

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE PTO FOR  
WYDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL  
FEBRUARY 13, 2017**

A meeting of the PTO for Wydown Middle School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice, on February 13, 2017, 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 Glick, President; Missy McCormick, Treasurer; Katie Sandquist, Communications; and Angela Osborne, Secretary.

The following members were also present: Andrea Topps, David Wilson, Gina Nakis, Silvia Mutis, Alison Hoette, Susan Kroenemer, Caroline Early, Karma Edwards, and Peter Sparks.

Jamie Jordan was also present.

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

**Approval of the Minutes by Stephanie Abbajay**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the January meeting, which was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer's Report by Missy McCormick**

Missy reviewed the Budget to Actuals report and Statement of Activity. The current bank balance is \$59,054.52. Fundraising numbers are unchanged. When planning for next year's budget, we will need to cut \$15,000 of projected spending to allow for the fundraising shortfall. The tax letters were mailed on January 11, 2017.

There will be a Cardinals community night on September 8, 2017. There are various benefits and incentives the more tickets that are sold. The goal is to sell at least 300, with a maximum of 600. The money raised from this event will go to the PTO.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded and passed.

**Staff Request for Funding Presentation and Discussion by Stephanie Abbajay**

Science Fair

Kate Meier, sponsor of the Science Fair, requested \$65 to purchase t-shirts for all students participating in the fair. Purchasing the t-shirts will encourage participation and bring a collaborative spirit. Some members expressed that they have received feedback that the kids do not want a t-shirt and did not think that we should pay for a shirt that is not wanted.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of shirts only if a student wanted a shirt but could not afford it. The request as written was denied. The motion was seconded and passed.

Patio Tables

Jamie Jordan requested funds to purchase additional tables for the patio. There are currently only five tables and the building fund has already been depleted for this year. Additionally, \$500 was earmarked in the PTO budget to go towards the purchase of the tables. A quote was provided from a local

company for \$850 per table and \$110 shipping. The proposed tables have a life span of at least 20 years and are made of material that won't get as cold in the winter or as hot in the summer. Discussion was had about how to fund the requested tables and what is left in the budget. If the remaining budget for staff requests and the building fund are combined, the total left is \$3,200 for this year. Three tables would cost \$2,867. A motion was made to approve the purchase of three tables, which was seconded, and passed.

#### **Other Updates by Stephanie Abbajay**

The PTO sponsored the recent student council dance, which was a huge success. There was a photo booth, food, and other activities. They would like to hold two dances per year and have requested our continued sponsorship. The PTO paid \$130 for the last dance, which came from the PTO programs budget. Ticket sales covered the rest of the expenses.

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Black History night to greet, usher people to their seats, set up, and clean up.

The March PTO meeting will start at 6:00, with the first hour to be the budget meeting followed by the regular meeting. There will also be a call for officers, as several positions will be available.

There was a request from a parent to open up the gym to allow students to come in after hours. The PTO would sign up to chaperone these events. More research will need to be done before responding to this request.

#### **Principal Report by Dr. Jamie Jordan**

Work is being done on the calendar for next year. Dr. Jordan would like to schedule permanent events at Wydown so they are the same each year.

The district and board have approved rolling out additional technology at each of the campuses. Wydown will receive approximately 400 new laptops over the next two years. Dr. Jordan is working on a plan that will ensure technology is used purposefully in instruction.

Stray Rescue was selected as the recipient of the Give Back Night funds. Approximately 70 kids wrote letters recommending organizations. Finalists were selected, who presented their organization to the school. The students voted to determine the winner. The eighth graders lead this event each year.

Wydown is working on a different schedule for next year to improve flexibility and consistency. Each core class will have 55 minutes and each elective class will have 40 minutes each day. There will also be an effort to integrate the subjects. Advisory will not exist as it does today. Instead, on early release days, students will have enrichment activities to include discovery, design thinking, etc. Students will make their selections and rank their interest in each option. This is in the planning stages and more information will be coming.

#### **Other Business by Stephanie Abbajay**

The next PTO meeting will be held March 13, 2017 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