

Minutes of a Meeting of the PTO for Wydown Middle School

A meeting of the PTO for Wydown Middle School was held, as scheduled pursuant to due notice, on Monday, March 9th, 2020 at 8:45am at Wydown Middle School.

The following members of the Board were present at the meeting: Alison Hoette, Co-President, Tanya Hayden, Treasurer and Tanya Vedantham, Co-Secretary.

The following members were also present: Jeffrey Lewis

The following CSD board candidates were also present: Nathaniel Millet, Gary Pierson, Kim Hurst and Chris Win.

Jamie Jordan, WMS Principal, was present. Assistant Principal Tarita Rhimes 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 February 10, 2020 meeting, which was seconded and passed.

Board of Election Candidates

Clayton School Board Candidates Nathaniel Millet, Kim Hurst, Gary Pierson and Chris Win spoke briefly about their backgrounds and qualifications. Five individuals are running for three spots. Gary Pierson is the only incumbent.

Treasurer's Report presented by Tanya Hayden

As of March 8, 2020, the Wydown PTO has \$55,957.32 in the bank.

Notable financial activity since February meeting:

Revenue:

- o \$100 employer match from MasterCard
- o \$40 donation to Funds for Excellence
- o \$7.48 from eScrip

Expenses:

- o \$43.50 for coffee and pastries at January PTO meeting/new family welcome
- o \$250 for DJ at Winter Fun Fest
- o \$89.03 for monthly birthday celebrations (Counseling Department)
- o \$180 for boxed dinners from WhichWich for volunteers at Insight Night
- o \$104.65 for desserts/drinks for staff appreciation lunch on December 20

Looking Ahead to Year-End:

- Give-Back Night
- Wydown Food Pantry – have \$1,147.23 remaining from donations this year

President's Report: Alison Hoette

- * Wydown Cares Update: This is a new program being developed that will expand on the Wydown food pantry. The goal of this program is to help the students of low to middle socioeconomic backgrounds with not only food items but also, health screenings, eye glasses, school supplies etc. An anonymous donation has been made to help get this program rolling.

- * Welcome Wagon now Clayton Community Connections: A anonymous donation has been given to this effort which is a program to match up current families with new families to help them get acquainted with Clayton in general as well as just providing community support.

Upcoming Events:

- Give Back Night: Give Back Night will be held on Thursday April 23rd, 2020 from 6-7:30p. The students will pick the benefitting organization this Friday. Donations for the raffles are currently being accepted. This is not a drop off event but an opportunity for you to bring your whole family and enjoy the night. There will be many activities throughout the school as well as raffle items and food. Tickets to enter will be \$5. All proceeds will go to the organization chosen.

Principal's Report: Dr. Jamie Jordan

* Parent Teacher Conferences are this week. You will bring your student with you and go over activities with your student. Always feel free to contact your child's teachers if you would like more one on one information.

*Dr. Jordan encourages you to have open conversations with your child about risky behaviors. She also recommends checking your child's phone periodically. With spring coming up and children walking home in groups, it is important to speak with your child about their behavior in the community and remind them that it reflects on them and their school. After school activities are offered so remember that that is another option for students.

*Student Stella Plein came to speak about her idea to begin a food composting program to address the hundreds of gallons of food waste produced by Wydown students each year. Stella asked the PTO to fund her composting program in the amount of \$675.00. Mr. Wilmsmeyer is working with Stella on her project and it was suggested that she submit a teacher request form and make a formal request for the funds.

The next PTO meeting will be at Wydown on April 13th at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted.