

Wheatland Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2020

(Meeting was actually held on 2/4/2020 due to weather)

Present: Rachel McClaran, Erika Birk, Heidi Polson, Jamie Neally, Jennifer Downey, Phoebe McCormick, Amanda Maness, Addie Tripp, Diana Griblin, Nathan Griblin, Nathaniel Thurman, Chelsea Jantz, Crystal Steinkirchner, Tisha Dohogne, Kat Massaglia, Linda Westhafer

The meeting was called to order by President Erika Birk, at 7:01 PM.

Principals Report: (Rachel McClaran)

Movie Licensing

Movie licensing has been purchased at the district level to be able to show movies in the classrooms. The librarians were able to do some research and got the licensing pushed through!

Watch DOGS

The Kick Off to the Watch DOGS program was held at 6PM right before our PTO meeting. They had 53 dads show up with their kids! The whole month of February has been filled and we have at least one for every week through the end of the school year. So exciting!

100 Days of School

Wheatland celebrated the 100th day of school on Friday, January 31. It was great to see the many different activities going on in all the classrooms. So fun to celebrate it all together on one day! The office set a (last minute) goal to make 100 Good News Calls. They were able to get 93 completed!

Proud to Be Part of Wheatland

Mrs McClaran said she was proud to be part of Wheatland in August – and she still is now in February!

Teachers Report: (Phoebe McCormick)

Massages

The massages were a big hit – thank you! Holmberg Wellness Group will be coming back on March 25! Erika also plans to contact local area shops to see if they have interest in setting up a day.

Treasurers Report: (Erika Birk in Rachel Davison's absence)

Balance

\$29,597.23

Spirit Day

\$53 from Rainbow Day in January

\$145.50 from Pajama Day in December

Dillons

We currently have 129 households that are signed up to give back to Wheatland. The last check we received was from October to December in the amount of \$492.89.

Yankee Candle

We have made around \$300 from Yankee Candle. It was decided to continue mentioning it to parents because it is little to no work and we're making money from it. Watch the Wheatland PTO Facebook page for the link if you or someone you know might be interested in placing an order.

What's Going On At Wheatland:

Playground Equipment

We received a quote from Versus Sport of Kansas (Wichita) for 3 spinner bowls, 2 rockets, and 1 carousel in the amount of \$15,792. This will include a warranty, installation, and a 10% education discount. This company name was given to us from the Valley Center district office and VCIS has used this company for their playground. Nathaniel Thurman motioned to spend \$15,792 on the new equipment. Heidi Polson seconded it. Unanimous vote! We are so excited!! Mrs McClaran will look into the next steps in this process with the district.

This summer the swings will be brought down to make them the right height. PTO will consider buying new seats and chains. More info to come as it gets closer!

Hornet Hanger

We donated \$380 (a portion of the TITV proceeds) to the Hornet Hanger. They gave us a list of things they needed, because they do not accept monetary donations. The items were delivered to the VCIS.

TITV Thank You Cards

The thank you cards that were made during TITV were delivered to the firefighters and police officers.

Pop Tabs

So far this year Wheatland has collected 31 pounds of pop tabs. That equals an estimated 49,600 tabs. The tabs have been delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Wichita. Please continue sending in your tabs!

Box Tops

The last check we received from Box Tops was in the amount of \$524.30. Mrs Lutz' class won the class party for our Fall collection. A new campaign has started and will run through the end of February. Please send in the cut-out tabs to your child's teacher – and remember to scan in your grocery receipts to the Box Tops app. You can designate which teacher receives the credit for the tabs. Trish will be passing the Box Top Coordinator position to Katie Helfrich for the next school year.

Art, Science, & Literature Fair

The ASL Fair will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2020. Will have an update at the next meeting!

Field Day

Field Day will be Friday, May 15. We are considering bringing back Sting Stride – more details to come.

Picture Day

Spring Picture Day will be Wednesday, February 12.

Valentine's Day Parties

Class Valentine's Day parties will be Friday, February 14 from 3-3:45 PM.

Kindness Week

Monday, February 10: Shine bright for kindness! Wear neon colors.

Tuesday, February 11: Crazy for kindness! Crazy hair and socks.

Wednesday, February 12: Picture Day!

Thursday, February 13: Dream of kindness! Wear pajamas.

Friday, February 14: Heart full of kindness! Wear Valentine's colors or something with hearts.

Wheatland Art Show

The Wheatland Art Show will be February 19 in the gym. Every student will have a piece of artwork on display. You may purchase the artwork for \$25. \$5 of that will go back to the art program. All three elementary schools and the intermediate school will be participating.

Teacher Requests

Mrs Burbach has requested \$151.11 for new math games. Students K-3 will be using these new items in the Math Lab. It currently has a few things, but this request is to revitalize their tools and freshen up what they have. Heidi Polson motioned to approve the \$151.11. Linda Westhafer seconded. Unanimous vote!

Mrs Younts has requested \$65.97 for noise cancelling headphones for her students to wear during their small group time. Kat Massaglia motioned to approve the \$65.97. Heidi Polson seconded. Unanimous vote!

Miss Harris requested money for a Kindergarten field trip to the Wichita Children's Theater at Century II. Because we voted earlier in the year to provide \$5 for every student, and Kindergarten has already gone on a field trip this school year, we cannot fulfill the \$6.50 per student that was requested. After much discussion, Kat Massaglia motioned to provide up to \$75 to cover those students that might not be able to come up with the money to go on the field trip. Nathaniel Thurman seconded. Unanimous vote. We will wait to hear more details.

Family Night

We are considering having a Wheatland Family Skate Night at Carousel Skate. Crystal Steinkirchner will contact them to see what dates they have available and will get in touch with Erika on any further plans.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be on Tuesday, March 3 and Thursday, March 5. On the evening of March 3, PTO will provide a baked potato bar, a couple of soup options, toppings, desserts, and drinks for the teachers. A Sign Up Genius will go out as we get a little closer to the date.

*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 meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, February 25 at 7 PM, in the Wheatland library.