



**Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.**  
**General PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**October 28, 2014**

PTO President Shelly Stumpe called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at the WES library. Present were Shelly Stumpe, Karen Labrum, Shellie Hulsey, Evie Unrein, Laura Roddy, Gina Crabtree, Theresa Walker, Carrie Arnett, Janna McConnaughay, Geneva Loeck, Kelsey Lewis, Patty Bledsoe, Emily Zeka, Elton Armbrister, Michelle Wallace.

**Welcome: Shelly Stumpe**

Shelly welcomed members to the meeting.

A motion was made by Karen Labrum and seconded by Evie Unrein to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2014, General PTO Meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

**Lego Mosaic: Geneva Loeck**

Art teacher Geneva Loeck made a presentation about a fifth-grade art project that involves creating a mosaic out of Legos. She has a plan for a Lego drive for the project, which will end up screwed into the wall up high in the cafeteria. She plans to do a yearly project with fifth-graders and fill up the room. She is looking for help tracking down plywood that is 4x6 feet, Lego plates, lots of colorful Legos, collection and sorting boxes and fliers and announcement scripts. Carrie Arnett volunteered to head up the collection effort on PTO's behalf.

**Warrior Dash Results: Carrie Arnett**

Carrie Arnett reported that the event was lots of fun and was quite successful. Our income was \$17,634.62. Expenses are estimated at \$3,200, our net income estimated at \$14,400. Prizes will be here in about two weeks.

## **Treasurer's Report: Shellie Hulsey**

### **Presentation of 2014-2015 Year to Date Budget**

Shelly shared final numbers for September as well as October to date. With regard to income, we had \$1,159 in Dillons gift cards, \$600 in a designated donation and \$126 from the school supply packs. \$1,000 in expenses for Dillons gift card purchases. Not a lot of activity in September. We did refund all monies related to robotics. PTO is no longer housing that program. October had more activity through music videos, book fair and Warrior Dash. Videos and book fair serve as pass-through, so we will not record any net income. Patty Bledsoe moved to accept the financial report. Theresa Walkers seconded the motion, and it was carried by a voice vote.

### **Allocations Committee Recommendations**

Shelly shared the recommendations of the Allocations Committee, which includes funding everything the school has requested. In the initial budget, the committee recommends spending \$5,100 on teacher stipends (34 at \$150 each), five water bottle filling stations, with installation and filters, at \$5,675; one set of soccer goals at \$1,610; and 35 iPad Minis and cases for \$11,375. The total would amount to \$23,760. If additional funds are available, the committee recommends buying an additional 10 iPad Minis with cases, two park benches, additional teachers stipends of \$50 each and up to 25 iPad Minis and cases. The grand total would be \$38,635. We currently have enough funds to buy the first three items on our list -- the teacher stipends (34 at \$150 each), water bottle filling stations and soccer goals.

Carrie Arnett moved to approve the Allocations Committee's recommendations. Evie Unrein seconded it. During discussion, Patty Bledsoe raised concerns about the water bottle filling station. The motion carried on a voice vote without objection.

## **Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister**

Mr. Armbrister mentioned the idea that Warrior Dash be changed to an earlier date, but we are limited by a fundraising embargo at the end of September for the Andover Advantage Foundation's yearly campaign. He also noted how valuable our parent volunteers are.

### **Book Fair Results**

Shelly reported on behalf of Amanda Ahern. We have about \$6,000 in gross income so far. Mrs. Platzer has not closed it out yet, so parents can still order online. Students also contributed 165 new books that we will donate to a lower-income Wichita elementary school.

### **Donation for Guest Speaker: Laura Roddy**

Laura Roddy mentioned that we are fortunate to have a Newbery-winning author in Wichita in Clare Vanderpool and looked into what it would take to have Vanderpool speak to our students. Her normal fee is \$2,000 for out of state plus travel expenses and in state for \$1,000. Laura checked with Vanderpool's agent, and Vanderpool is willing to speak for \$500 at Wheatland and conduct a book signing. She would be appropriate for grades 3-5. In pursuing this with the board and staff, it turns out Mrs. Platzer had looked into this experience but was concerned about the cost. Laura secured a designated donation of \$600 (\$500 for the speaker plus \$100 for copies of the book for 3-5 classrooms). The school was open to that so that they could use the already-budgeted PTO assembly funds of \$500 for an event for K-2.

Shellie Hulsey moved and Patty Bledsoe seconded that Wheatland PTO accept the \$600 donation from Children's Dentistry of Wichita to use for an assembly with Clare Vanderpool. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

### **Wheatland Skating Social**

Shelly reported on behalf of Tess Johnson about this event. It is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 13 from 6:30 to 8:30. The rink will be reserved exclusively for Wheatland. The cost is \$5.50 per skater; information will go home with students soon.

### **Nutrition for Kids: Michelle Wallace**

Michelle Wallace, a Wheatland parent, is a physician assistant clinical educator at Wichita State. She gave a presentation about childhood obesity, which affects 31 percent of children and adolescents. In her discussion about nutrition, she highlighted concerns in high-energy dense foods, in particular sugary drinks and sweet treats. One in five calories are consumed through a liquid. On a typical day, 80 percent of youth consume a sugary drink (including apple juice and chocolate milk). If you consider birthday treats and holiday parties, our children are consuming a sweet treat every seven days at school. Michelle says it is critical that children remain active when you consider these things. Refer to the modern-day food pyramid, which you can find at [choosemyplate.gov](http://choosemyplate.gov). Encourage healthy snacking, reduce calorie-dense options, encourage kids to drink more water and encourage physical activity every day. Michelle also encouraged parents to be mindful about allergy concerns.

### **General Mills Box Tops and Campbell's Labels: Kelsey Lewis**

Kelsey sent off a small shipment of Campbell's Labels in September to capitalize on an incentive. For Box Tops, she sent off a package for about \$649; that means our December check should be around \$1,700.

### **Dillons Gift Card Program: Melissa Schumacher**

Shelly reported on behalf of Melissa Schumacher. Revenue since July is \$2,486.65, but we have expenses because we are giving away \$5 cards to get people started. We are hoping to get our revenue to \$1,000 a month. Also, she will send home a gift card order form through Scrip in November.

### **Educate Andover: Laura Roddy**

Laura reported that the Educate Andover district group continues to advocate for public education funding in our state. At a recent forum, two challengers came to discuss their support of public education: Patrick Thorpe and the campaign manager for Charles Jenney. The two incumbents, Steve Brunk and Mark Kahrs, whose districts both include Wheatland, declined the invitation to meet with the group. Laura encouraged parents to inform themselves on this issue and take care voting this November. Check out [educateandover.com](http://educateandover.com) and “like” Andover Parent Legislative Council on Facebook for more information. The group also meets at 11:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month at district office. At the most recent meeting, the superintendent discussed the Rose Capacities, which the Legislature voted into statute during its last session. This is really where discussion is evolving beyond the concept of Common Core.

### **Student Council: Shelly Stumpe**

Shelly Stumpe reported that the student council is having a food drive Nov. 3-7 to benefit the Andover Food Pantry. The food pantry has experienced a 26 percent increase in demand this year. Shelly, Carrie and Michelle offered to help deliver the collected goods right before Thanksgiving.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

The next PTO General Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, in the WES library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Laura J. Roddy*

Laura Roddy for Carolyn Matthews, Secretary