

Wydown PTO Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2025 @ 9 AM

In Attendance

Zoom: Jeffery Lewis, Michela Henke-Cilenti, Ben Benfiled, Deborah Moura, Kamilah Russell
In person: Whitney Lorez, Joanna Dinsmore, Jenny Abeles, Kami Waldman, Rachel Marino, Michelle Abounader, Betsy Meyland-Smith, Dr. Jamie Jordan, Dell Villa

[Approval of the November PTO Meeting Minutes](#)

Motion to approve the meeting minutes by Michelle and 2nd from Kami and none opposed, approved.

Principal's Report - Dr. Jordan

Thank you to Mrs. Marino and Mrs. Pautsch for work on Winter Fest – went great, might flip calendar for next year, may also have full pep rally and spirit week

Long range facility planning meeting update – Wydown is the newest building so not a lot of need, but things that have come up are the turf on the field for PE classes and community use, and outdoor spaces for students to go to, may redesign the locker rooms and add more space for SSD and therapies, and possibly expand the counseling and wellness center. Also considering a Main Street redesign to make more inviting and the goal is to have that in place by the fall. CI Select is the designer, and we may need help with fundraising, stay tuned. Next meeting is next Tuesday at 4:00.

Attendance update – the state needs a 90% attendance rate for funding, going to start working with counselors and social workers to reach out to those who are under that. It's broken out into minutes, and this comes out to around 8-9 days.

Hiring teachers – we need 2 math, 1 science, possible PE, and a Reading Specialist, please reach out to those in your network

President's Report - Betsy Meyland-Smith

Past Events

November Gab & Grub – success

Teacher Appreciation – holiday event went well, luncheon for teachers with Tres Reyes. There was enough for leftovers. Dessert buffet was awesome, and teachers loved it.

The cost was around \$1,500. The next one will be the Spring Conference dinner on Thursday, March 13th, 3:00 PM with a snack bar on the following Friday.

Upcoming Events

Family Skate 2/14 – 1 – 1.5 hours, all has been paid for arranged, Betsy has the hot chocolate and tablecloths, needs volunteers to help with serving and parent presence, sign-up genius has gone out, please sign up.

Jekyll Island Trivia Night 2/28 – Diana Hopper is running this and has booked The Heights and the trivia company. Captain is not doing one this year. Meramec did theirs already and the high school and Glenridge are doing one. She needs help with set-up, clean-up and co-chair for event. She will put together an email for promo soon.

Spirit Wear – no update yet.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Abounader – handouts were distributed at meeting and will be posted to the PTO page.

- Financial Statement of Activity Year to Date - \$120,783.72 total
- Funds for Excellence Update - \$37,641.08

Next PTO Meeting Monday, February 10, 9AM

- 2024-2025 Meetings (in-person and zoom option):
 - 2/10, 9AM
 - 3/10, 9AM
 - 4/14, 9AM
 - 5/12, 9AM

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 AM