

Wyngate Elementary School PTA
Minutes of General Meeting
January 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order in the Wyngate Elementary School Media Center by Tonja Olson at 7:10 pm on January 4, 2011. Approx. 29 Members were in attendance.

President's Report: Mrs. Leister said 7 students left school and 6 new students started at Wyngate. Two new teachers are in place, Mrs. Cassell (ESOL) and Ms. Jacobsen (2nd grade). MSA & TN2 prep is underway. Students are outside for recess. Sorry about the mud. Budget isn't fine, so there will be cuts. We would rather programs be cut then personnel. 5th graders to visit NB. Math curriculum is waiting for county and state requirements.

Treasurer's Report: Becky Edison reported that the budget is doing well. Kids Night Out and Scholastic Book Fair were within budget. Donuts for Dads blew budget, but it was a good thing. Reminder to sign up loyalty cards. Money goes to Wyngate, not PTA. Money is used for computers and technology. Only 24% of Wyngate families are enrolled. Must sign up each year. OK to sign up for more than one school and can sign up other family members (grandparents).

MCCPTA Report: Suzanna Files reported no meeting yet w/ WJ Cluster. She did attend Operating Budget Forum sponsored by MCCPTA. There will be significant cuts due to \$300-350 million deficit. County council will not fund Dr. Weast's requests for budget. Mr. Leventhal (County Council) recommended furlough. One reason for shortfall was snow removal. \$10million in budget, actual cost \$60 million. Wyngate Expansion isn't a done deal. What can we do? Wyngate Parents need to show up in force when Wyngate goes before board. PTA will send notices to families before meeting.

Committee Reports:

W.E. CARE: Fisher House collection very successful. Project to make cards for Naval Hospital at Valentine's Day parties.

Scholastic Book Fair: Successful. Plan to move Family Night to earlier in the week.

Kids Night In: Successful. 90 kids + Volunteer's kids. Maybe too many middle school helpers.

Donuts for Dads: 518 responses. 66 dozen donuts purchased

Muffins for Moms: 2/3 or 2/4, Looking for Dads to volunteer

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

Used Book Sale: 2/26, WJ may not help with extra books. Looking for other places to donate books. Plan to shorten donation dates, advertise better for gently used books.

Barnes & Noble: 3/22, Will combine with Dining Out

Mixed Bag Fundraiser: Tons of new patterns and bags. Will be held early March

Science Fair: 2/16, Visiting Scientists at school week of January 17th to talk to classes, do experiments. If know of scientist, contact Karen Bowers and Susannah Olnes

New business: none

Guest Speaker: Huntington Learning Center. Presentation on Homework: Keys to Success by Susan Fowler. Discussed ways to make homework go smoothly. Carve out time from schedule. Make sure child visually understands when to do homework. Make sure there isn't a skills issue that's making homework difficult. Contact teacher if homework takes longer than expected.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Blakeslee