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Wydown PTO

1/11/2016 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Stephanie Abbajay and Brenda Guynes-Glick, co-Presidents

In Attendance

Stephanie Abbajay, Brenda Guynes-Glick, Angela Osborne, Katie Sandquist, Susan Brown, Elizabeth Bude, Marnie Bermingham, Baisong Cheng, Susan Buse, Peter Sparks, Brad Bernstein, Angela Quigless, Melissa Clark, Gina Nakis, Cindy Wallach, Rene Morency

Dr. Jamie Jordan, Principal , Ed Kastner, Teacher

Board

Co-President Stephanie Abbajay opened the meeting.

Drama Department Request for Funding Ed Kastner was in attendance to explain the request. The drama department has requested \$1000 to apply toward the total cost of hiring a professional rigging company, On The Fly Productions, to work both with the spring musical and to also provide the opportunity to other students to try it out during scheduled workshops. There is a cost of \$25 to students to participate. Spots are limited. A motion to approve was made by Brenda Guynes-Glick and Angela Osborne seconded. Motion passed.

Winter Community Art Festival Stephanie Abbajay reported that it will be held on January 21st. It will be similar to the fall funfest but will also include artist Cbabi Bayoc who will speak to the group in addition to coordinating student participation in an art mural for Wydown. This is a family event, not a drop off. Please bring a dessert to share.

Escrip Susan Brown reported that we currently have only 65 active participants using escrip. Those 65 supporters alone have raised approx \$700 in the last 12 months. There was some discussion to better utilize this resource and that we should discuss opportunities to sign up more parents as well as ways to better explain what escrip is.

Fundraising We have enough funds in the reserves to cover expenses for this year and half of next year. We still need to raise \$12,000 – \$15,000 for the reserves to have enough to cover 2016-2017 school year. Will send out some sort of communication in mid February with a soft ask.

Making Inclusion Happen Award Brenda Guynes-Glick reported on this award which honors Clayton teaching staff that demonstrate outstanding efforts in the area of inclusion and for their dedication to students with disabilities. Nominations can be made by completing a form and sending it to Julie Engelhard at julieengelhard@claytonschoools.net by Friday Jan 29, 2016. For questions, please contact Margy Brake at 314-854-6016.

Clayton School Board Report

Susan Buse was in attendance to report on how the terms of current economic development incentives, specifically with the Boulevard development, are going to negatively affect the Clayton School District. The Richmond Heights City Council will vote on February 1st to approve the extension of the Boulevard TIF. If you would like more information or would like to voice a position, please contact any of the school board members, the Mayor or members of the City Council to let them know how you feel about diverting 100% of new property taxes on a project that will likely bring new students to Clayton schools.

Treasurer's Report

Angela Osborne reported the current balance is \$52,082.96. Spirit Week Orders brought in \$1,946.00 in revenue. A motion to approve was made by Dr. Jordan . Katie Sandquist seconded. Motion passed.

Principal's Report

Dr Jamie Jordan discussed the following items:

Give Back Night We have been trying to restructure this night to give students a larger role and responsibility in planning and execution. The 8th graders wrote letters suggesting charities. A committee will meet on Thurs Jan 21st to select the top three charities. Those three charities will be presented to the school and then voted on by students. The event will be held on April 28th.

New Parent Initiative The school is looking at ways to help new Wydown parents that were not here at the start of 6th grade. We are considering a parent "buddy" program to help new parents navigate through all the new experiences at Wydown. If interested in participating, please contact Dr Jordan.

2016/2017 Course Selection Incoming 5th graders will receive information on Thursday Jan 21st. 6th and 7th graders will receive information in science class the last week of January. 8th grade parents are encouraged to attend an information night at CHS on Thursday January 14th at 7pm. Course selection sheets are due Feb 11.

PTO Plus

Dr Jamie Jordan held a short Q&A session for parents in attendance.

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2/8/2016 7:00 PM