



Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.
PTO General Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2017

Traci Swindler, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Wheatland Elementary School library. Present were Elton Armbrister, Ali Emley, Bree Greer, Rachel James, Kara Larson, Carolyn Matthews, Janna McConaughay, Sarah Merrill, Cara Payne, Megan Peters, Jessica Petersen, Betsy Poland, Carolyn Ruggles, Traci Swindler, Megan Wiedenmann, and Theresa Walker.

Welcome: Traci Swindler

Ms. Swindler welcomed the group.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2017, General PTO Meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister

Mr. Armbrister reported that the school year is off to a great start. Plans are beginning for building new classrooms in the playground area outside the kindergarten classrooms. Work will not be done inside while students are present, but outside work may start next semester.

Enrollment remains around 450 students, the same as last year. Teachers have been attending Everyday Math training; all teachers will eventually attend.

Treasurer's Report: Cara Payne

Ms. Payne presented the Treasurer's Report. In August, we received money from Dillons, one of last year's Restaurant Nights, Amazon, and the \$5,000 Target grant. We currently have over \$9,000 in the bank.

The Building Leadership Team presented its funding requests to the Allocations Committee last week. Two items in the request are already included as line items in the previously approved budget - \$2,000 for the library for an author's visit and \$1,600 for BrainPop (funded by the Target grant). Taking those two items out, the total BLT allocations request totals \$23,924; the BLT has listed the priority order of each item to be filled as funds are available.

The Allocations Committee recommends approving the BLT request as presented, minus the two already funded requests. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Allocations Committee's recommendation. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

Warrior Dash: Janna McConnaughay and Traci Swindler

The Warrior Dash is Friday, October 6. This Friday is the pep assembly with Andover High School. We will tell the kids about the Warrior Dash at the end of it, and packets will go home that day. Watch the *Weekly Warrior* next week to sign up to volunteer at the Warrior Dash.

Prizes this year are: \$25 donation – entry into Grand Prize drawing for one of two Chromebooks; \$50 – Wheatland Warriors fidget spinner; \$100 – Warrior Dash t-shirt; \$150 – Aviate jump party. The three classes with the largest percentage of participation will get a pizza party.

Greater Andover Days Parade: Traci Swindler for Laura Travis

The Greater Andover Days Parade is Saturday, September 30; the theme is 50 and Fabulous. We have a trailer, will take the Warrior sculpture from the lobby, and will have a speaker playing 50s music. Students and parents are encouraged to dress in 50s wear (jeans, white shirts, slicked back hair, ponytails, poodle skirts) or Wheatland spirit wear. Kids can walk or ride bikes or scooters; all kids need to be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the district stadium parking lot by 9:15 a.m.; Andover Road will be closed beginning at 9:30 a.m. You can donate candy for the kids to throw by bringing it to Mrs. Travis' room or the collection bin outside the office. Contact Mrs. Travis to help sort the candy into bags.

Book Fair: Traci Swindler for Amy Voegeli

The Book Fair is October 11-19 in the Wheatland library. We need volunteers to help set up, then to help the kids look for and purchase books throughout the week. You can sign up at <http://signup.com/go/UXKenOk>. You can send money to school with your child on his or her library day, come shop after school, or come while school is out on Thursday. Watch the *Weekly Warrior* for times.

Imagine That Toys! Give Back Week: Traci Swindler

The Imagine That Toys! Give Back Week is October 21-28. When you make a purchase during that week, you can put your receipt in the Wheatland jar on the counter. The PTO will receive 10% of the sales in its jar.

Open Positions: Traci Swindler

We still need coordinators for Family Fun Night Concessions (organizing soda, water, Freddy's Frozen Custard, and volunteers) and Family Fun Night Games (we have games you can reuse and/or come up with new ones). Contact the PTO if you are interested.

New Business

Ms. Swindler reported that November 7 will be Wheatland Night at McAlister's Deli at 21st and Greenwich. The PTO will receive 10% of that night's sales.

Ms. Wiedenmann reported that Box Tops Week is next week, September 24-30. We are having a class competition; the class with the most Box Tops at the end of the week will get an ice cream party.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s Carolyn L. Matthews

Carolyn Matthews, Secretary