



Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.
PTO General Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2015

PTO President, Rachel James, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at the Wheatland library. Present were Elton Armbrister, Gina Crabtree, Wendi Engle, Jane Foster, Julie de la Garza, Heidi Gallagher, Shellie Hulsey, Rachel James, Karen Labrum, Cristie Lohmeyer, Janna McConnaughay, Jodi Ocadiz, Cristy Phillips, Carolyn Matthews, Stacey Ryan, Shelly Stumpe, Traci Swindler, and Theresa Walker.

Welcome: Rachel James

Ms. James welcomed the group.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2015, PTO General Meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

Greater Andover Days Parade: Jodi Ocadiz

The Greater Andover Days Parade is October 3. Ms. Ocadiz is in charge of the parade and reported that it will be the biggest yet. She provided information about what participants need to do the day of the parade. Kelsey Lewis is coordinating Wheatland's participation in the parade with Martin and Cottonwood Elementary Schools.

Treasurer's Report: Shellie Hulsey and Shelly Stumpe

Ms. Hulsey presented the Treasurer's Report. A few items of note: Spirit Wear income is above budget projections; the Doc Greens/Peachwave restaurant night brought in just over \$200; and PTO has paid Wheatland \$2295 for BrainPop software and has paid \$99 for the group VolunteerSpot subscription. A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 2015 Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

Ms. Stumpe presented the Allocation Committee's recommendations. The Committee received a request from the school, and recommends the PTO fund the following:

- (1) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) classroom supplies (\$10,699)
- (2) \$150 teacher stipends for classroom needs (\$4,050)
- (3) Additional \$300 teacher stipends for special education, ELL, counselor, and reading lab (\$1,200)
- (4) PE volleyball net system (\$1,750)

The Allocations Committee recommendation totals \$17,699, just under the budgeted amount of \$17,700. If the PTO exceeds its fundraising goals, the Allocations Committee will meet again and evaluate additional funding requests.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Allocations Committee's funding recommendations. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister

Mr. Armbrister thanked the Allocations Committee and Amanda DuFrain, the school's Building Leadership Team representative, for their work.

Author Jerry Pallotta gave a great presentation to the students this week. He talked about the process of writing and was very entertaining. PTO helped fund the presentation.

Susan Mueller, Wheatland ELL teacher, was the school district's nominee for Kansas Teacher of the Year. She was one of three finalists in District IV.

Warrior Dash: Traci Swindler and Janna McConnaughay

The Warrior Dash preparations are proceeding on schedule. Volunteer sign-ups will be on VolunteerSpot. There will be a PayPal link on the PTO's page on Wheatland's website for online donations. The pep assembly is this Friday.

New this year is a grand prize drawing for three touchscreen Chromebooks. Each student with a donation of any amount will receive an entry into the drawing. Students with \$150 in total donations will receive a second entry. The three classrooms with the largest percentage of participation in raising donations will receive a pizza party. The individual prizes are LED flashlights (\$25 total donations); aluminum water bottles (\$50 total donations); and wicking t-shirts (\$100 total donations).

Book Fair: Jane Foster

The Book Fair is October 8-15, with set up after school on October 7. Volunteer sign-ups will be on VolunteerSpot. Information on the Book Fair hours will be in the Weekly Warrior. There was discussion about whether to donate new and used books to another elementary school like last year. Ms. James reported that Caryn Bryant has asked about supporting a specific elementary school.

Imagine That Toys: Help Us Help You!: Rachel James

The owner of Imagine That Toys has changed the way school donations are done this year. Instead of one day for Wheatland, there is a week in which all schools who signed up receive a portion of sales. From October 24-31, shop at Imagine That Toys and drop your receipt in the Wheatland jar at the school. We then receive 10% of those sales.

New Business

Ms. Labrum reported that room parents are asking to start on classroom baskets for the Family Fun Night raffle. She is setting up a Google Doc for room parents to enter their basket themes and has asked parents to talk with the teachers about the themes.

Ms. James reported that we still need to fill the Family Fun Night Games Coordinator and Family Fun Night Volunteer Coordinator positions. Ms. Ryan agreed to be Family Fun Night Volunteer Coordinator.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s Carolyn L. Matthews

Carolyn Matthews, Secretary