout the year. It is called [ShopWithScrip](#) and it will allow us to raise money without families having to spend more than they normally would each day. Our principal, Mary Nichols, used this at a previous school she worked at and it was very easy and successful. We encourage everyone to **give it a try**.

### ***What is Scrip and how does it work?***

Scrip is “shopping cart fundraising” whereby families can purchase gift cards from over 750 retailers for everyday purchases like food, clothing, entertainment and gas at face value. It is simple and effective since rebates are given to Claxton through purchases you would have made anyways. Scrip is an easy way to *stock up on **gifts for birthdays and holidays***. Popular rebates are: Amazon: 2.25% / Wal-Mart & Sam's: 2.5% / Uber Eats: 2.5% / REI: 8% / CVS: 6% / Walgreens: 5% / Target: 2.5% / Home Depot & Lowe's: 4% / Bass Pro Shops: 10% / TJ Maxx: 7% / Sephora: 5% / L.L. Bean: 16% / Land's End: 15% / Ulta: 4% / The North Face: 8% / Ace Hardware: 4% / Staples: 5% / Nike: 12% / Under Armour: 11% / Cabela's: 10% / Zappos: 8%

Scrip is exciting, because everybody wins: the retailer gets cash up front and repeat business, families have an easy fundraising alternative that involves no selling, and Claxton gets a regular source of revenue.

The beauty of scrip is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. Just spend your regular shopping dollars with scrip at the stores that participate in the scrip program! Please know: we are not asking you to change where you shop (please still [shop local!](#)), just asking you to consider buying a gift card **if** buying from these 750+ brands.

### ***Can these small earnings really make that much money for our school?***

Yes, they definitely can! Even small rebates collectively have a huge impact and regardless of the size of your individual rebate, it will make a difference at Claxton.

### ***How do I get started?***

1. Download the RaiseRight app on your phone or go to [ShopWithScrip.com](#) on your computer. The Claxton enrollment code is: 2BC9928969851
2. **Please then read, in detail**, the overview in this link: [tinyurl.com/clxscripoverview](https://tinyurl.com/clxscripoverview)

# - Claxton Rewards -

YOU CAN **easily** HELP OUR CLAXTON KIDS BY SHOPPING

-AS YOU NORMALLY DO-

**It all adds up!** Please share with your friends and family!

Let us know about other programs we should add to the list.

Store / Program	Details / How To
Harris Teeter	<p>Link your VIC card to choose Claxton as your school (<b>must be re-linked each fall</b>) Can do at a store or online: <a href="http://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education">www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education</a></p>
Ingles	<p>Link your Ingles Advantage card (<b>must be re-linked each fall</b>) to choose Claxton as your school.</p> <p>Can be done at a store or online:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="https://www.ingles-markets.com/tools-for-schools-link">https://www.ingles-markets.com/tools-for-schools-link</a></p>
Amazon	<p>Shop at Amazon? Choose Claxton PTO as your charity and Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to Claxton. Cannot use the app but you can put items in your cart from the app and then go to <a href="http://smile.amazon.com">smile.amazon.com</a> to make the final purchase.</p> <p>How to: 1. Sign in to <a href="http://smile.amazon.com">smile.amazon.com</a> on your desktop or mobile phone browser. 2. From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change your Charity. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page. 3. Select a new charitable organization to support. <a href="http://smile.amazon.com/about">http://smile.amazon.com/about</a></p>
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