**MINUTES OF A MEETING**

**OF THE PTO FOR**

**WYDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

A meeting of the PTO for Wydown Middle School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice, on Monday, February 11, 2019, at 6 PM CT at the Wydown Middle School (WMS).

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

The following members were also present: Stacy Siwak, Amy Wilson, David Wang, Kim Hurst.

Jamie Jordan WMS Principal was present.

Chip Casteel, community member was also present.

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 January 7, 2019 meeting, which was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer’s Report by Tanya Hayden**

As of February 10, 2019 the Wydown PTO has $56,596.18 in the bank.

Notable financial activity since previous PTO meeting:

* Received an additional $130.00 for Funds for Excellence donations. So far this fiscal year, we have collected $13,835 For Funds for Excellence (compared to $25,000 target).
* Received an additional $260.00 for Wydown Extra (13 more students registered).
* Emailed donation receipts for tax purposes for all donations received in 2018.

**President’s Report by Alison Hoette & Allie Rossini**

* Welcome Stacy Siwak, Clayton School Board candidate

She is one of three candidates running for two open spots in April’s election. She was a public school teacher for Rockwood, has a masters degree in counseling. Avid volunteer within the Clayton School District. Brings a different perspective as a retired educator and counselor.

* Welcome Kim Hurst and Chip Casteel: Prop E Tax Levy Initiative

Proposition E (E for Education) is a ballot initiative to support the school district outside of school resources. It bridges the gap between revenue and expenses. Prop E levies 56 cents for $100 property tax and Proposition C tax waiver (state wide sales tax for education) (approximately $121 for $100,000 assessed home value). This has not been voted on since 2003 (which passed with overwhelming support). FAQ’s will be posted soon from the District’s Communication Department. Trying to educate the community and explain why there’s a need for it. Prop E will be on the April 2nd ballot.

* Recap of Events:

1. Winter Fun Fest was a huge success with approximately 310 students attending. (220 tickets sold ahead of time, 90 at the door). Money raised goes to Student Council, most going to pay for the party.
2. Food Pantry successfully re-stocked. Thank you to Tanya Vedantham for spearheading.

* Upcoming Events:

1. Parent University: April 4th at Wydown Middle School, 6-9 PM. Topics include: screen time (how to limit it, how to work it into your child’s life), mental health, technology, substance abuse and how it pertains to middle schoolers. and many other topics all relating to the developing middle schooler. If you have any topics you would like to see discussed please contact Alison Hoette or Allie Rossini.
2. Give Back Night: April 25th 6-7:30 PM at Wydown Middle School. In the process of selecting charity beneficiary. In need of donations for raffle items. 7th and 8th graders man the booths and plan the event. 6th graders are highly encouraged to attend to experience the event so they can take the lead in upcoming years. Current 5th graders will be invited to attend with their families. This is not a drop off event. Families welcome. The PTO will be providing the food for the event.

**Principal’s Report by Jamie Jordan**

Looking for a canvas chair for Prop E. Let Dr. Jordan know if you or anyone you know is interested. Dr. Jordan will have a staffing meeting with District leaders at the end of February. At the April PTO meeting, she can present on staffing numbers/plans.

**New Business**

PTO Positions Open: Communications. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Alison Hoette.

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**Conclusion**

Next PTO meeting will be Monday, March 11, 2019 at 8:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,