



# MEETING MINUTES

Claymont PTO General Meeting

January 23, 2025 | 6:30 – 7:30 PM

**Guest Speaker: Brian Kuhn - Student Wellness Program**

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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 Schaiff
  - 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

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**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