

Claxton PTO Meeting Agenda

Google Meet Virtual Meeting
[meet.Google.com/qcw-mjcf-rey](https://meet.google.com/qcw-mjcf-rey)
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 @ 6:00

Attendees: Alison Gioia, Ashley Israel, Sara Niedenthal, Brian Randall, Lisa Manning, Karen Rigsby, Amanda Pattanayak, Miriam Scott, Mary Nichols, Amy Aiken, Gabrielle Trott

6:00 - 6:05 Thank You

- Claxton Staff: Planning and communication for return to Plan A
 - Huge thank you for all of the fantastic communication and hard work to get us ready for Plan A
- Grounds Work Day Volunteers
- Miriam Scott: Coordinating another grounds day
 - Delay at leisure craft for the picnic tables. Still expecting 10 and 40 more tree stumps for the grounds.
- Lindsay Holland: Social Media
 - Nice to have a person specifically for that
- Social Justice League Parent Auxiliary: March Event to Discuss YWCA Racial Equity and Social Justice Challenge
 - No one registered
 - It wasn't a passive event, it required work.
 - More attendance when there is a guest speaker
 - Timing probably wasn't great because it was right before spring break
 - In discussion with Asheville City School Foundation for another guest speaker
 - One more event by the end of the school year.

6:05 - 6:15 Guest From Asheville Middle School PTO

- Brian Randall representing Asheville Middle Schools PTO
- Encourage parents to become involved
- Where can teachers and parents come together to support great our great school?
- Would love to take the Claxton goodness and transition it up to the Middle School and benefit from our community as you come in.
- An in-person PTO meeting on 4/22 in the Middle school gym!
- Tagline should be we are all about relationships

6:15 - 6:35 Staff Updates

- Principal's Message: Mary Nichols
 - Plan A is here! We are back and it feels real. Hybrid felt like camp.
 - We are closer to what school should feel like.
 - The teachers teaching virtual could use some cards/be uplifted. They feel and see the children in school but which is hard.
 - K: Ashley Allen
 - 1st: Jaimee Stanley
 - 2nd: Kayla Sapata
 - 3rd: Brian Arnst/Shealin Eldridge : teaching both
 - 4th: Greta Wells
 - 5th: All teachers are doing both virtual and in person
 - Field day is happening being called Celebration of our Hive
 - Combination with bee day and field day
 - Getting the hive back! Last week of school

- Will need help setting up and decorating while children are not on campus
- May 10th testing starts
- Summer School for 6 weeks this summer.
 - Invite only (round 1, 2, 3).
 - There will be a lot of space.
 - Teachers can make extra money if they work at it.
- Jo Stephenson and David Larson donated 9 HEPA filters to the building. WOW.
- Yoga mats are being used. Every kid in the building has one and they are being used!
- 5th grad promotion is happening; Brittany our counselor is planning it. Normally a very formal event, which cannot happen this year. But Brittany is working hard to come up with a positive solution
- Virtual job fair 4/24.
- Ms. Conti had a baby girl on 4/8. Baby and mom are home and doing well.
- Kindergarten graduation? Trying to figure out how parents can participate.
- Lunch outside is here to stay, even next year.
- Teacher/Staff appreciation week is: May 3 – 7
 - Staff appreciation team reach out to Mary.
- Claxton Staff Team Updates
 - Some of the below were paused to get ready for return to learn.
 - MTSS (Multi-Tier System of Supports) Team
 - Social Justice Team
 - Social Emotional Learning Team
 - Lighthouse/Leader in Me Team
 - Didn't meet last month
 - Teachers working with student to reframe academic goals into WIGs
 - LEADER in me lives in the daily news
 - Main student lighthouse team writes, films, and edits certain segments for Honeycomb News.
 - AMPED (Art, Music, PE, Drama) Team
 - Home depot donated ~\$1,100 in wood to cover the remaining need for the drum project

6:35 - 6:40

Treasurer Team Updates

- Treasurer's Report: Ashley Israel, Sara Niedenthal, and Dawn Rollins
- We paid out \$969.18 in teacher mini grants.
- Reimburse grounds expenses
- A few unexpected expenses: HEPA filters, etc.

6:40 - 7:00

Event Updates

- Teacher Mini Grants: Gabrielle Trott
 - Counselor: For prizes for teacher WIGs and tracking/accountability. Assorted Tea box, Burt's Bees Wax, Facial and lip balms, foot massagers, thought provoking book, board games, foot massager. embroidery starter kit, watercolor kit. \$143.51. APPROVED
 - Currently committed/spent about ~\$2,600
- Yearbook: Jessica Hunter
 - The Claxton yearbook is in the last stages of development!

- It's definitely been a group effort this year. Thank you very much to Miriam Scott, Mary Nichols, Karen Rigsby, Kimberly Nava Eggett, and Amy Brown for their help!
- We have collected nearly all 400 student portraits and are working with teachers to get the last few this week.
- Yearbook Sales:
 - As of this morning we have sold 121 yearbooks, and an additional 70 are allotted as gifts for the 5th graders from the PTO, plus 1 for the library = 192 total allotted.
 - Yearbook sales have been extended through the end of April, so we should get in a few more orders by then
 - Ad sales total \$1,225
 - I recommend we purchase 225 yearbooks - will give us 33 extras to sell, total cost to PTO would be around \$300 (would just need to sell 15 additional books to cover that cost)
 - $(225 \text{ books} \times \$17.50 \text{ cost per book} = \$3,937.50 - \$2,420 \text{ current yearbook sales} - \$1,225 \text{ ad sales} = \$292.50 \text{ due})$
- Internet Safety Presentation (Holly Jones and Natalie Wood from NCDOJ)
 - Amanda: there were no attendees but will plan another event for the beginning of next year.
 - Amanda met with Holly and Natalie and now better understands the contents
- Some PTO positions will be open next year if you are interested.
 - Co-Presidents will be open next year. Stephanie and Amanda will be finishing their 2-year term.

Meeting Chat:

Karen Rigsby
6:18 PM

Ashley- you are all echoy

Mary Nichols
6:24 PM

Miriam that was a HUGE HELP for our school!

Karen Rigsby
6:25 PM

The stumps are a big hit

Especially on a birthday! Oye

Amy Paxton Aiken
6:37 PM

David

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, April 28: ACS Volunteer Training 12-12:45pm (virtual)

Tuesday, May 4: PTO Meeting 6:00pm (virtual)

Wednesday, May 12: ACS Volunteer Training 12:00-12:45pm (virtual or in-person TBD)

May 2021: Virtual Scholastic Bookfair

May 2021 TBD (last week of school): Bee Day/Field Day

Things to Remember

Claxton Connections:
businesses

tinyurl.com/clxconnections Support our Community connected

www.claxtonparents.com

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- 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 |
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| Harris Teeter | <p>Link your VIC card to choose Claxton as your school (<i>must be re-linked each fall</i>) Can do at a store or online: www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education</p> |
| Ingles | <p>Link your Ingles Advantage card (<i>must be re-linked each fall</i>) to choose Claxton as your school.</p> <p>Can be done at a store or online:</p> <p>https://www.ingles-markets.com/tools-for-schools-link</p> |
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