**MINUTES OF A MEETING**

**OF THE PTO FOR**

**WYDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**JANUARY 22, 2018**

A meeting of the PTO for Wydown Middle School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice, on January 22, 2018, at 6:00 PM CT at the Wydown Middle School (WMS) Main Street.

The following members of the Board were present at the meeting:

Allie Rossini, Co-President, Alison Hoette, Co-President, Missy McCormick, Treasurer, Stephanie Gross, Secretary.

The following members were also present: Jillian Barnes (6th and 7th grade representative), Tanya Vedantham, Jeffrey Lewis.

Jamie Jordan, WMS Principal, Celeste Gillette, Clayton School District PTO Council Representative and Susan Kronemer, Budgeting & Fundraising Committee member were also present.

Alison welcomed members of the PTO and reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

**Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2017 meeting, which was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer’s Report by Missy McCormick**

As of January 16, 2018, the PTO has $51,324.65 in funds.

2017 tax letters were emailed to families who contributed to the Funds for Excellence Program.

Activity since last meeting:

· Collected an additional $5,020 in Funds for Excellence. FFE Fund now has $17,100 ($7,900 from our goal).

· Reached 48% of our financial goal.  Only 32% of families have contributed.

· Depleted the Parent Connections & Refreshment budgets with the January 5, 2018 Parents Night Out Event.

Clarification, Staff Appreciation shows $828 remaining in its budget, but $745 will be added.

* See Attached Statement of Activity and Budget

**President’s Report by Alison Hoette & Allie Rossini**

Alison and Allie provided an update on the January 5th Parents Night Out. Event was very well attended and will be repeated next year at the same time (Friday after school resumes from winter vacation) and venue (Molly Darcy’s). The PTO has decided to turn the Fall Festival into a family event, incorporating all school clubs. Additional fundraising ideas were discussed. The PTO is open to suggestions but nothing is currently planned.

**Upcoming Events:**

\*Wydown Winter Fun Fest will be held Friday, February 2nd from 6 till 8 PM at WMS. It is open to all students. Event will include food, games, a DJ, photo booth and other activities. This event is sponsored by the teachers, PTO, and Student Council. We are looking for volunteers and donations. A sign-up genius will go out shortly. Tickets go on sale next week. PTO approved $500 max donation to support the event.

\*Welcome to Wydown Coffee will be held Monday, February 12, 2018 at 9:15 AM following the PTO meeting (8:45 AM) in the WMS cafeteria. Coffee is open to all but mainly for families that started Wydown after the beginning of the school year. Goal is to eventually have host families to match with new families.

\*Wydown Pantry has been very well received and regularly benefits several WMS families. The pantry is running low and we discussed having another food drive. Current 5th grade families will be asked to bring food & personal care items to donate at curriculum night. A personal care drive will be held April 30th – May 4th.

\*School Uniform Drive benefitting Big Brothers/Big Sisters will be held February 26- March 2, 2018. Look for more information to be sent soon.

\* Open PTO Positions:

Listed are the PTO positions currently available for the 2017-18 school year. Please contact Alison Hoette or Allie Rossini for job descriptions.

Staff Appreciation Chair and Committee

Community Relations Chair and Committee

Grade Level Reps

Give Back Night Committee

Wydown Extra Reps

Family Fall Fun Festival Chair and Committee

Spirit Wear Chairs

Board Positions: Secretary, Co-Treasurer

**Principal’s Report by Jamie Jordan**

Due to bus schedules, the 6th grade camp schedule must be reevaluated. Options; students spend an extra night at camp or return early. Students and families will be polled before a decision is made.

A booklet will be assembled for incoming families with pertinent and helpful information.

Course selections for next year are due February 12th. Course descriptions are posted online.

**New Business**

Susan Kronemer, presenting as Vice President of PTO Council, discussed the next CSD sponsored speaker event, A Parent’s Guide to Social Media for 2018. The event will be on Thursday, January 25th at 7 PM in the CHS Auditorium. The speaker is Julie Smith, a local professor and author of “Master the Media: How Teaching Media Literacy Can Save our Plugged-in World”. Visit claytonschools.net/speakerseries to register and a link to purchase her book.

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**Staff Requests for Funding by Alison Hoette**

Request made by Mr. Powers for the Wydown Chess Club. Requested $1000 to host the annual Wydown Chess Tournament and student transportation to the Missouri State Chess Championship in Columbia, MO. Decided that more details are needed. Jamie Jordan to follow up with Mr. Powers.

Request made by Mr. Kastner in Fine Arts to purchase materials necessary for large scale mural in gym hallway. Mural is being painted by district artist in residence, Robert Fishbone, and is largely being paid for with Mr. Fishbone’s $1500 stipend. Mr. Kastner will use existing supplies first but needs additional funds ($500) to finish this large-scale mural. Request approved.

**Conclusion**

Next PTO meeting will be Monday, February 12, 2018 at 8:45 AM at WMS followed by a PTO coffee at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie L. Gross, Secretary