

**Wydown PTO Meeting Minutes**  
September 18, 2023, at 6:00 PM

- Welcome and Introductions  
Attendees: Cara Downs, Betsy Meyland-Smith, Whitney Lorenz, Amber Kempf, Melissa Rideout, Kerith Lucco, Jenny Abeles, Kristin Pollak and Maria Burr
- Approval of minutes from August 28, 2023 meeting
  - o Motion to approve by Jenny Abeles, second by Kerith Lucco and approved by all.
- President's Report - Cara Downs and Betsy Meyland-Smith
  - o Past Events
    - Staff Dinner on 8/29 - Jenny Abeles/Jessica Graetz
      - Straub's sandwiches, chips and desserts donated by parents
      - October conferences will be from Which-Wich, parents can donate snacks and sign-ups will go out soon
    - Gab & Grub on 8/31 - Lori Hausladen
      - Kids super behaved, fun time on the field
  - o Upcoming Events
    - Gab & Grub on Friday 9/29 - Lori H.
      - If you are interested in helping from 2:45 – 3:15 pm, please email [WydownPTO@claytonschoools.net](mailto:WydownPTO@claytonschoools.net)
    - Middle School Night at CHS Football Game 9/29 at 7 PM
      - Announcement will go out in newsletter
      - If students are there by 6:30 they can run through a breakthrough banner following the football players and there will be white poms-poms as it will be a "white out"
      - Students will not be allowed in without their parent present per Missouri law.
    - Parent Night Out still needs a volunteer planner/coordinator – October 27<sup>th</sup>, event will include a cash bar and light appetizers for parents. Please let PTO know if you are interested.
  - o Request for PTO Funds from Best Buddies Club
    - Liz Tucker and Carolyn Gryder are organizing. Students with special needs are paired with a buddy for activities. There are funds for activities, but not for snacks, they've requested \$250, might be an additional need later. Jenny Abeles moved to motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Kristin Pollak and approved.

- o Spirit Wear Update
    - New t-shirts can be bought for \$20, will have ChedderUp page set up. Still have a few trucker hats and t-shirts available
    - Will also have more sweatshirts available soon
    - BSN (creates for athletics also) has created spirit wear also for the district. This may be purchased through the district website
- Treasurer's Report - Amber Kempf
  - o Financial Statement of Activity – see September Treasurer's Report
    - As of September 13, 2023 the PTO has \$80,409.77 in the bank.
      - \$26,567.71 are Restricted Funds in the Jekyll Island Scholarship Account
      - \$2,894.43 are Restricted Funds in the Clayton Connections Fund
      - \$50,947.63 in total are general PTO funds
  - o Highlights for the month of September
    - \$6,835.00 has been collected toward Funds for Excellence – Please make your donations to Funds for Excellence if you have not done so already, and if your job offers matching donations then please apply if you can.
    - \$1,436.50 has been raised through Spirit Wear Sales
- Principal's Report - Dr. Jamie Jordan
  - o All scholarships were funded for 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp and Jekyll Island. Both 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp and Jekyll Island will take place in October  
We need more staff for 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp as the teachers do all of it, the high school counselors are chaperones, for Jekyll they run the event so teachers get to be chaperones.
  - o Parent Teacher Conferences – Oct 4<sup>th</sup> they will open sign-ups, they will start Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> in person and some may be virtual, every teacher has conference times available throughout the week, all year if these times do not work for you or if you need to speak with a teacher at a different time during the year.
  - o Activities fair kicked off last week.
  - o Homecoming Parade – October 14<sup>th</sup> – need a truck or flatbed, will encourage students to bring a bag of candy. Any students may ride on or walk along with the Wydown float.
- Jekyll Island Trivia Night – Jenny Ables
  - o This helps fund scholarships for Jekyll Island, it will be held February 24<sup>th</sup>, looking for locations now. If anyone wants to help or volunteer for next year, please let Wydown PTO know.
- **Next PTO Meeting October 9th at 12:00 PM**
- Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM

