

Wyngate Elementary School PTA
Minutes of General Meeting
December 7, 2010

The meeting was called to order in the Wyngate Elementary School Media Center by Tonja Olson at 7:10 pm on December 7, 2010. Approx. 28 Members were in attendance.

President's Report: Ms. Johnston spoke on Mrs. Leister's behalf. Jan. 11 meeting of the Board of Ed. will discuss Wyngate's addition plan. Concerned about the schedule of addition due to budget cuts. Mrs. Leister and Stacey Erlenbach will attend. There are two candidates to replace teachers who are leaving in December. Ms. Carrie Jacobson will replace Ms. Glazer and Mrs. Linda Cassell will replace Ms. Porath. We should anticipate budget shortfall will affect Wyngate's budget, with class sizes increasing. Projections for 2011 school year: 138 (K), 143 (grade 1), 115 (grade 2), 119 (grade 3), 109 (grade 4), 85 (grade 5). Dr. Weast will be at Rockville HS on 12/15. MSA prep beginning for grades 3-5.

Treasurer's Report: Becky Edison reported that the budget is in good shape and close to projections. Sock Hop, Multi Cultural Night close to budget. Waiting for report on Scholastic Book Fair. The Wyngate Directory raised \$850.

MCCPTA Report: Beth Milkovich reported \$200 million shortfall in county budget. 12/15 Weast will present budget. Jan. 3 budget meeting, MCCPTA proposes funding schools at same level as this year. MCCPTA meeting had speaker from Homework Hotline Live. This is available Tues.-Thurs. from 4-6 and is geared for older school age children. Edible gardens ruling discussed.

Cluster Report: Molly Hemsley reported plea to support the budget. 2011 school calendar lists Halloween Monday off and school on Nov. 1. Cluster is writing letter requesting that county switches the days off so students would have the day after Halloween off. Race to Nowhere movie: WJ's asking cluster schools to contribute money for movie to be viewed at WJ.

Committee Reports:

W.E. CARE: 100 coats collected for Linkages to Learning. Money collected at Sock Hop to send care packages to Marines. One more push to collect food and money for packages and collections for Fisher House.

Fall Clean-up: About 40 people showed up including 2 brownie troops.

Sock Hop: Fun, lower attendance. Bake sale not very successful.

Scholastic Book Fair: Waiting for totals. Suggestion to move Family Night to earlier in the week.

Kids Night In: DJ, pizza dinner, crafts, basketball. Still some space available.

Donuts for Dads: 12/17, 8:00-8:45am in APR

Bingo Night: 1/22, 5:00-7:00pm – Family Event. Limited to 180 people. \$5/person.

Cultural Arts: 12/9 Step Africa is performing

New business: none

Guest Speaker: The Lice Lady, Karen Franco, Advice on Lice (www.adviceonlicemd.com)
She discussed the stigma of lice and the unwillingness of the school system to address the problem. She also believes we need to get information and education of "everything lice" out there to families. Treatments were discussed and she recommended the product RID. Her advice is: leave on for 30-40 minutes, lather hair, wait and then rinse out – head down. Do not shampoo hair first. Then begin combing process, using special nit comb. Need to comb hair for 3 weeks. Cut strands of hair with nits. For bedsheets, etc., first wash sheets and then just put them in dryer each day for 30 minutes. For more information, check out website, especially FAQ section

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Blakeslee