**Wydown PTO Meeting Minutes**

**February 12, 2024, at 9 am**

In attendance: Betsy Meyland-Smith, Cara Downs, Jenny Abeles, Amber Kempf, Kelley Karandjeff, Dana Jones, Katie Huffman, Pam Lyss-Lerman, Deanna Simarowitz, Allyson Lavender, Jamie Jordan, Melissa Rideout, Emily Milchanowski, Tanya Hayden, Amy Wilson Whitney Lorenz

Approval of minutes from January 29th PTO Meeting – motion to approve by Jenny Abeles, 2nd by Emily Michalowski and no opposed so approved.

BOE Candidates Jason Wilson (current member running), Leo Human, and Pam Lyss-Lerman were each given 5 minutes of time for remarks and then question and answers. There will be an open forum on March 26th at the CHS Auditorium for anyone to attend and have questions asked and answered.

Treasurer’s Report - Amber Kempf – The Income and Expense Compared to Annual Budget was shared and copies were distributed and posted. The Treasure’s report went as follows:

1. As of February 7, 2024, the PTO has $100,563.86 in the bank.

* $37,652.71 are Restricted Funds in the Jekyll Island Scholarship Account (last year’s monies raises plus 2024 sponsorships received minus fee to rent space for 2024 event)
* $2,894.43 are Restricted Funds in the Clayton Connections Fund

1. Highlights since our last meeting in January

- $995.00 in total for the 3 Grade Level Parent Parties at the Clayton Wine House in January/February for venue rental, charcuterie, and cookies.

Spiritwear sales still doing well.

* Total of $6,000.00 received in Sponsorships for the Jekyll Island Trivia Night
* $139.64 for coffee/snacks for Clayton Connections Event on 1/26/24

Principal’s Report - Dr. Jamie Jordan

Hired all positions except Band at this time.

There will be some team switch ups for next year, more coming out later.

Board meeting in March will be live streamed to review the assessment of the district.

Social worker Lauren has expressed that the food pantry is getting bare, rather have money or gift cards for this, how best to do fundraisers? Timing? Leaning towards Spirit Week and conferences. Give people specifics from a list. Amber suggested that we use part of our funds to go into this while getting an initiative started. Will roll out this in initiative following Trivia night.

Parent teacher conferences will also include a Google form link so parents can specify what they want to get out of the conferences, this is new.

Past Events – Cara Downs

February 1 - 8th Grade Parent Party 5:30 - 7:30 pm @ Clayton Wine House – good feedback, new parent friends.

Upcoming Events

* 1. February 16 - Wydown Family Skate 10 - 11:30 am @ Brentwood Ice Rink – still need some volunteers, free admission, free skate rental, there needs to be a parent responsible for each child.
  2. February 24 - Wydown Trivia Night 7 pm @ The Heights – sold 19 tables, still have 11 available, individual tickets also available, 4 raffle baskets – sports basket, cultural events basket, wine basket, and a Clayton basket, still looking for judges.
  3. March 14th - Teacher Appreciation Week Staff Dinner – Dewey’s during the conferences for teachers
  4. March 14 - Student Gab & Grub during PACK
  5. April 14 - Spring Volunteer Event at KEEN- Jackie Stavro
  6. April XX - Spring Student Social – Dr. Jordan – tentative date of April 19th, will need parent volunteers.
  7. May - 8th Grade Promotion Volunteers Needed- will need parent volunteers for this, set up for reception and ask 7th grade parents to help so 8th grade parents can enjoy. Usually involves cookies and punch. Also, will have breakfast before kids go to Six Flags – Jenny will send out sign-up genius for this.

Clayton Connections (new families and mentor families only)

* 1. February 25 - student only movie night
  2. April 4 - adult happy hour at Clayton Wine House

Spiritwear update – restocking sweatshirts and still have sweat pant inventory available for purchase.

Betsy – Central 6th grade meeting with indigenous artist and would like to purchase piece of art for school. Mrs. Kavanaugh is coordinating, and Betsy is helping fundraise after Central asked her to come to their class and discuss how to fundraise. Amber agreed we have the funds to help them if needed. May have students come present their final art choice at PTO meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57

**Next PTO meeting is March 11, 2024 @ 6 pm**