

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PTO FOR
WYDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL
DECEMBER 3, 2018**

A meeting of the PTO for Wydown Middle School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice, on Monday, December 3, 2018, at 6 PM CT at the Wydown Middle School (WMS).

The following members of the Board were present at the meeting: Allie Rossini, Alison Hoette and Tanya Hayden

The following members were also present: Jeffrey Lewis, Tanya Vedantham, Jeff Orgel, Tamicka Nelson Bobo, Anne Kuhlmann

Tarita Rhimes WMS Assistant 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 October 8, 2018 meeting, which was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report by Tanya Hayden

As of December 2nd, the Wydown PTO has \$66,071.49 in the bank. Notable financial activity this month:

- Received \$500.00 corporate match from Fidelity
- Collected additional \$1,795 in Funds for Excellence after reminder email to families who had not contributed yet. Have received \$12,385 so far this year (budget is \$25,000).
- Expenses Paid this month:
 - \$1,266.30 for 6th grade Wydown Extra bowling event (venue and snacks)
 - \$268.58 for pizzas for ambassador training
 - \$299.50 for Schnucks gift cards for food basket turkeys and duffle bags for students to use for food pantry
 - \$136.15 for Principal's Fund (pizza for custodial staff meeting)
 - \$276.90 for Fall Festival food and gift cards
 - \$312.00 for printing Wydown Buzz Books

President's Report by Alison Hoette & Allie Rossini

a. Recap of Events:

- i. **Fall Fest:** November 8th, 2018 was a success. Next year we hope to include more clubs and to have the event earlier in the year to have more of a Welcome Back to School theme.
- ii. **Book Fair:** earned more money than expected. The Scholastic Dollars were used to buy books for all the literacy teachers. Books were purchased from the Teacher Wish List and delivered to classrooms. The teachers were thrilled and loved having the Book Fair. The hope is to build on the this event and to have the event again next year.
- iii. **Food Pantry:** Tanya Vedantham: The food pantry is fully stocked. The food drive went great and we will have another drive in a few months for specific items that the families need.
- iv. **EVEREVE Event:** The event went well and earned \$207.73 for the school. This event was a simple fund raiser for Wydown where parents were invited to shop at EVEREVE during a selected time and 15% of the total was donated back to the school. We will consider doing this again in the future. If anyone has any other simple fundraising ideas like this, please contact the PTO.

b. Upcoming Events:

- i. **Big Sonia:** December 13 at 7pm in the Wydown Theater This is a movie produced by a Clayton High School graduate about her grandmother, one of the last holocaust survivors. For more information about this film visit www.bigsonia.com
- ii. **Parent's Night Out:** January 4th Copia-Clayton from 6pm-8pm The PTO, Arch Orthodontics and Dale Avenue Pediatrics will be hosting a Parent's Night Out Event. Appetizers will be served and a cash bar will be available with Happy Hour drink specials offered during the event. Get a sitter, grab a date and we will see you there.
- iv. **Parent University:** April 4th time TBD. The PTO will be hosting a Parent University event on April 4th to help parents with the transition to middle school. Classes and small group discussions will be offered on topics specific to middle school issues and concerns. More information to follow.
- iii. **Adzick Field Donation-Vote:** A discussion was had about the PTO's donation to the Adzick field project. It was discussed that there were funds available from the 2017/2018 academic year scholarship fund that was earmarked for the 8th grade trip to Jekyll Island that were unused that could be used to donate to the field project. A motion was made to donate these funds in the amount of \$3,300.00 to the Adzick Field Project. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was passed.

Principal's Report by Tarita Rhimes:
There was no report at this time.

New Business:

- **Open School Board Positions:** There are two open positions for the Clayton School Board. To find out more information on how you can run for the Clayton School Board and for important filing dates, please visit the Clayton School District Website.
- **Staff Giving Policy:** The Clayton School District has guidelines on gift giving to teachers and staff. As a reminder, no teacher or staff member can receive a gift valued at \$100.00 or more from a single family. Also, the PTO would like to remind parents that there are many staff members who work at times when parents and students are not present so when giving, please remember all staff members.
- **Old Business**

Conclusion

Next PTO meeting will be Monday, January 14, 2019 at 8:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Hoette
PTO Co-President