

Minutes of a Meeting of the PTO for Wydown Middle School

A meeting of the PTO for Wydown Middle School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice, on Monday, August 19th, 2019 at 8:45am at Wydown Middle School.

The following members of the Board were present at the meeting: Allie Rossini, Co-President, Alison Hoette, Co-President and Tanya Hayden, Treasurer.

The following members were also present: David McClendon, Kassandra Hodge, Sara de Giles Dubois, Amy Wilson, Jenny Crisp, Julie Sandler, Kim Hurst, Catherine Waldron, Rachel Stohler, Pa and Joel Her, Maggie Oliver, Kelly Yeo, Jenny Shu, Krok Kim, Jane Koster, Kris Yoon, Cynthia Chung, Robin Leonard, Jena Schaumburg, Sheyna Edwards, Jilanne Barnes, Sabrina Robb, Joanna Dinsmore, Emily Zou, Fahu He, Gertrude Pannirselvam, Angela Williams, Kathi Leicester, Liz McCandless, Cara Downs and Tara Hoisington.

Jamie Jordan, WMS Principal, Ex Officio Officer, was present.

An introduction was made of the administrative staff: Tarita Rhimes, Doug Wehner, Shelia Powell-Walker, Jason Wilson, Mark Snyder and Liz Tucker.

Alison welcomed members of the PTO and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2019 meeting, which was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report by Tanya Hayden:

As of August 18, 2019, the Wydown PTO has \$55,449.00 in our account.

Tanya reviewed the prior years budget and noted that there were several areas where more money was allocated than necessary and was not being used so we were able to stay on budget for the year.

- Wydown PTO has net operating revenue of \$5,130.00. Including the Adzick Field donation of \$3,300, net revenue for the year was \$1,830.00.
- We had unexpected revenue from:
 - Unused funds for Staff Requests \$4,628.00
 - Net revenue from Wydown Extra \$3,262.00
 - Unused funds for After School Activities of \$1,750.00

There may be a request for each PTO to make a contribution to the Center of Clayton remodel. We will take a vote on that issue when the request is made.

The Funds For Excellence Campaign came in \$6,000 short of our goal of \$25,000.00. Discussion was had regarding the history of the Funds for Excellence program at Wydown. Less than half of the families who attend WMS donated to the Funds For Excellence Campaign last year. The goal is to be more aggressive with fundraising efforts so we can meet our \$25,000.00 goal this year.

The proposed 2019/2020 budget was reviewed. Several line items were added to accommodate consistent requests, the Teacher Appreciation Budget was increased from \$3500.00 to \$5000.00 while the Teacher Requests budget was reduced to reflect the lack of Teacher requests over the last two years and the cost for BuzzBooks was removed.

The vote to approve the budget was tabled until the end of the meeting to allow members to review the document.

New Things Happening this Year:

Box Tops: Robyn Leonard

The Box Tops Program will be entirely online this year. We will no longer accept Box Tops in paper form. The Box Tops App is available for all smart phones and is extremely easy to use. You can now use the App to scan the Box Top labels on your favorite products to send them directly into the WMS Box Tops account. We have a lofty goal of raising \$1,000.00 this year through this free program. All the funds received from Box Tops for the 2019/2020 school year will be used to buy goods for the WMS Food Pantry. Visit the PTO Website for more information.

Wydown Extra:

The Wydown Extra Program will be offered this year and will consist of 1 bowling event and one Friday Fun Night event per grade level. The 7th and 8th grades will be combined for the Friday Fun Night event.

- The Event Dates Are:
 - Bowling:
 - 6th Grade 9/13/19
 - 7th Grade 9/27/19
 - 8th Grade 11/1/19
 - Friday Fun Nights:
 - 6th Grade 1/24/19
 - 7th and 8th Grade: 2/21/19

- We will be doing the sign up for Wydown Extra differently this year. Tickets for each event will be sold the week or two prior to each event. All tickets will be \$10.00 if purchased at school, or \$12.00 if you purchase online. All students must have their ticket to attend each event.

- We are still looking for Wydown Extra Event Coordinators for 7th and 8th grade so contact Allie Rossini or Alison Hoette if you are interested in volunteering for this position.

Online BuzzBooks:

The BuzzBooks will only be offered online this year. Online access will consist of an App for your mobile device as well as online access through your computer. It will be a secure site and only available to parents/guardians of Clayton students. If you do not have online access and would like a printed copy of the BuzzBook, please contact Allie Rossini or Alison Hoette for more information. We do not know when the online Buzz Books will be available-more information to follow.

Amazon Smiles:

The Amazon Smiles program is available through Amazon.com and benefits the School District of Clayton PTO Council. In the event this program generates more than \$2000.00 of income, each school in the District will receive an equal portion of that profit. If the PTO Council receives less than \$2000.00, the money will stay with the PTO Council and will be used to offset the PTO Council costs.

President's Report: Allie Rossini and Alison Hoette

Walk Through Recap: The walk through was a huge success. The new WEB program was well received, and the PTO provided lunch was enjoyed by all. If anyone has additional feedback on how the walk throughs can improve, please reach out to Allie Rossini, Alison Hoette or Jamie Jordan.

School Supply Kits:

This was the first year for the school supply kits and the program was well received. We have signed with the same company to use them again next year. Emails will be sent in April/May regarding order dates and deadlines. Discussion was had regarding missing items and Allie Rossini shared that all missing items should be reported and will be fulfilled by the company as soon as possible. We will work on a better way to communicate that for next year.

Upcoming Events:

WMS Open House on 8/22

CHS Homecoming on 9/20-9/22

WMS Food Drive: Liz Tucker

A Stock the Pantry Food Drive will begin on large blue collection bins will be available in the WMS foyer so please have your student bring donations during the food drive to stock our pantry. If you are unable to send food, you can make a cash donation to the food pantry online on the PTO website.

Open Positions:

We still have several PTO chair positions open for this year. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Allie Rossini or Alison Hoette.

- 7th and 8th Grade Reps
- 7th and 8th Grade Wydown Extra Event Coordinators
- Give Back Night Co-Chairs
- Insight Night Co-Chair

Principal's Report: Dr. Jamie Jordan

Volunteering and being involved in your child's life is most critical when they are in middle school. Take the time to get involved now.

New Business:

A motion to vote on the proposed budget for the 2019/2020 school year was made. That motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was passed. The budget will be posted on line for parents to view.

The next PTO meeting will be on September 16th at 6pm at Wydown.

Respectfully submitted.