**MINUTES OF A MEETING**

**OF THE PTO FOR**

**WYDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**APRIL 8, 2019**

A meeting of the PTO for Wydown Middle School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice, on Monday, April 8, 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: Jeff Orgel and Tanya Vedantham.

Jamie Jordan WMS Principal was 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 March 11, 2019 meeting, which was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer’s Report by Tanya Hayden**

As of April 8, 2019, the Wydown PTO has $60,464.20 in the bank.

Notable financial activity since previous PTO meeting:

Revenue:

* Received $5,000 donation to Funds For Excellence
* Also received $129 left over from the 6th grade breakfast in December; will be used for the 6th grade end of year party.

Expenses:

* Student Council: Winter Fest DJ ($200)
* Principal Fund: Panera for teachers ($315.13)
* Staff Appreciation: Dinner during spring conference week ($561.79)
* Staff Request: Judges for band ensemble festival ($300)

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

1. Year in Review
2. Past Events

\*Parent University April 4, 2019

Well attended and attendees appreciated that the topics were parent driven. Want to do it again next year, probably in winter months and in 30 minute topic increments.

\*Teacher Appreciation

PTO provided dinner to staff during spring break conferences. Pizza and salad were served.

1. Volunteerism

Need to restructure Wydown Extra going forward due to lack of parent volunteers, especially for the 8th grade class.

1. Fundraising

Videos made by students in Video Lab will be sent to families for a final Funds For Excellence/fundraising push.

1. Vote on the 2019/2020 PTO Slate

PTO Co-Presidents: Allie Rossini and Alison Hoette

Treasurer: Tanya Hayden

Secretary: Stephanie Gross

Communications:

Motion put forward and approved for slate as it stands with possible amendment(s) in August 2019.

1. Upcoming Events:
2. Give Back Night: April 25th 6-7:30 PM

Wydown's Give Back Night will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019, from 6-7:30 p.m.  WMS students voted and picked Challenger Baseball as the organization to benefit from our Give Back Night. Challenger Baseball is a baseball league for kids and adults with developmental disabilities from ages 5 on up.

 Give Back Night is a fun-filled family evening consisting of booths and activities for kids and adults, which includes the famous Wydown Give Back Night Raffle. We are looking for donations to include in the raffle. Popular items in the past include tickets to sporting events or the Fox Theatre, themed baskets (family game night, movie night, candy, baby items, vacation items), gift certificates (for services such as haircuts, manicures and pedicures, lawn cutting, legal affairs/wills), homemade quilts and memberships to the Zoo, Magic House or Science Center. Your donations are very much appreciated!  Please contact Lori Barker at loribarker@claytonschools.net or 314-854-6411 with any questions or to make a donation.  All donations will need to be in the Wydown office by Friday, April 19. There will be more information available in the coming weeks.

1. Wydown Extra Lock In: April 27th 7-10 PM

**Principal’s Report by Jamie Jordan**

Retooling Academic Strategies.

Academic Strategies will now be called Learning Center and will be more in line with the high school’s philosophy. It’s a study hall with teacher support and considered an elective. More information to follow in the April newsletter.

WEB Where Everybody Belongs

Implementing WEB, (Where Everybody Belongs); a 6th grade transition program led by 8th graders. Similar to the Ambassadors program but with a broader scope. Possibly scheduled for Friday, August 9, 2019.

**New Business**

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**Conclusion**

Next PTO meeting will be in August 2019.

Respectfully submitted,