**MINUTES OF A MEETING**

**OF THE PTO FOR**

**WYDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**October 8, 2018**

A meeting of the PTO for Wydown Middle School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice, on Monday, October 8, 2018, at 8:45 AM 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 Co-Treasurer, Stephanie Gross, Secretary.

The following members were also present:

Jeffrey Lewis, Jillian Barnes, Asa Wild, Marcy Anderson, Amy Wilson, Catherine Martin, Jeff Orgel, Tanya Vedantham.

Jamie Jordan WMS Principal was present.

Elizabeth Macanufo of the Clayton Education Foundation and Beth Deutsch of the All In Coalition were 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 September 17, 2018 meeting, which was seconded and passed.

**Elizabeth Macanufo, Clayton Education Foundation**

Clayton Education Foundation is the non-profit arm of the district. Founded in 2009, it raises money for grants awarded within the district.

CEF is fundraising to build Adzick Field, replacing field #7 at the high school. Field will be turfed, and structural improvements will be made. Field will be used for high school baseball, field hockey and soccer. It will be open to the community rec teams, PE students and summerquest campers. There is a Centene matching gift until December 2018. You can donate via their website; claytoneducationfoundation.org.

There is an event the evening of November 24th featuring CHS alum Andy Cohen at the Ritz Carlton. It is open to all. Tickets are $200/each and sponsorship opportunities are available.

**Beth Deutsch, All In Coalition**

The next event, Hidden in Plain View, An Initiative to Help Parents Spot Signs of Risky Behavior, is Wednesday, October 17th in the CHS auditorium from 3:30 PM till 8:30 PM. It has an interactive display of a teenager’s bedroom containing over 70 items that could signal that a young person is involved in risky activities. It is a parent only event and open to the public.

All In Coalition is trying to grow its parent and student base. Prevention is important and starts in middle school. They are looking for a parent volunteer at the middle school to start a preventative healthy choice leadership program. If interested, please contact Jamie Jordan.

All In’s next meeting is October 23rd from 4:30 – 5:30 PM at the District Administrative Center, #2 Mark Twain Circle.

**Treasurer’s Report by Missy McCormick and Tanya Hayden**

As of October 7, 2018, the Wydown PTO has $65,808.32 in the bank. Notable financial activity this month:

* Paid $2,974.50 for Wydown Extra venue fees
o Tropicana Lanes ($594 for 8th grade, $873 for 7th grade)
o Center of Clayton (total of $1507.50 for ice skating parties, 6th/7th grade lock-in,

 and 8th grade pool party)

* Paid $500 for PTO Council dues
* Received $401.09 in leftover Wydown Extra funds from Clayton School District
* Have collected $10,590 for Funds for Excellence so far this year (target is $25,000)

Other activity

Closed books for FY17-18 and submitted tax documents to Clayton School District.

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

Adzick Field Donation. There will be a vote at the November 12 PTO meeting (6 PM) to vote on WMS’s contribution to the field.

Fall Festival – November 8th 6 – 8 PM at WMS

Open to all families. All clubs welcome and can have tables. Sign up Genius will be sent for food and beverage donations.

January 4, 2019 Parent’s Night Out; new location needed. Want to keep the event in Clayton.

Transition Coffees: NEW events! Coffees will talk about what you can expect next year. Dates will be publicized when available.

**Principal’s Report by Jamie Jordan**

Trying to access different families’ needs – skyping, face timing for conferences, etc.

Parent Teacher Conferences are next week. Communication is open all year; not just at conferences.

**New Business**

Tanya Vedantham discussed the WMS food pantry. Currently utilized by 8 families. Kids come Friday and fill up a duffel bag for the weekend and return the bag on Monday. There will be a food pantry drive starting Monday, October 15 to restock the pantry. The drive will run until November 9th. Items needed include: kid friendly cereals, grab and go snacks, breakfast bars, canned chicken noodle soup, ramen noodles, pasta and pasta sauce, mac and cheese, hamburger helper, canned black beans, canned green beans, canned peas, canned corn, canned meats (specifically chicken and tuna), canned fruits, ketchup and mustard, jelly & jam.

Student Council is in talks to have a sock drive in October. More information to follow.

Career Day is November 30th. Looking for parent volunteers to discuss their careers with 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. Contact Liz Tucker for additional information.

**Conclusion**

Next PTO meeting will be Monday, November 12, 2018 at 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie L. Gross, Secretary