

Wyngate Elementary School PTA
Minutes of General Meeting
October 5, 2010

The meeting was called to order in the Wyngate Elementary School Media Center by Tonja Olson at 7:00 pm on October 5, 2010. Approximately 50 Members were in attendance.

President's Address: Tonja Olson welcomed everyone to the meeting and then introduced Principal Leister.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Leister said current enrollment is 679 students. When the addition is completed, the school can hold 745 students. Current class size is 22-25 for all grades except 4th grade, which has 26-27 students. There is no possibility of getting additional teachers even if enrollment increases this year. September was a tough month with so many days off, but students are getting settled into routine. Moving around building is difficult, but they are working through the logistics. They made some changes with end of day routines and also recess before lunch is helping. Open house is next Monday. Parents will experience the rush. Wednesday Monthly is now printed off site, since we cannot depend on the copier.

Teacher Representative: Mrs. Kleinman distributed handout from Ms. Hubbard on head lice. Said things are good for now. Ms. Rouse the Special Ed teacher, who used to run the Type to Learn program at Wyngate cannot continue to run program. Asked if the PTA want to take over program. We can purchase upgrade for typing program for \$899. It is a web version that can be accessed at home. PTA will discuss at next board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Becky Edison reported that we are in good shape and operating at net deficit this year. Review of budget item by item. We should end year at \$4,500. Question regarding how activities are added / deleted from budget. Tonja said Members may bring up new activities at New Business portion of meeting and then Executive Board approves new activities. The PTA Budget was approved unanimously.

MCCPTA Report: Beth Milkovich said three topics were discussed at last meeting. 1) Budget is in process. MCCPTA has representatives at the state budget meetings and there will be shortfalls and cuts. We are no longer going to be insulated. Mrs. Leister said current class size is showing impact of budget shortfall this year. MCCPTA said to prioritize programs and decide what to keep. 2) Superintendent search: RFP sent to requesting agencies. MCCPTA asked to have two representatives at interviews, but no word from Board of Education. 3) Capital Improvement: this will be a hot topic at the November meeting. New Curriculum was discussed. Math committed at Wyngate will start examining new math curriculum after November conferences.

Cluster Report: No cluster report

Committee Reports:

Walk to School Day is tomorrow, Wednesday, October 6th.

W.E. CARE outlined its plans for the year and the plan was approved unanimously by the members. See attached for details.

Fun Run will be Friday, October 8th. The assignments will be emailed to the room parents.

Multi-Cultural Night will be Thursday, October 14th. Request was made to move event back to April.

Parent Social will be held at Black Finn in Bethesda on November 5th.

Wyngate Expansion project remains on schedule for construction to start first quarter of 2012 and completion prior to start of 2013-14 school year. Schematic design meetings are in progress, with last one to be held Tuesday Oct. 12th at 3:30 in the Wyngate APR. An additional classroom has been added to the design – there will now be 15 classrooms in the addition, plus support spaces and the school will have a capacity of 745 when completed.

New business

Artsonia: Ms. Neubold received award for number of participating students. Request was made for volunteers to photograph artwork.

Board of Education elections coming up w/ general election. Members encouraged to vote.

Guest Speaker: Ms. Elbin, Wyngate Guidance Counselor. Discussed getting families back into routines, such as having consistent bedtime and family meals, setting realistic expectations and creating schedules and organization tools. Limit setting was also discussed. See attached handouts and book recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Blakeslee