



**Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.**  
**PTO General Meeting Minutes**  
**November 13, 2018**

Traci Swindler, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Wheatland Elementary School library. Present were Elton Armbrister, Karen Maskell, Carolyn Matthews, Janna McConnaughay, Sarah Merrill, Cara Payne, Laura Roddy, Melissa Schumacher, Traci Swindler, and Michelle Wallace.

**Welcome: Traci Swindler**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2018, General PTO Meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

**Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister**

Six students participated in the South Central Kansas Music Educators Honor Choir. Thanks to Mrs. Linville for her work with this.

The school continues to have crisis drills, following the new state requirements. Drills include responding to fires, gas leaks, intruders, and tornadoes.

The new front area of the school is working well. There are new hallway signs and front door signage to help visitors.

Ms. Adwell organized the Veteran's Day celebration, which went well.

School enrollment continues to grow. We are now at 460 students, the most ever.

Teachers attended Kagan training on November 5, focusing on social skills. This is helpful as Wheatland works toward the new Kansas school accreditation standards.

**Treasurer's Report: Cara Payne**

Ms. Payne presented the Treasurer's Report. The Warrior Dash raised over \$27,000; some expenses are still outstanding. The Book Fair and Music Concert Videos on the report are pass

through revenue, going directly to the library and art department, respectively. The PTO has given the school money for a projector in the gym, staff freezer, and staff shirts.

## **Completed Events**

### **GAD Parade: Traci Swindler for Raven Genereux**

It was another good turnout of Wheatland families at the Greater Andover Days Parade. Wheatland won for Best Non-Commercial Float.

### **Warrior Dash: Janna McConnaughay & Traci Swindler**

It was another successful Warrior Dash, bringing in over \$27,000 before expenses. Pizza parties for the three classes with the highest percentage participation in fundraising are this Friday.

### **Book Fair: Traci Swindler for Amy Voegeli**

It was a great year for book fair sales. Thanks to all those who helped during the book fair.

### **Imagine That Toys Give Back Week: Traci Swindler**

Imagine That Toys Give Back Week was at the end of October. We do not know yet how much money we will receive.

### **Carousel Skate Night: Traci Swindler for Bree Greer**

About 80 people attended Wheatland Night at Carousel Skate Center on October 23. The PTO received \$212 from it.

### **Box Tops: Traci Swindler for Megan Wiedenmann**

We received a Box Tops check for \$1,145 (includes the end of last year and beginning of this year). November 30 is the last day to submit Box Tops to count toward the December 5 Pizza Party with the Principal.

### **Scrip Gift Card Program: Melissa Schumacher**

The Scrip gift card program allows you to buy gift cards to various stores and restaurants for face value. The PTO gets a discount on the cards, and the difference goes to the PTO. The order form will go home November 16. Orders and payment are due November 30. Gift cards will be send home with students by December 7. We are looking for someone to take over coordinating this program next year. Contact Ms. Swindler if you are interested or have questions.

### **Staff Celebrations: Michelle Wallace**

We are doing different types of snacks each month to celebrate staff birthdays. We will give Thanksgiving gift cards to the staff.

### **Spirit Wear: Traci Swindler for Jena Chacko**

We had a record spirit wear sale at the beginning of the school year, raising nearly \$900. The Spirit Wear store will be open from next week to December 2. Orders will be delivered before winter break. Parents can mark “gift” on the order form and pick up items in the school office.

### **Holiday Hugs: Traci Swindler for Rachel James**

The Holiday Hugs list will be in the *Weekly Warrior*. The lists have things teachers like and can be used for gift giving ideas. Gifts are not required.

### **New Business**

Anyone interested in serving on the Outdoor Classroom Committee can contact Stacie Trowbridge or Tobe Wallace. Watch for details on the Facebook page and in the *Weekly Warrior*.

We will have a Wheatland Night at Jason’s Deli and Marble Slab (owned by a Wheatland family) on November 27 or 28. Watch the *Weekly Warrior* for details.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s Carolyn L. Matthews*

Carolyn Matthews, Secretary