



**Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.
PTO General Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2018**

Traci Swindler, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Wheatland Elementary School library. Present were Elton Armbrister, Michelle Calvert, Natalie Ellis, Jenny Gregg, Rachel James, Karen Maskell, Carolyn Matthews, Janna McConnaughay, Cara Payne, Megan Peters, Anjanette Riggan, Shelly Stumpe, Traci Swindler, and Theresa Walker.

Welcome: Traci Swindler

Ms. Swindler welcomed the group. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2017, General PTO Meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister

Mr. Armbrister provided a bond construction update. The foundations have been laid and temporary walls are going in. The changes to the entrance will be done in the summer, with the office moving temporarily during the construction.

Watch for the February school newsletter for details on the school's STAR scores. From Fall to Winter, nearly every grade improved in both Reading and Math.

Students and staff practice crisis/intruder drills at least once a semester; next year, it will be twice a semester. Fire drills are held monthly, and tornado drills at least three times a year.

Treasurer's Report: Cara Payne

Ms. Payne presented the Treasurer's Report. The Warrior Dash expenses are all in; the event netted \$23,781.65. The PTO received \$167 from Imagine That Toys Give Back Week, \$300 from Wheatland Night at McAlister's Deli, \$503.89 from Scrip, and \$197.40 from Wheatland Night at Aviate.

Yearbook: Shelly Stumpe

To date, 106 yearbooks have been ordered; we usually sell around 300 yearbooks. The order deadline is January 31.

Family Fun Night: Traci Swindler

Family Fun Night, Wheatland's spring carnival and fundraiser, is Friday, April 6. Admission is free, with games throughout the school and inflatables in the gym (the games are geared for elementary school kids). The PTO sells raffle tickets for the chance to win baskets put together by classroom parents. Raffle tickets can be purchased before Family Fun Night, or can be purchased at the door that night with cash or check only. Dinner from Jason's Deli, frozen custard from Freddy's, and soda and water will be available for purchase. There will not be a silent auction this year.

We are looking for volunteers to run the games, including middle or high school groups, scouts, etc. Contact Traci Swindler if you have a group that is interested.

New Business

Wheatland staff and students have started reading *The World According to Humphrey* by Betty Birney as part of the One School, One Book program. The PTO funded the purchase of the books so that each class is able to read it. Mrs. Platzer comes up with comprehension questions, which are read during the daily announcements. Students can fill out the answer and put it into a raffle for a hand puppet.

The Wheatland Supply Needs list is being updated. Watch for it in the *Weekly Warrior* for smaller items our teachers and staff need.

There will be another restaurant night this school year, date and location TBA.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s Carolyn L. Matthews

Carolyn Matthews, Secretary