



Wydown PTO Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2025, 8:45 am - Back to School Coffee, In-Person + Zoom

In Attendance: Dr. Jordan, Madeline Akins, Allyson Lavender, Michelle Abounader, Katie Huffman, Matthew Lourie, Whitney Lorenz, Yvette Thompson, Kamie Walman, Chellie McLellan, Emily Milchanowski, Rachel Slaughter, Cara Downs, Longtao (Tom) Yu, David Mueth, Robin Lourie, Millena Marler, Anitra Mahari, Lori Hausladen, B. Marcell Willimans, Dell Villa, Nina Rygiol, Lynn Courter, Meghan Cirrato, Dennis (on zoom)

PTO Welcome and Introductions – Madeline Akins and Allyson Lavender

Voted Approvals:

- 1) **May Meeting Minutes Approval** – Kami Walman moved to approve, 2nd from Michelle Abounader, none opposed, passed
- 2) **2025/26 PTO Slate Approval:** Co-Presidents: Madeline Akins and Allyson Lavendar, Treasurers: Michelle Abounader and Matt Lourie, Secretary: Whitney Lorenz, Communications: Katie Huffman and Anitra Mahar
Motion to approve by Kami Walman, 2nd from Lori Hausladen, none opposed, passed

Wydown Principal's Report – Dr. Jamie Jordan

- 1) Great start this year, new phone policy has gone smoothly, an anonymous google survey will go out tonight at walk through to see how navigating cell phone usage is going for parents
- 2) Open house is tonight! This includes 7 min presentations by teachers, 3 min in between classes, can reach out to teachers any time during school year
- 3) New furniture in Main Street will be here around Oct. 1st, soft seating, benches, round tables and a bar

- 4) New 8:10 start is for safety reasons as there is more supervision in the school, they can also stay outside

PTO President's Report – Madeline Akins and Allyson Lavender

- 1) Moved PTO meeting dates to Tuesdays, all virtual except first and last meetings of the year
- 2) Need two co-chairs for each position on a two-year rotation
- 3) **Open Positions:** Spirit wear, Trivia Night, Secretary, School Supply Kits, KEEN Projects, Yearbook, reach out if interested or have questions.
Marcell McClure Williams spoke up for yearbook help – will need several helping with this. New yearbook company this year is Varsity, will just need help putting the pictures together, sales will happen in the office.

PTO Events Report

Past Events

Back to School Bash 8/14 – went well, open to suggestions for next year

Upcoming Events

Sixth Grade Movie Night 9/25 – on the field, movie TBD, PTO will be out there selling concessions and blankets

KEEN Service Project – “Try My Best” Event September 14th, Jackie Stavro is working on another parent student volunteer opportunity to help kids with varying disabilities, sign up genius will go out for that

STUCCO – we will help throughout the year

Gab and Grub – way to get all the kids together outside at the end of the day, they get a snack, will need volunteers for this, some will be by grade and some altogether
A sign-up genius email will go out from Lori Hausladen

Calendar will be on WMS PTO page, can also follow on Instagram

Treasurer's Report – Matthew Lourie and Michelle Abounader

1) Funds for Excellence Update: 49 families donated so far, you get a hat if you can donate \$125 or more before September 19th

2) Shared proposed 2025-2026 Budget, also posted to the WMS PTO page

Approval of Budget – Emily Milchanowski motioned to approve, Cara Downs with a 2nd, none opposed, passed

Approval to move to US Bank account: Emily Milchanowski motioned to approve, Meghan Cirrato with a second, none opposed, passed

Approval to pay for 8th grade camp (\$8,200) and 6th grade camp (\$3,205) from last year: Nina Rygiol motioned to approve, Meghan Cirrato with a 2nd, none opposed, passed

Committee Reports: Co-Chairs Wanted!

Teacher Appreciation – Kami Waldman and Del Villa – tonight is first event with a pasta bar and will be ready for teachers at 3:30 before open house begins, have 11-12 events a year with conference dinners, snacks, looking for volunteers

Spirit wear – Cara Downs – OPEN ROLE ALERT, sold out of merch, ordering more Clayton tees and blue hats and crew neck sweatshirts and hoodies and should be here September 1st in time for Homecoming, will look into winter hats with the logo, may need help with selling starting with Homecoming, suggested involving kids and Dr. Jordan can send on google classroom for that opportunity

Trivia night – OPEN ROLE ALERT – February 20th for all the grades this year, not just Jekyll, trivia company comes in and runs it, we need help with advertising and auction items with a committee.

Gab and Grub – dates and sign-up genius will go out for helpers on the day of events

School Supplies Kits – OPEN ROLE ALERT – orders are made online; we made around \$1,600 this year

International Night – will be January 30th, **need a second chair**, Dennis wants to get involved on music side

Grade Level Parties – **need a couple of chairs for each grade**, will just need to call and get space and dates and the min spend, happy hour format worked

well last year, community focused events, last year The Wine House was used, we buy snacks and light food, we do not cover alcohol

Pac-ed - needs co-chair – helps kids with disabilities or with IEP's, 504's, events held throughout the year. Reach out to Michelle Abounader for more information

Meeting Adjourned at 9:50

Next meeting will be on Zoom: September 30, 2025 @ 9AM