

Wheatland Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2020

Present: Rachel McClaran, Erika Birk, Heidi Polson, Rachel Davison, Jamie Neally, Trish Corcoran, Phoebe McCormick, Kelli Chobad, Addie Tripp, Nathaniel Thurman, Laci Chavez, Jordan Trego, Crystal Steinkirchner, Kat Massaglia, Linda Westhafer

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

Principals Report: (Rachel McClaran)

Art Show

The Art Show was an amazing success. Wheatland sold 85 pieces. \$5 from each piece sold will be donated back to the Art Program. Mrs McClaran bought a piece from each grade level to display in the conference room.

Watch DOGS

We have had 8 Watch DOGS so far with 24 more scheduled throughout the remainder of the school year. It seems to be going really well!

New Students

We have recently added a few new students, putting the Wheatland total at 382.

Teachers Report: (Phoebe McCormick)

Baseball Assembly

Mrs Sherwood will be helping to facilitate a reading program in partnership with the Wichita Wind Surge. Wheatland will be having an assembly to kick things off! The program will run from March 23 to April 17. The end of the reading program will be celebrated with a Wind Surge baseball game. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 3 at 1:05 PM. More information to come!

Book Fair

Mrs Sherwood will be hosting a Book Fair during parent-teacher conference week. Any volunteers would be helpful!

2nd Grade Field Trip

PTO will provide \$1 per student to go to the Kaufmann Museum on March 12 and March 13 (half will go one day, the other half will go the other day).

Conference Meal

Teachers are looking forward to the Baked Potato Bar on Tuesday, March 3 during conferences. If you signed up to bring something, please don't forget to bring it in!

Treasurers Report: (Rachel Davison)

Balance

\$28,583.45

- receipts from Mrs Burbach's new math lab games
- receipts from Mrs Younts' new headphones
- \$600 to pay for the other half of the school shirts
- we didn't end up needing to help out with the kindergarten field trip after all (something we had voted

on and approved at the January meeting)

What's Going On At Wheatland:

Playground Equipment

The plans for the new playground equipment were presented at the Wheatland BLT meeting and have been approved! The next step is to present at the School Board Meeting on March 9.

Sting Stride

It was decided that we don't really need to do this for money making purposes, so talk of it will be tabled until next year if we decide to revisit the idea.

Field Day

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 15. Kindergarten/1st Grade will have Field Day in the morning. 2nd/3rd Grade will have Field Day in the afternoon. Lunch will not be disrupted.

Teacher Request

Mrs Chavez and Mrs Trego presented information about classroom transformations for all of the first grade rooms. They are planning a big hospital themed transformation for Friday, March 27. This is going to be a surprise for the first graders, so please don't tell them! The money request was for \$68.50 to purchase Styrofoam coolers, \$109.95 to purchase stethoscopes, and \$144 to purchase plastic cloths. The total including shipping and tax is \$350. Kat Massaglia made a motion to approve. Crystal Steinkirchner seconded. It received a unanimous vote. All items that PTO is helping with will be able to be reused in future years and/or by other grade levels that choose to do this transformation. They are hoping to do many classroom transformations for the students!

Box Tops

The most recent campaign wrapped up on Thursday, February 27. Clippings have been lower this round than in the past, most likely due to the Box Tops program moving to the app and scanning receipts. More information to come on the classroom winner.

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 continue earning money for Wheatland, even while there is not a classroom contest going on – and throughout the summer months!

Art, Science, & Literature Fair

The ASL Fair had 81 entries this year! Linda purchased enough awards to cover this year and next year in order to make it easier for the committee that takes over. Heidi Polson will be taking over the lead person spot for next year. The desserts seemed to go over well.

Vice President Opening

Heidi Polson has decided to step down from the Vice President spot, which leaves an opening on the Board for the 20-21 school year. Nomination forms were passed around. Forms will also be available in the office for anyone that would like to fill one out that wasn't able to attend the meeting. Please turn in your forms to Pam in the office. A new Vice President will be voted in at the April PTO meeting.

Family Nights

Wheatland Family Carousel Skate Night will be happening Friday, April 17. It will be \$5 per person.

Heidi Polson will be contacting Chipotle and Big Larry's to arrange a fundraising night for Wheatland. More details to come.

Scholastic News

The first grade teachers have requested help from PTO to purchase the Scholastic News magazine for their students. It would be \$575 for first grade and around \$2,300 for all four grade levels. Mrs Trego will find out more information on this and get back with Erika Birk.

Yankee Candle

Online shopping is available from now until July.

April Meeting

Due to scheduling conflicts with a music program, we have changed the April meeting to Thursday, April 23, at 7 PM.

The Incredible Elliott Foundation

In April we are planning to have our Spirit Day donations go to the Ortega Family. Mrs Ortega visits hospitals to do crafts with the kids there. We're hoping to be able to give a big donation to her for craft supplies. More details to come!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

*Reminder: Every time you come to a meeting, you and your child's teacher will earn one entry into a gift card drawing at the end of the school year!

*Please don't hesitate to contact any of the Board members through the Wheatland PTO email (or stop us in person) if you have any concerns or questions.

The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, March 31 at 7 PM, in the Wheatland library.