

# Claxton PTO Meeting Agenda

Google Meet Virtual Meeting

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Tuesday, February 2, 2021 @6:00

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Attendees: Stephanie Jones, Mary Nichols, Brooks Butler, Paul Garrity, Miriam Scott, Kim Akbar, Amanda Sevigny Pattanayak, Lindsey Kucsera, Sara Niedenthal, Joanna Best, Gabriellel Trott, Kirstin A, Amy Aiken, Dawn Rollins, Aaron, Lisa Manning

## 6:00 - 6:10 Thank You

- SJL Parent Auxiliary: First Virtual Workshop
  - Successful and great to see new and returning parents/caregivers
- Caregiver Session for Tech, Academic, and Social Emotional Support
  - 3 participants and ideas for specific topics for the future
- Ms. Brittany Koukol: Counselor Appreciation Week
- New Corporate Sponsor: George Stowe Architects
  - Neighbors to Claxton students
  - To become a sponsor just contact the PTO committee

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6:10 - 6:35

## Staff Updates

- Principal's Message: Mary Nichols
  - Finished midyear benchmarks
  - Parent/Teacher conferences starting
  - All of us are waiting to hear the next steps
    - A team meets after hours to plan for children to return
    - District has a team to help plan for return to learn in person.
    - We do think that students will return
  - Sunday letters are so long and include so much for caregivers to read
    - Mrs. Nichols knows it is overwhelming
  - Vaccine for staff
    - Once 65+ is up
    - Waiting to hear what that will be like.
  - Green Sprouts donated 30K masks (adult and children) to ACS
  - Federal Funding
    - Every year Federal funding is shared and what it looks like at Claxton
    - Title 1 funding is significant.
    - Watched the Title 1 Parent Presentation
      - Claxton Mission Statement
      - Claxton (5) Core Values
      - Title 1 staff (4): Molly Peeples (instructional facilitator) , Donna Paxon (PT interventionist), Lisa Pea (PT interventionist),, Miriam Scott (PT Volunteer/Parent Coordinator)
      - 2020- 2021Funds: based on the number of low income students (based on reduced lunch). 35% must qualify.
        - June 1, 2020 38% qualify
        - January 2021 (current), 32% qualify
        - This is all electronic this year and we know this is an issue.
        - The money goes towards ALL students
      - We don't want to lose this \$ because it is important, and 100% of our kids benefit from the funds.
        - K-5 instructional facilitator
        - 2 part time interventionists

- Parent volunteer coordinator
  - Professional development
  - Classroom supplies
  - Parent engagement events
  - Title I Parent Compact (need signature)
  - Curriculum
  - Assessments
  - Family Communications: website, Sunday night calls, emails and texts. Social media, honeycomb news, teacher weekly emails.
  - Volunteer opportunities
  - Claxton Teams (below)
  - School Improvement goals
  - PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports)
- Claxton Staff Team Updates
  - MTSS (Multi-Tier System of Supports) Team
  - Social Justice Team
  - Social Emotional Learning Team
  - Lighthouse/Leader in Me Team
  - AMPED (Art, Music, PE, Drama) Team
    - Helped with assessments
    - Relunched the clubs in a new format
    - Kicking off Black History Month
    - Amy Brown, School Librarian, had an author visit
    - Specialist team has been checking in once a week, with assigned grade levels, for their WIGs.
    - Recently kicked off SELT, teachers have taken on one on one with students who might be falling behind. Has been a nice way to connect/
    - Ms. Rigsby finished her Super hero segment
    - Started the Student Lighthouse group for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders helping edit / plan the Honeycomb news. On Friday afternoons.

6:35 - 6:40      **Treasurer Team Updates**

- Treasurer's Report: Ashley Israel, Sara Niedenthal, and Dawn Rollins
  - No activity since the last meeting

6:40 - 7:00      **Event Updates**

- Yearbook: Jessica Hunter
  - Head shots and class photo (via google meet)
  - Waiting to see when/if we come back to include additional photos
  - Parents should complete the online picture link to submit
  - Purchase yearbooks (free for 5<sup>th</sup> graders) through Mary's weekly email link.
- SJL Parent Auxiliary: Amy Aiken
  - 55 registered and maybe 40 attended
  - Planning 2 events for Feb.
    - Hoping to have a follow up session to January's meeting
    - Working to line up another speaker
- Teacher Mini Grants: Gabrielle Trott
  - Molly Peebles (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade), purchasing books by people of color/indigenous. 70 books from 7 different authors (10 each). Trying to beef up the number available for small groups. \$7.99-8.99 per book ~\$585.44 - APPROVED
  - Haven't used half of the budget for mini grants

