Minutes

Claymont PTO General Meeting

March 4, 2026 | 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Guest Speaker: New Principal - Dr. Morrison

Called to Order: 6:30 p.m.

1. Welcome/Introduction of Guest Speaker – Anna Jordan and Allie Deno

2. Guest Speaker – Jenn Yeager, Parkway Elementary Math, Science & Math Intervention - Curriculum Coordinator

- New Math Acceleration Process
  - Why this new process? How do we make it fair for all kids to have access to this program?
  - This will provide a checkpoint for all students to see if they would be a candidate for acceleration, not just for parents who know to call to request the testing.
  - This process will be refined as it goes - it is a new process and a learning opportunity.
  - What is acceleration? A student processes through a program faster than a traditional grade by content or grade. This process focuses on content acceleration. We do not do this for ELA. It is difficult to meet the needs of all students in math. They are looking for high achieving, low growth kiddos. In ELA, you just get a harder text. Easier to differentiate in ELA. This process is to make sure all students are being challenged appropriately.
  - The Process - starts with the NWEA for Grades 1-4 - if they get a 98th percentile or above, then take the whole group of students and do a follow up assessment. Those follow ups come next week. Have to prove that they have mastered a whole grade of content already. Not a high rate of students who qualify for this program. They do not expect more than five percent of the population of students to qualify. They will be assessed on the state priority standards.
  - The first part of the assessment is short response problems (takes about an hour). The second part is word problems.
  - If you make it through the first two steps, need to be a self start, organized. If successful, the student will sit with the next grade level for math - not around their peers. So they need to be able to be successful in that environment.
  - Final recommendation from the elementary curriculum coordinator, then the Assistant Superintendent signs off.
  - If recommended for acceleration, the parents will meet with parents to discuss options. Ideally, the student gets in person instruction from the next grade level teacher for math. However, that is not always an option, so there will be a virtual option to engage asynchronously during their math block in their current grade level.

3. Principal's Report – Dr. Gretchen Morrison

a. Support, answer questions to the best of her knowledge re: Jenn Yeager presentation

B. Reach out to teachers if you have questions about how they can support your students.

4. Approval of January 7, 2026 minutes – Mandi Moutray

- Motion: Allie Deno

- Second: Anna Jordan

- Carried Unanimously

5. Treasurer's Report – Rebecca Valencia
    a. Budget Update & Status of PTO Accounts
- We will be meeting with Principal and Assistant Principal to talk about budget cuts to find ways to use our budget to support Claymont during budget cuts.
- We are on track for our fundraising goal this year of $30K. Everything over that goes to our special project funds.

    b. Cardinal Ticket Sales - Game is Tues, April 14th
- Buy your tickets! We are transitioning to a spring game, but we have to participate every calendar year. To keep our seniority, we had to do two games this school year. Come out and bring some friends! Tickets on sale through April 3rd!

6. President's Report – Anna Jordan and Allie Deno
    a. School Supply Kits New Vendor EPI
- We have seen these. They are much better than the old vendor. One year warranty on the supply.
- PTO makes a small percentage back on this to support our fundraising.
- Brand name supplies!

    b. Talent Show - April 10th
        i. Auditions to be announced at held at Claymont Elementary, likely the week after Spring Break (March 30th and 31st for auditions)
        ii. NHS High School volunteers will support but a few parent volunteers will also be needed, see MTK soon

    c. Beautification
        i. Volunteers needed as Springtime brings more work - because of mulch and seeding.
        ii. Summer watering schedule
        iii. Seed sale to come, flyer will be created soon

    d. Claymont Food Drive - April 6-10th
        i. Setting a goal for food drive. If the goal is met, then every kid gets a slushy (from Chartwells)!

    e. Family Night - May 1st
        i. Working on event details, please save the date
        ii. NHS High School volunteers will be contacted but a few parent volunteers will likely also be needed, see MTK soon
        iii. Hoping to bring back the cake walk, raffle baskets.

    f. Fun and Fitness - May 15th
        i. Tons of volunteers needed, will be posted in MTK
        ii. Rainout date is May 18th

    g. Bylaws Proposed Changes
        i. Vote to approve

    h. Last PTO General Meeting is Wednesday May 13th
        i. MUST APPROVE BUDGET AT THIS MEETING

7. Vice President's Report – Nick Venditti and Eleni Wehrner
    a. Special Project - Teachers Lounge
        i. Vote to approve budget of $7500
            - All of this money has already been raised. We have more than that in our special project budget.
            - Motion to Approve: Katie R.

- Second: Rebecca Valencia
- Motion carries unanimously.

ii. $5000 for appliances; $2000 for space; $500 for supplies.

b. 2026-27 Open PTO Board & Chairperson Positions - reach out if you want to get involved and would like more information!

i. Two Co-VP positions - three year commitment.
ii. 5th Grade Week
iii. Red Ribbon Week
iv. Enrichment Experience
v. Claymont Spiritwear - Anna will transition to two (2) new people
vi. Trunk or Treat (one or two vacancies TBD, text & email sent)
vii. Possibly Talent Show (though likely filled)
viii. Picture Day (email sent, TBD)
ix. Claymont Sign (email sent, TBD)

8. Fundraising Chairs' Report – Olivia Neary and Amanda Clover

a. Spirit Nights

i. 4/7 - Culvers
ii. 4/10 - Kona @ Trivia Night
iii. 5/9 - City2 Spring Game - will go on sale in April!

9. Volunteer Coordinator's Report – Jessica Belobrajdic

a. Springtime MTK Needs: Talent Show, Beautification, Family Night, Fun and Fitness

- Spring Cleanup on March 28th and will meet once per month March-May.
- Talent Night - need four to six volunteers

10. Upcoming Dates & Adjournment – Anna Jordan and Allie Deno

Adjourned: 7:44 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Wed, Mar 4 - General PTO Meeting
Fri, Mar 13th (½ day) - Sun, Mar 22nd - Spring Break
Tues, Apr 7th - NO SCHOOL/Spirit Night at Culvers
Wed, Apr 8th - Fri, Apr 10th - Food Drive
Fri, Apr 10th - Talent Show/Spirit Night w/Kona Ice
Tues, Apr 14th - Spring Cardinals Game **Fri, Apr 17th**
- Ability Awareness Day
Mon, Apr 20th - Fri, Apr 24th - Book Fair
Fri, May 1st - Family Night
Mon, May 4th - Fri, May 8th - Teacher Appreciation
Sat, May 9th - City2 Spring Game
Wed, May 13th - LAST PTO General Meeting
Fri, May 15th - FUN & FITNESS
Fri, May 18th - FUN & FITNESS Rainout
Thurs, May 21st - 5th Grade Graduation
Fri, May 22nd (½ day) - Last Day of School