



Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.
General PTO Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2015

PTO President, Shelly Stumpe, called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. at the WES library. Present were Elton Armbrister, Vanessa Barnard, Shellie Hulsey, Karen Labrum, Kara Larson, Carolyn Matthews, Cristy Philips, Laura Roddy, Shelly Stumpe, Michelle Wallace, and Shelley Young.

Welcome: Shelly Stumpe

Ms. Stumpe welcomed the group.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2015, General PTO Meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Shellie Hulsey

Ms. Hulsey reported that the budget is on track. There has not been much activity the last two months.

The next allocations item to purchase are Chromebooks. There is enough money to order 30 Chromebooks before Family Fun Night. If the district's technology ordering window closes after Family Fun Night, we will be able to order more. Mr. Armbrister reported that the PTO will not have to fund a new access point to support the Chromebooks, because the district discovered there will be enough access points.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister

Mr. Armbrister reported that Kindergarten Round Up was this evening and went well.

Family Fun Night: Shelley Stumpe

Ms. Stumpe reported that the baskets will be in the hallway beginning Wednesday, April 1. There is a change this year in how basket tickets are available. Each person can get one group of

15 tickets at a time, with four opportunities to get tickets (pre-order, April 8, April 9, and at Family Fun Night). Information will be going home in student's backpacks. There is no attendance fee or wrist band requirement this year.

Legislative Update: Laura Roddy

Ms. Roddy invited everyone to participate in a Monday, March 30, trip to Topeka to walk from the Kansas Supreme Court to the capitol (just across the street) to show support for public education. They will be leaving about 7:30 a.m. and back around the end of school.

Public education is about half of the state budget, and with the current state financial situation, schools are taking cuts. Things are constantly changing, but currently the legislature has changed from the school formula (a base amount per pupil with various adjustments) to a block grant in which schools will receive a predetermined amount of money for the next two years. This change may be blocked by the courts. U.S.D. 385 is losing about \$600,000 from this year's budget. Open positions are not being filled and various maintenance/repair projects are not being done.

2015-2016 PTO Board Member Nominations: Karen Labrum

Ms. Labrum reported on the status of nominations for 2015-2016 PTO Board Members. Ms. Larson is willing to serve as vice-president. Ms. Hulsey and Ms. Stumpe are willing to serve as co-treasurers. Ms. Matthews is willing to serve as secretary. Discussions were had concerning potential president candidates, and members will reach out to assess interest. Elections will be at the April 28, 2015, PTO meeting.

New Business

Ms. Matthews reminded everyone to use the special link for the Amazon Affiliates Program to earn money for Wheatland in Amazon purchases. You must use the specific link each time: <http://smile.amazon.com/?tag=whpt0e-20>.

The next PTO General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the WES library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s Carolyn L. Matthews

Carolyn Matthews, Secretary