- Staff Appreciation: Lindsey Kuscera and Alison Gioia
  - Trying to get creative for Feb.
  - How do we honor and show love for staff working from home:
    - How do we get them goods?
    - Social media thing, showing love to the teachers.
    - Could deliver to the school for pick up.
    - One delivery, assign staff to volunteers
  - Bee Swarm
- Scholastic Virtual Book Fair
  - Mary is OK with the virtual book fair
  - Tentative dates: Feb 22 – March 2
  - Vouchers? – talk to the people that coordinated it and if it is possible in a virtual setting.
  - Last year, every child that attended was able to get a book (using voucher if needed)
  - Teacher Classroom request lists?
  - \$4000 left from last year for teachers to use this year to buy books for classrooms.
- Joanna Best: really enjoyed the holiday drive through event, thank you!
  - If we don't go back, will something like last year's 5th grade end-of-year events happen for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders?
  - Concerned about the curriculum (the content) for the ELA for 5<sup>th</sup> Graders.
  - Disappointed.
  - Will have to spend \$ to get her child up to speed for next year.
  - Sent notes to Sara Cain
  - Mary N: let's talk together and get the details
  - Mary N: all feedback is important. How the way we deliver the content is important/restricted in the environment we are in.

#### Meeting Chat Notes

Joanna Best

6:17 PM

I wanted to attend but had a conflict

Mary Nichols

6:18 PM

what is the name of the firm again?

You

6:18 PM

George Stowe Architects

Paul Garrity

6:25 PM

Truth!!!

Thanks y'all! I'm looking forward to seeing the masks. We'll keep you posted as we learn more.

Amanda Sevigny Pattanayak

6:27 PM

Thanks, Kim!

Joanna Best

6:38 PM

could you PODS to try and get the forms filled out? have school reps at the PODS when parents pick up or drop off

Trayson Akbar

6:38 PM

Are you able to connect with the pods to get the form to families who attend?

Oh

Mary Nichols

6:38 PM

I love the PODS idea!

Lisa Manning

6:38 PM

Can the forms be sent out with self-addressed stamped return envelopes?

Miriam Scott

6:38 PM

Thanks Kim and Joanna! Great idea.

Paul Garrity

6:38 PM

Yes. Great idea, y'all. We will definitely take that on.

Amy Aiken

6:38 PM

If the Child Nutrition Director has the information of who qualifies or who doesn't, can she follow up with families who qualified in the past?

Joanna Best

6:39 PM

Also when they pick up food for the meal distribution

You

6:39 PM

Could there be forms put in the lunches that are picked up?

Amanda Sevigny Pattanayak

6:39 PM

You are all amazing! Such great ideas!

Trayson Akbar

6:39 PM

Perhaps pod reps could receive the forms as well and the school rep pick them up there.

Paul Garrity

6:40 PM

Great ideas, y'all. Thank you. Keep sharing :)

You

6:40 PM

Also, next supply pick up, add a paper in all of the packets.

Joanna Best

6:43 PM

or that they can drop them off at meal pickup

You

6:43 PM

or is there an email that they could email them too? and then someone at the school can print and send in?

Brooks Butler

6:44 PM

about 12 kids

Joanna Best

6:44 PM

but that percentage would be who qualifies

and we can't know that

isn't that percentage based on who has free and reduced lunch?

Paul Garrity

6:45 PM

Mary - I've collected all of these ideas for us.

Thank you, everyone!

Joanna Best

6:45 PM

I have 2 questions and a cheer: one question is not positive.

Amanda Sevigny Pattanayak

6:45 PM

Will check in with you after Brooks, Joanna.

Paul Garrity

7:11 PM

He's in the garden

Amy Aiken

7:14 PM

And how did we get assigned staff members last year? I can't recall what that process was.

Joanna Best

7:16 PM

Thank you for letting me voice my concerns. I'm going to leave it at that now. I've said my concern. But I hope some other people will look into it. Claxton has the best PTO in town!!!

Amanda Sevigny Pattanayak

7:16 PM

Thanks for joining, Joanna!

Mary Nichols

7:18 PM

Hey Henry!

Paul Garrity

7:22 PM

I have some of those wish list books from my own classroom now in my office waiting to mesmerize kiddos with SCIENCE!

Amanda Sevigny Pattanayak

7:23 PM

I love that, Paul!

Paul Garrity

7:23 PM

I wished for all of the National Geographic books and they are excellent!

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**Dates to Remember**

**February 22 to March 2:** Virtual Scholastic Bookfair  
**Tuesday, March 2:** PTO Meeting 6:00pm (virtual)

**Things to Remember**

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

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-AS YOU NORMALLY DO-**

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