**MINUTES OF A MEETING**

**OF THE PTO FOR**

**WYDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**OCTOBER 9, 2017**

A meeting of the PTO for Wydown Middle School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice, on October 9, 2017, at 6:00 PM CT at the Wydown Middle School (WMS) Main Street.

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

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

The following members were also present: Jeff Orgel, Tamicka Bobo, Caroline Early, Kasandra Hodge, Jeffrey Lewis, Tanya Vedantham.

Jamie Jordan, WMS Principal, and Celeste Gillette, Clayton School District PTO Council Representative, 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 September 18, 2017 meeting, which was seconded and passed.

**Treasurer’s Report by Missy McCormick (2 attachments)**

Our bank balance as of September 15, 2017 is:  $46,347.02.

Included in the **Statement of Activity** (since our September 18, 2017 meeting)

We have collected an additional $2685 in Funds for Excellence (FFE) due in part to a targeted reminder email. Total amount collected this school year is $10,145. This is $14,855 and 59% away from our goal. Only 21% of families have contributed.

We paid our PTO Council dues ($500). PTO Council dues are paid by all 6 CSD schools and cover insurance, tax filings, accounting software, etc.

Included in the **Budget to Actual Report** (since our September 18, 2017 meeting)

Our District Statement (ASN Charges) through August 31th are reflected (in future months, this will be reported in our Statement of Activity)

There are additional charges due to printing and Principal Fund requests.

There is a new item on our report to reflect prior year budgeted expenses paid in this fiscal year. The amount is $194.57 (due to bills coming in after July 31, 2017).

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report, which was seconded and passed.

**Staff Requests for Funding by Alison Hoette**

No new staff requests. Alison and Allie have reached out to staff to start making their spring staff requests.

**President’s Report by Alison Hoette**

Discussed how to boost Funds for Excellence payments. Ideas included additional targeted emails (done by Missy McCormick) and putting up a poster during parent teacher conferences. Group agreed that these ideas are preferable to additional fundraisers, events, etc.

We also discussed 2 upcoming events; Fall Festival and a parent event.

Fall Festival will be held November 2, 2017 at WMS. It is put on by the Student Advocacy for Justice and Equality Group (formerly Social Justice Club). Activities include a cake walk, Halloween trivia, Halloween games, etc. Need volunteers for set-up and break-down/clean-up. PTO will cover the costs associated with printing from our special events budget.

We are still looking for venues and ideas for the parents only social event to be held January 5, 2018. Ideas include Saratoga Lanes, Schlafly Bottle Works, etc. Hope to keep the event close to Clayton and include food.

**Principal’s Report by Jamie Jordan**

Parent Teacher conferences were discussed. Possibly revamping format and times going forward. May put a group together to discuss further.

Report cards will be emailed, not mailed. Grades and homework should be regularly updated in Power School. If not, please let her know.

The next Pursuit Day is Thursday, October 19th. Good feedback from first Pursuit Day.

Look for upcoming holiday concerts and performances.

Last week there were some homecoming events, including a tour with the CHS band.

**New Business**

Former WMS PTO President, Brenda Guynes Glick suffered a stroke and is currently at a rehabilitation center. If you would like to reach out to Brenda, please contact Susan Kronemer, as she is the point person.

**Old Business**

Next PTO meeting will be Monday, November 13, 2017 6 PM at WMS. There will not be a December 2017 meeting.

**Conclusion**

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie L. Gross, Secretary