

Wyngate Elementary School PTA
Minutes of General Meeting
February 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order in the Wyngate Elementary School Media Center by Tonja Olson at 7:10 pm on February 1, 2011. Approx. 30 members were in attendance.

President's Report: Mrs. Leister had just returned from meeting with search committee for new school Superintendent. She made recommendation for someone who would listen to administration. She said process is political. Current Wyngate enrollment is 674. Smallest class size 21, largest class: 28. Quality of teachers, personality of students lead to success in classroom, not class size. Budget issues: schools will probably lose staff development positions and media assistants. Mrs. Leister discussed county's policy of just implementing new programs in the schools. She would prefer pilot programs first, before making all schools start new programs. She also stressed that parents of average and gifted kids need to speak up at these meetings, not just special interest families. Look online to see when meetings are held for Superintendent Search. The county needs to hear the voices of Wyngate Parents. Wyngate Parents also need to push for the expansion of the school.

Treasurer's Report: Becky Edison reported that the budget is doing well. Bingo Night made money.

Cluster Report: Molly Hemsley reported that Stacey Erlenbach, on behalf of Wyngate, hopes to testify at the February 8th the County Council CIP Budget Meeting. If Wyngate doesn't get a time slot, WJ cluster may yield some time to Wyngate. Wyngate Expansion isn't a done deal. Wyngate Parents need to show up in force when Wyngate goes before board. Bring signs, wear Wyngate clothing. Cluster also reported that Chinese classes may be held at NBMS if there is enough interest.

MCCPTA Report: no report

Committee Reports:

W.E. CARE: 1) Project to make cards for Naval Hospital and nursing home at Valentine's Day parties. 2) 2/24, 8:15-8:45: making 75 bagged lunches for homeless.

Bingo Night: 1/22. Very successful. 300 people attended. Will plan to do again.

Used Book Sale: 2/26, Call for volunteers. Will have competition for classes to bring in books.

Mixed Bag Fundraiser: Early March, Bags arrive after Spring break. New patterns and bags.

Science Fair: 2/16, 5 Scientists visited classes. 14 scientists will be at the event. Bring projects to school after 3:30 on 2/16.

Arts Exhibition: 3/18 Similar to last year. Only submit art work or performance, not both.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon: 3/4 Hospitality Committee head needed for next year. Organizes three events: Teacher Breakfast and ice cream on Open House; Teacher Appreciation Luncheon; Teacher Lunch on parent conference days.

Spiritwear: Website is up. Samples at Friday's Muffins with Moms.

Movie Night: 4/2 at Bethesda Regal. Private screening with discount rate. Movie & times TBD closer to date.

Barnes and Noble Fundraiser: 3/22, 3-7:00pm. Teacher readings, maybe band, book signing, looking to have chorus perform

New business:

Health and Wellness: This year plan on discussing bullying, obesity, nutrition, stress management. Contact Tara Coles if interested in joining committee.

Guest Speaker: Dawn Bowman, Wyngate Media Specialist. Discussed Cyber Safety and Cyber Bullying. Handouts available on the Wyngate Website. Additional material available for parents in Media Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Blakeslee