

Wheatland Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2020

Present (via Zoom): Rachel McClaran, Erika Birk, Chelsea Jantz, Rachel Davison, Jamie Neally, Diana Griblin, Abbie Hoefling, Julie Scott, Phoebe McCormick, Nathaniel Thurman, Katie Harris, Addie Tripp, Dave and Jill Hendershot, Beth Lewis, Abby Younts, Lauren Ishman, Tisha Allyn

The meeting was called to order by President Erika Birk, at 7:00 PM.

Principals Report: (Rachel McClaran)

Site Council had their first meeting on 9/15. They shared successes and challenges from the start of this year. 9/14 was the first day with all staff and students in the building. We are working through drop off, pick up, and lunchtime. It will all continue to improve. The kids are doing well with their masks, using hand sanitizer, and hand-washing.

We are at 349 for enrollment (down about 20).

Wheatland has 3 teachers teaching remote learning (Green, May, and Norton), 1 teacher has temporarily moved to West (Knoblauch), and 1 teacher from West is teaching remotely in the Wheatland building (Hendershot).

Teachers Report: (Phoebe McCormick)

Thank you!

Thank you from the teachers to PTO for the pasta meal, painting the equipment on the playground, and for the chalk outside of the office to welcome students back to school.

Treasurers Report: (Rachel Davison)

We went through the budget. Still need to finish up a couple of things from last year, because of how it ended. We will not be providing money for field trips this school year, so we've designated that money to pay for Scholastic News subscriptions. Hoping to still have Thanksgiving in the Valley. Trying a couple of new fundraising ideas to see how they work out!

What's Going On At Wheatland:

School Supply Boxes

2019-2020 PTO made \$18 on 11 orders.

2020-2021 PTO made \$82.04 on 18 orders.

The Board members voted to continue offering the supply boxes for the 2021-2022 school year.

Recess

For those wondering how outdoor recess is working at this time - the playground has been divided into 4 zones. The classes rotate through the different zones, so every fourth day they make the rounds to each area.

Khaos Apparel Shirts

An order has been placed for shirts for incoming staff and students. PTO and Wheatland go in together on the cost to make sure kindergarten students, students that have transferred to our school, and staff that is new to the building has a purple Hornets shirt.

Scholastic News

PTO has decided to move forward with this, working alongside Wheatland to cover the cost of every child having a subscription to the digital and print version of the weekly Scholastic newsletter. Each student at Wheatland will receive 32 magazines throughout the school year. They will also have access to interactive material on the Scholastic website.

Dillons

January to March, 123 households participating, \$499 for Wheatland PTO.

March to June, 123 households participating, \$471.07 for Wheatland PTO.

If you would like to enroll in this program, please visit:

<https://www.dillons.com/i/community/community-rewards>

Wheatland code: JS300

Box Tops

Our next contest will begin October 1. Please send in your paper copies of the Box Tops or scan your store receipts on the app.

Please visit this link for a quick How To on using the Box Tops mobile app:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWuXDKejVEg&feature=youtu.be>. The app is very user friendly.

You can designate which teacher you want to receive the credit by personalizing the "Give Credit" feature. This is a great way to earn money for Wheatland!

Upcoming Spirit Days

Friday, September 18, 2020. Ugly Tie Day.

Friday, October 9, 2020. Crazy Mask Day (paper mask will be provided)

Please send in \$1 to support PTO.

Picture Day

Wednesday, October 14, 2020.

Remote learners will also have an opportunity to participate in Picture Day. Watch for more information to follow in an email.

Thanksgiving in the Valley

Saturday, November 14, 2020

We are still planning to hold this event! It is the biggest fundraiser for Wheatland and we know the students really look forward to the days leading up to it. We have requested use of the high school to allow for better social distancing. It's also something we're looking into going forward, to make Thanksgiving in the Valley a bigger community event. Please start cutting out feathers for our Biggest Turkey contest. You can leave them as singles or staple them together in groups of 5.



If you would like to take charge of organizing the Raffle Baskets, please email wheatlandempto@gmail.com. Each grade level will sponsor a themed basket. We would love to have the help!

Art, Science, and Literature Fair

Thursday, February 4, 2021. More information to come.

Restaurant Night

Chipotle, 21st/Amidon on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 from 4-8PM. You'll need to show them the paper flyer or the digital copy on your phone when placing your order.

Virtual Book Fair

October 12 and 13 during Parent/Teacher conference week.

Venmo

We are looking into make this an option for collecting money for PTO. This would allow remote learners to still donate \$1 for spirit days, and it would be an electronic option for those that prefer this method.

Teacher Requests

Mrs Crandon, PE

- Pop up tent to provide shade for the kids while outdoors
- Clear tubs to hold equipment while it's waiting to be sanitized

Kindergarten Team

- Boxes to be used for separating student belongings/materials (2)

---> Julie Scott motioned to approve, Chelsea Jantz made a second. PTO approved covering the cost of both requests.

ColorCycle/Pop Tabs

Crayola has put a hold on accepting recycled markers, but we are still collecting, so please continue to send them in with your student.

The Ronald McDonald house is still accepting pop tabs, so please continue to send them in with your student.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04PM.

The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, October 27 at 7 PM on Zoom.