

PTO minutes 1/24/22

Guest speaker- Alexey Yaminov from Boy Scouts Troop 21.

- Attending PTO meeting for the annual report. He has been involved with the scouts for 8 years, 5 years as a leader. His Troop meets once a week at Wydown on Tuesday nights. The Boy scout moto is "prepared for life". In 2018 Scouts began admitting girls but troops are gender separate. Participants are not limited to Clayton district. There are 50 boys in the troop. They participate in trips every month as well as during summer. Some recent examples are The Grand Tetons and Yellowstone for 1 week, Philmont New Mexico for 2 weeks, ski trip to Wisconsin, Buffalo River float trip, and Costa Rica. They also participate in service projects such as the food drive Scouting for Food. They learn basic life skills and focus on community. They are currently in need of a representative parent from the Wydown PTO as the current representative is stepping down. Reach out to Mr. Yaminov if interested

President's report-

- Minutes approved from last month.
- Clayton connections began plans for program in May of last year. Grade level reps are looking at potential new families for next year and are recruiting new mentors.
- Eight grade parent adds due February 10.

Treasures report-

- PTO received more money from Funds for Excellence.
- Donations have also come in for parent night.
- Treasurer is finishing up tax letters for any donations. If you haven't received yours yet contact PTO and let them know.
- Question-Since we are only at only at 30% on our Funds for Excellence is there going to be another push? Answer-There have been pushes on email throughout the year. We are looking at maybe a letter but that would eat into funds. We do have funds in reserve but still looking to getting more from funds of excellence. Maybe more education on exactly what Funds for Excellence does for Wydown. Instead of fundraising the PTO asks for a donation from each family in order to do some of the fun things. Some examples are end of year parties, teacher appreciation, principal fund, teacher requests, and social events,

Dr Jordan-

- The course selection process is starting for next year. Program of studies is available online <https://www.claytonschools.net/domain/913> Course selection sheets due back to PACK teacher February 1 and students will be signing up online during pack time on February 2.
- Spring conference will probably be available in zoom and in-person.
- Wydown is collecting old Clayton high school gear, uniforms, band uniforms, and PE shirts to give out to students in need.

Upcoming events-

- Parent night out moved to April 22 at Seven Gables Inn. PTO still taking Sponsors for that event.
- Wydown middle school night at basketball game has been cancelled but looking at new date.
- Question- Is there a 6th and 7th grade camp scheduled? Yes. It has been tentatively scheduled in April. It will not be overnight but will be days and cover a lot of the same things that is covered in the previous overnight camps
- Next PTO meeting February 14 at 9 am.