

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE PTO FOR  
WYDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

A meeting of the PTO for Wydown Middle School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice, on September 12, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. CT at the Wydown Middle School Main Street.

The following members of the Board were present at the meeting: Stephanie Abbajay, President; Brenda Guynes-Glick, President; and Katie Sandquist, Communications.

The following members were also present: Betsy Cuneo, Mary Shands, Emily Stein MacDunak, Alison, Hoette, Jilanne Barnes, Nancy Donohoo, Paula Sparks, Andrea Topps, David Wilson, Lauren Miller, Susan Kronemer, Fareda Lytle, Robin Hopper, Darren and Tricia Varittlof , and Julie Condryn.

Jamie Jordan, Principal was also present.

Stephanie Abbajay welcomed members of the PTO and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report by Stephanie Abbajay**

Stephanie reported that the current account balance is \$56,480. \$19,670 has been raised through the general fundraiser, which is 58% of the goal and 48% participation. This leaves a fundraising goal of approximately \$16,000. The members would like to include an agenda item on the October meeting to go over the budget and where the money goes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the Treasurer's Report.

**Principal Report by Jamie Jordan**

Dr. Jordan met with Gene Gladstone (the Ed Tech at CHS) and Cathleen Fogarty (the Ed Tech at Wydown) and it was decided that both schools will use the same software for scheduling conferences this year. She also discussed how and when conferences will be scheduled. The window to schedule conferences will open during the last week in September and close the Monday before conferences. Once it is closed, no more conferences can be scheduled. This will allow teachers to know their schedule and plan accordingly. If parents miss the window, they can use the team time, which is available at any time during the school year. During conferences, parents will meet with two core teachers and any elective teachers they would like to schedule.

There will be a fall film festival community event on October 27th at Wydown. This is a family event and students should not be dropped off. Short independent films will be shown, focusing around social justice. Parent will be asked to donate desserts for the event.

Dr. Jordan mentioned that they are collecting money for 6th grade camp. If parents in 7th or 8th grade would like to donate money to help send children that need a scholarship, they would appreciate any amount.

**Other Business**

There was a discussion about students running across the street and not using the crosswalk. One suggestion made was to get a crossing guard for the crosswalk at University Lane in the morning, as there is only one there in the afternoon.

Andrea Topps discussed a community service project, partnering with Beyond Housing. This organization has requested money, but she would like to figure out a way that Wydown can help by maintaining the building or doing a book drive. She is doing more research on the project and will report back at a later date.

There was a discussion about getting more furniture for the upstairs and downstairs patios. No budget was set for the furniture, and it was not determined if a new fundraising effort would be made or if the funds would be requested through the existing staff request fund. Andrea suggested using Box Tops and eScrip fundraising. Dr. Jordan discussed the district furniture requirements if a purchase is made.

The next PTO meeting will be held October 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in WMS Main Street.

**Conclusion**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Angela Osborne, Secretary