



Wydown PTO

WMS PTO Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2025, Zoom Meeting @ 9AM

In Attendance: Jamie Jordan, Madeline Akins, Matt Lourie, Betsy Meyland-Smith, Lynn Courter, Whitney Lorenz, Nicholas Urvan, Katie Huffman, Allyson Lavender, Kami Waldman, Dennis Pierce, Kerith Lucco, Cara Downs, Julie Follman, Lori Hausladen, Kelly Murrie, Chellie McLellan, Dell Avila

PTO Welcome and Introductions

Approval: September Meeting Minutes – motion to approve by Kami Waldman, 2nd by Betsy Meyland-Smith, none opposed, approved.

Wydown Principal's Report – Dr. Jamie Jordan

Teacher Appreciation Shout – Out: Thank you for the baked potato bar for parent teacher conferences.

Jekyll Island 8th grade trip – going well for our 8th graders, using google folder for pictures instead of Instagram this year, 6th grade camp pictures will be uploaded the same way.

LRFP: New Furniture in Main Street! – It's here and has been a hit and seems quieter. Still discussions on a new turf field.

Title 1 Update: Title I is a federal education program that supports low-income students throughout the nation. Funds are distributed to schools as determined by the number of

students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. The funds are used to support the learning needs of students. Title I schools receive funding to pay for staff and materials to provide intervention in the areas of reading and math. Meramec, Glenridge, Wydown, and CHS are Title I schools. We utilize our funding primarily to support reading intervention, staffing, and materials. In addition to building meetings, we share information about Title I in the Clayton 101 each year. The purpose of Title I.A. Funding & Programming: To serve as an early intervention and academic support for economically deprived students who might otherwise be at risk of performing below grade level in reading during the school year.

Use of funding this year in Clayton:

- Portion of Literacy Coordinator salary - as a districtwide coach specifically in reading intervention and LETRS training
- Training for classroom teachers - LETRS
- Support for students in homeless situations (transportation and materials)

Upon your request, the district is required to provide to you in a timely manner, the following information:

- Whether your student's teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- Whether your student's teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether your child has provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

In addition to the information that parents/guardians may request, a building receiving Title I.A funds must provide each individual parent/guardian:

- Information on the level of achievement and academic growth of your student, if applicable and available, on each of the State academic assessments under Title I.A.
- Timely notice that your student has been assigned, or has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who has not met applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

Partnerships with parents are important to us. Parental involvement can include participation in academic learning and other student activities including: assisting in student learning, being actively involved in their child's education, attending school events during the school year, full partners in decision making and advisory committees, seek input through surveys and spring meetings

PTO President's Report – Madeline Akins

Thank you Volunteers and Committee Chairs!

PTO pumpkins – Pack teams are decorating pumpkins, we were able to use PTO funds to buy the pumpkins this year, and Madeline and a small group of parents brought these in for the pack teams.

PTO Events Report

Past Events

Roosters Give Back: 10/11 – purpose is to fundraise in addition to a great community event, we had lots of Wydown participation, would like to continue these once a month, parents, please let us know if you have another location in mind. We discussed Shake Shack as well as Café Manhattan.

Upcoming Events:

TOMORROW! Wydown all grades Parent Night: 10/29 @ Clayton – hope you all can join for this first ever all parent night 5:00 – 7:00pm at Clayton Winehouse

Treasurer's Report – Matt Lourie

Funds for Excellence - \$16,839.00, Teacher Appreciation: \$1,491. 6th grade camp scholarships were \$3,205 for last year, Jekyll was \$8,200, Clayton Connections Events we spent \$1,210. We are at \$93,000 overall. Healthy cash position. You can find the full budget with details posted on the Wydown PTO website.

Committee Reports: Co-Chairs Wanted (on-going)!

Teacher Appreciation- Dell and Kami – went well, lots of snacks and great baked potato bar, and desserts. Holiday Luncheon is up next before Winter Break. Considering Tres Reyes on 12/19 possibly. Stay tuned on that.

Spiritwear – killing it! Cara Downs - We've had a great year so far, sold over \$5,000, benefitting the PTO, Clayton embroidered hats and sweatshirts are still available, and

winter hats will be available first week of November. Call to Action: Would anyone be interested in helping sell beanie hats at the Turkey Trot?

Trivia night – no updates currently, still needing Co-Chairs and Volunteers for this. The event runs itself as it is outsourced on the day of. We need help with ticket sales and raffle items.

Gab and Grub – Lori Hausladen – next one is this Friday on Halloween; 8th grade has their grade level one in a few weeks. We have volunteers lined out for each at this time.

School Supplies Kits – no updates right now, looking for a new resource this year.

Service Projects – Led by Jackie Stavro, great way to give back to the community, next one is Sunday, Nov. 9th at SLUH, 2:45-4:00pm, sign-ups are full but can see if more room if interested.

International Night – Dennis – Rene Weber and Soyon met up with staff at Wydown and they exchanged ideas and are moving forward and developing a budget that will be presented to PTO, would cover supplies for event and subsidy for families participating. Decided not to charge a nominal admission fee, however, Dennis had the idea of a parent after party with DJ and music with paid admission at a nice venue with a door charge. Will meet again next week to discuss further.

Yearbook – Marcell Williams – so excited! Officially launching this week – picked the yearbook cover and now working with yearbook team on layouts, November will be more work and the 8th grade portion deadline ads are due November 14th!

PAC-Ed – meeting at the same time today – last week was Orange Out Day wore orange on Wednesday, great kick-off. The mission is like a PTO Council of parents with kids with disabilities across the district and they do activities on inclusion and awareness and advocating. Mentioned maybe some “Unity” themed shirts as part of spiritwear possibly.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41.

Next Meeting: November 18th, Zoom Meeting @ 9AM