

# MINUTES

Wydown PTO

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1/4/2016 8:00 AM | *Meeting called to order by* Stephanie Abbajay, co-President

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## In Attendance

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Stephanie Abbajay, Katie Sandquist, Susan Brown, Celeste Gillette  
Dr. Jamie Jordan, Principal

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## Board

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Co-President Stephanie Abbajay opened the meeting. This extra meeting was held due to the time sensitive nature of a recent teacher request for funds.

April Fulstone and the Fine Arts department are teaming up for a big art project/program the week of January 18-22. They are proposing to have local artist Cbabi Baoyc (<http://cbabibayoc.com>) be our artist-in-residence for the week. His work would culminate in a mural to be installed on the wall outside the library. He will also be the featured attraction at our second WMS Community Event on Thursday, Jan. 19, where he will speak about his latest art project, "365 Days of Fatherhood," the power of family, being a black artist in St. Louis, etc. Our Jan. 19 program will also include a community mural project by parents and students, which will be installed in the hallway on the first floor, plus a dessert potluck, photo booth, etc.

The Cbabi program dovetails perfectly with April's mission as diversity chair for WMS, as well as the PTO's and the PAAS's efforts to improve diversity and community involvement/communication at WMS, and is also a terrific initiative for the WMS Fine Arts Department. The program will reach every student and, hopefully, many parents. The cost is \$2,000. The Fine Arts Department is allocating \$1,000 from its own budget, and they and April have put in a request to the PTO for the remaining \$1,000 to fund the artist-in-residency. Presumably, this would come out of the Staff Requests line item (budgeted at \$7,000).

A motion to approve the \$1,000 request was made by Susan Brown and seconded by Celeste Gillette. Motion passed.

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## Next Meeting

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1/11/2016 7:00 PM