# Wydown PTO Meeting Minutes Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6 PM

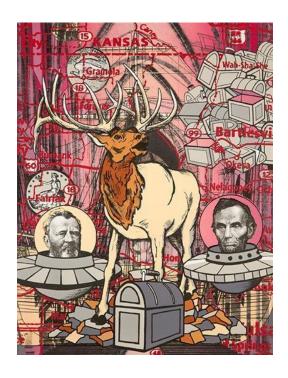
In Attendance: Betsy Meyland-Smith, Cara Downs, Elizabeth Macanufo, Dr Jordan, Amber Kempf, Emily Milchanowski, Laura Stanton, Angelica Li, Whitney Lorenz

Approval of Minutes from 2.12.24 Meeting Dr. Jordan motion to approve, Elizabeth Macanufo 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all approved.

Scouts Annual Update - Emily Milchanowski and students with Scout leaders - Laura Stanton, Tom Kaucha. Scout Master Scouts BSA is now a co-ed program, Troop 21B, students Ava Darna, and Jacob Bush spoke about their experience in Scouts. They meet at Wydown on Tuesdays at 7PM. Available to boys and girls 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade, do not need prior experience to join.

#### Requests for PTO Financial Assistance

6th Central with Mrs. Kavanaugh did a presentation on what they have learned about community and indigenous culture, they are asking for \$1,200 of funds from PTO to go towards the purchase of artwork by Norman Akers (see image below). Then the students want to do fundraisers to purchase one from Amber DuBois Shepherd, who has offered to do original work for the school. Fundraiser ideas include selling candy rings, bracelets and/or a Penny War. PTO will add this request to the agenda for next month to vote on approval for the \$1,200 towards the artwork.



7th Grade End of Year Party – Asking for \$450 in addition to the \$300 for Main Event to help cover costs for lunch. PTO agreed to fund students for the end of the year party on an as-needed basis. Families will be able to indicate their need for support on the permission slip and PTO will cover those requests.

Principal's Report - Dr. Jamie Jordan
Parent Teacher Conference sign-ups have gone out
Need additional Spanish teacher.
Advocating for helping Wydown in own wellness areas
8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion is getting organized.
\$500 to the food pantry will be used.
Jekyll Island communications will start going out soon once cost is known.
Trivia Night was amazing, so fun. Idea thrown out to do in October instead?

## Treasurer's Report - Amber Kempf

- 1) As of March 6, 2024, the PTO has \$104,126.09 in the bank.
  - \$39,980.70 in total are Restricted Funds in the Jekyll Island
     Scholarship Account \$26,567.71 (23) + (\$14,860.00 (Raised) \$1705.28 (Expenses))
     Total Raised \$13,154.72 (24)
  - \$1433.31 are Restricted Funds in the Clayton Connections Fund
- 2) Highlights since our last meeting in February

- \$396.97 Clayton Connections Movie Night 2/27
- \$236.75 Snacks and Skate Rentals for Wydown Skating Event

#### Past Events

Wydown Family Skate Feb. 16 – Betsy – 82 skate rentals with ticketing system used. Hot chocolate – boil water and add in large jug and buy individual packets to be added. Need to rent the party room next time.

## **Upcoming Events**

- 1. Staff Dinner, Conference night 3/14 Jenny Abeles
- 2. Gab & Grub April 5th Lori Hausladen
- 3. Spring Volunteer Activity KEEN 4/14 Jackie Stavro- still spots available. Check emails to sign up.
- 4. Spring Student Social 4/19 Frankie Synovec, Betsy can create a save the date for this.
- 5. Saint Louis 2 Soccer team will look at possible times to attend in the Fall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM

Next Meeting Monday, April 8 at 12 PM via Zoom