

# MINUTES

Wydown PTO

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2/8/2016 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Stephanie Abbajay and Brenda Guynes-Glick, co-Presidents

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## In Attendance

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Stephanie Abbajay, Brenda Guynes-Glick, Angela Osborne, Katie Sandquist, Susan Brown, Andrea Topps, Ciara Johnson, Laura Pierson, Gary Pierson, Melissa Clark, Joe Miller, Gina Nakis, Judy Glik, David McClendon, Charles Quigless Jr., Jenaro Centeno, Steven Rosenblum, Lily Raymond, Suzanne Langlois, John McCarthy

Matt Balossi, Vice Principal , Jill Warner, Teacher

## Board

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Co-President Brenda Guynes-Glick opened the meeting.

**Staff Requests for Funding** .... \$7,000 budgeted for the year. \$3,200 left to allocate.

1. Chess Club has a request every year. This year's \$670 already approved.
2. Band has requested \$375 to host the band festival. The money would pay for judges and their dinner.
3. Deborah Baker has requested \$2000 to pay for speaker Amy Hunter to speak at Wydown on justice/racism issues. Dr Jordon said she can fund \$1500 so PTO would need to only give \$500.
4. Health Class teacher Jill Warner requested \$427.60 to install flyer holders on the back of bathroom stalls for health education information not covered in class such as information on sleep, dating violence, community resources.
5. Computer Explorations/Web Tech Class teacher Dawn Webber has requested \$1020 for a class set of 12 starter kits for students to code computers within the school. A question was raised about possibly needing approval from tech support on the purchase. This item will be voted on at the next meeting.

A motion to approve 3 requests totaling \$1,302.60 (Band festival, Speaker Amy Hunter, Health Class flyer holders) was made by Stephanie Abbajay and Andrea Topps seconded. Motion passed.

**April Book Club** The WMS PTO is supporting a District-wide Parents' Book Discussion on Ta-Nehesi Coates' Between the Word and Me. The discussion is being organized and run by April Fulstone from WMS, Jennifer Sellenriek from CHS, Yorba Johnson from Meramec, and Paya Sample from Captain. There will be a meeting in March to lay the ground rules for the discussion, and the discussion itself will meet in April. It will be professionally facilitated. Stay tuned.

**Fundraising** .... There will be no fund raising events this year. A letter with a soft ask, coordinated by Stephanie Abbajay and Judy Glik, will be sent out soon.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee Update** ... Melissa Clark reported that dates have been decided for end of year events. An email will be sent out soon to ask for volunteers.

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| May 13 | 3:30 - 5:00pm Decorate for 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance                       |
| May 13 | 7:00 - 10:00pm 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance at CHS                            |
| May 20 | Locker Decorating at Wydown  |
| May 24 | 7:00pm 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony at CHS. Reception following. |
| May 25 | 10:00 – 12:30pm Pool Party   |

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## Treasurer's Report

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Angela Osborne reported the current balance is \$51,909.33. Not much activity this month. Received a few donations and made a couple of payments for spirit wear. A motion to approve was made by Katie Sandquist. Stephanie Abbajay seconded. Motion passed.

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## Principal's Report

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Matt Balossi spoke in Dr Jordan's absence.

**Give Back Night**.... The event will be held at Wydown on April 28. A vote will be held among students and teachers this week to select the charity to benefit. This is a family event, not a drop off event.

**Spring Conferences** ... Will be the same as last year with students leading the "conference". More information to come soon.

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## PTO Plus

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Joe Miller and Gary Pierson each spoke for 5 minutes about their positions running for Clayton School Board.

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## Next Meeting

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3/7/2016 7:00 PM