



**Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.
PTO General Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2016**

PTO President, Rachel James, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the WES library. Present were Elton Armbrister, Amy Feimer, Heidi Gallagher, Julie de la Garza, Shellie Hulsey, Rachel James, Karen Labrum, Kelsey Lewis, Carolyn Matthews, Cristy Philips, Shelly Stumpe, Traci Swindler, Theresa Walker, and Michelle Wallace.

Welcome: Rachel James

Ms. James welcomed the group. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2015, and November 17, 2015, General PTO Meetings. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

Treasurer's Report: Shellie Hulsey, Shelly Stumpe

Ms. Hulsey presented the Treasurer's Report. The fall Scrip sale resulted in a profit of \$492.76 (close to the \$500 budgeted). In January, we received a Box Tops check for \$1,757.60. Imagine That Toys! week resulted in \$219.29 (from 25 shoppers). We deposited \$830 from Dillons this week, and yearbook orders have started.

On the expense side, spirit wear invoices are paid. Family Fun Night expenses are starting. We paid for a recent 4th grade field trip to Topeka.

From the approved allocations, we have paid about \$6,750 on the STEM items; about \$3,200 of the STEM allocations remains to be completed. We purchased teacher stipends of about \$4,500.

Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister

Mr. Armbrister reported on the English Language Development Program that has started at Wheatland. The program is for elementary students throughout the district who speak little to no English. Wheatland has the highest percentage of English Language Learner ("ELL") students, and 71% of our teachers are ELL certified.

Dillons Cards: Rachel James

Ms. James reminded everyone to re-register their Dillons Plus Shopper's Cards to Wheatland.

Yearbook: Shelly Stumpe

Yearbook order forms are out. You can order online or send in a check.

Family Fun Night: Ms. James, Ms. Feimer, Ms. Lewis, Ms. Wallace, Ms. Labrum

Ms. James reported that Stacey Ryan, FFN Volunteer Coordinator, will have a volunteer signup on VolunteerSpot at the beginning of February for Family Fun Night volunteers.

Ms. Feimer, FFN Food Coordinator, reported that we are set with Freddy's for ice cream concessions. She will purchase drinks to sell. She is looking at options for dinner.

Ms. Wallace, FFN Shopping Coordinator, reported that she has some prizes purchased and will work with the Games Coordinator on what is needed. In February, she will put out a box in the foyer for donations.

Ms. Lewis, FFN Ticket Coordinator, discussed the options for basket raffle tickets. With the change in the law this year, we are no longer constrained in how we structure the ticket sales.

Ms. Labrum, FFN Basket Coordinator, reported that about 2/3 of the classrooms have chosen a basket theme. A letter will go out at the beginning of February about parent donations. We will assemble the baskets at the March 8, 2016, PTO meeting.

The group was interested in a way to purchase meals and raffle tickets online. Ms. Stumpe and Ms. Matthews will investigate the PayPal and VolunteerSpot options.

New Family/Student Ambassador Program: Carolyn Matthews

Ms. Matthews reported on a new PTO program for next year in which new parents will be matched to current parents. This gives new parents a go-to person for questions about school. If you are interested in leading the program, contact Ms. Matthews.

Next Year Coordinator Positions: Rachel James

Ms. James asked that coordinators think about whether they would like to continue in their positions next year or move to other positions. The Room Parent Coordinator position will be open. It will be helpful to fill this position soon so we can have things in place well before the school year begins.

New Business

Ms. Walker reported that Laura Roddy, Legislative Liaison, says that the legislature is in session.

Educate Andover will track any education bills. Parents can “like” Educate Andover/Andover Parent Legislative Council on Facebook for updates.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s Carolyn L. Matthews

Carolyn Matthews, Secretary