

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE PTO FOR
WYDOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 18, 2019**

A meeting of the PTO for Wydown Middle School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice, on November 18, 2019, 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, Tanya Hayden, Treasurer, Stephanie Gross, Secretary & Communications Chair, Tanya Vedantham, Secretary

The following members were also present: Jeff Orgel, Julie Sandler, Cathy Hermann, Carolyn Pedersen-Howard, Anthony Kirk

Jamie Jordan, WMS Principal, was 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 October 14, 2019 meeting, which was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report by Tanya Hayden (see attached)

As of November 17, 2019, the Wydown PTO has \$59,914.16 in the bank.

Notable financial activity this month:

- Revenue:

Funds for Excellence: Received 7 more donations this month, bringing this year's total to \$8,370 from 109 donations

- Food Pantry:

*Received \$480 in donations for grocery store gift cards requested by CSD social workers.

*Also received \$335 in general food pantry donations, bringing total for the year to \$1405.

- 8th Grade Wydown Extra:

*Received additional \$270 this month for bowling event on November 1.

*Total revenue from 8th grade Wydown Extra bowling event was \$360 from 36 students.

- Expenses:

*Purchased \$480 of grocery store gift cards from Schnucks. District social workers will use \$300 of gift cards for holiday baskets, and remaining gift cards as needed throughout the school year.

*Wydown Extra:

\$180 to Tropicana Lanes for 8th grade bowling

\$46.94 for snacks for 8th grade bowling.

A motion was made to approve the report, which was seconded and passed.

President's Report by Alison Hoette & Allie Rossini

Recap of Events:

- Wydown Extra: Due to increased concern about liability and student safety the PTO and School Administration has decided to discontinue the Wydown Extra Program going forward.
- Conferences

Fall conferences were successful and food was provided to all staff. Jamie Jordan reminded the group that staff is available to meet with families all year, not just at conference times.

- Evereve- The event was an even bigger success than last year and we raised approximately \$500 from the November 4th fundraiser.

Upcoming Events:

- Parents' Night Out. This event will be held the evening of Friday, January 10, 2020 at Kingside Dinner on Brentwood Boulevard from 6-8pm. Open to all WMS parents and guardians. This social event will be a private event for Wydown Families and The WMS PTO will provide heavy appetizers and a cash bar will be available.
- Insight Night

Insight Night is a night for parents and guardians featuring small group discussions with popular topics that affect middle school students and families. Topics will include alcohol, drug, and vaping abuse, anxiety and depression, social media, school transitions, etc. The Event will be held on Thursday, February 20 at WMS in the evening. The exact time to be determined.

Principal's Report by Jamie Jordan

December 4th will be the 6th Grade Camp Reunion at WMS. The event will honor Terri Lawrence who is retiring as head of 6th Grade Camp after 25 years. WMS will start a scholarship in her honor. If you want to contribute money to the fund or stories/remembrances, please forward them to the WMS office.

WMS is looking for families to be ambassador families to new families in the district. Kick off will be in January and start of school year. They will help families with questions and get acclimated. If interested, contact Deb Byrd.

An anonymous fund has started to fund any needs (exp. Food for families in need, shirts for school trips, lunch account gaps, etc.). More information will be forthcoming.

The Winter Fun Fest will be held for students from 6-8 PM on December 13th at WMS. There is an \$8 entry fee which includes snacks, activities, photo booth, etc. Parent volunteers are needed. Staff is letting students vote on (exclude possibly) changing school colors from purple and silver to orange and blue. Vote will be held by January 1.

Final 2020-2021 calendar will be voted on by the School Board the end of December 2019. Start date will be August 24, 2019. End date will stay similar to years past with fewer days off during the school year.

New Business

Old Business

Next PTO meeting will be Monday, January 13, 2020 at 8:45 AM at WMS. A special invitation will be extended to new WMS families.

Conclusion

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie L. Gross, Secretary