



Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.
PTO General Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2016

PTO President, Traci Swindler, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at the Wheatland Elementary School library. Present were Samuel Akidiva, Elton Armbrister, Heidi Jo Gallagher, Bree Greer, Kerry Hatzenbuehler, Kara Hegg, Shellie Hulsey, Rachel James, Carolyn Matthews, Janna McConnaughay, Angela McLaurin, Elizabeth Nance, Cara Payne, Kristi Purser, Traci Swindler, Angela Tofteland, Amy Voegeli, and Theresa Walker.

Welcome: Traci Swindler

Ms. Swindler welcomed the group. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2016, and August 20, 2016, General PTO Meetings. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister

The school year is off to a great start. The monthly newsletter will now be both posted on the school's website and sent out via Peachjar.

The Kansas school accreditation process is changing to focus on the five Rs – relationships, relevance, responsive culture, results, and rigor. The state will focus on districts for accreditation, rather than individual schools.

The district planning committees looked at long range facilities planning, including maintenance of existing buildings and new buildings. The results are still being determined.

Mr. Armbrister was asked about the use of the PTO-provided picnic tables outside the cafeteria. Currently, the picnic tables are to be used for special school events, not for parents to have lunch with their kids. The group expressed concern that the tables were intended for parents to use. Mr. Armbrister will look at the issue.

Treasurer's Report: Shellie Hulsey

Ms. Hulsey presented the Treasurer's Report. There has not been much change since the last meeting.

The Allocations Committee met on September 13, 2016. The Wheatland Building Leadership Team ("BLT") presented the Allocations Committee with a list of teacher-requested items by grade, as well as building-wide items. The items include STEM-focused classroom supplies, supplies and/or stipends for other departments, the Accelerated Reader ("AR") program, and a United Streaming subscription. PTO-funding of some of these items allows the school to use its building funds for other things, including Professional Development. The BLT funding request does not include classroom teacher stipends that the PTO has provided in the past. The teachers requested the classroom supplies in lieu of those stipends. Ms. James also requested \$600 for staff celebrations.

The Allocations Committee submitted its recommendation on how to spend the budgeted \$18,500 allocations amount, including nearly all of the BLT's requests. Ms. Hulsey noted that if we meet the Warrior Dash goal, we will be able to immediately purchase many of the items on the list.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Allocations Committee Recommendations as presented. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

Warrior Dash: Janna McConnaughay and Traci Swindlers

The Warrior Dash is Friday, October 7. Packets will go home on Friday, September 23. Parents can sign up to volunteer on the day of the Dash at <http://signup.com/go/73cGRN>.

The prize levels this year are:

- \$25 Entry in a drawing for one of two Chromebooks
- \$50 Warriors socks
- \$100 Warrior Dash shirt
- \$150 Warrior Dash party at Aviate

The class with the largest percentage of participation will receive a pizza party. If every student raised \$45, the PTO could immediately fund all of the allocations items.

Greater Andover Days Parade: Elton Armbrister for Laura Travis

Wheatland will have a trailer in the Greater Andover Days Parade. Students are making hands in art to decorate the trailer with the parade theme of Handfuls of Fun. Students can walk or ride bikes or scooters in the parade; they must have a parent with them. There will be a flyer on Peachjar with more details on participating.

To donate candy for the kids to throw in the parade, sign up at <http://signup.com/go/YirH4e>.

Book Fair: Amy Voegeli

We need volunteers for the Book Fair from October 13-20. Sign up at <http://signup.com/go/GeB9bo>.

Imagine That Toys Give Back Week: Traci Swindler

Imagine That Toys' Give Back Week is October 22-29. Shop at Imagine That Toys during that week, then put your receipt into the jar for the Wheatland Elementary PTO. We will receive 10% of the total receipts.

Staff Celebrations: Rachel James

The PTO plans to have a birthday cake in the lounge each month to recognize building birthdays. We will also give a \$10 gift certificate to each staff member at Thanksgiving.

New Business

The Executive Committee will meet to elect a new treasurer on Thursday, September 22, 2016, to fill the vacancy created by Ms. Hulseley's resignation.

Ms. Swindler reminded everyone that Fridays are Spirit Wear Day. The class with the largest percentage of participation receives the travelling Warrior Trophy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s Carolyn L. Matthews

Carolyn Matthews, Secretary