



**Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.
PTO General Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2019**

Traci Swindler, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Wheatland Elementary School library. Present were Elton Armbrister, Bree Greer, Rachel James, Christina Klaus, Karen Maskell, Carolyn Matthews, Cara Payne, Carolyn Ruggles, Traci Swindler, Amy Voegeli, Theresa Walker, and Brittany Youngers.

Welcome: Traci Swindler

Ms. Swindler welcomed the group on the snowy evening. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018, General PTO Meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister

Wheatland teachers and staff continue to implement the Capturing Kids Hearts program. Mr. Armbrister is sending a parent letter home describing how the program works. Every classroom has a Social Contract created by the teacher and students, with agreed upon ways to act and treat each other. The program uses the EXCEL model – Engage, eXplore, Communicate, Empower (allowing students to problem-solve and self-manager), and Launch (leave on a positive note).

The building has required trainings each year, including trainings on bullying, harassment, suicide prevention, and blood borne pathogens. The district is transitioning to a new system.

Treasurer's Report: Cara Payne

Ms. Payne presented the Treasurer's Report. The final net profit for the Warrior Dash is \$22,058.27. We have paid the subscriptions for Accelerated Reader (\$2,400) and Brain Pop (\$2,395). We have also paid some of the items from the allocations list; these items are crossed out on the Allocations Status Report.

Wait Until 8th Campaign: Johnny Rothwell

Mr. Rothwell was unable to attend the meeting; we hope to reschedule him. The Wait Until 8th Campaign promotes waiting until 8th grade to give kids smart phones. Mr. Armbrister has shared information about the campaign on Facebook and in his monthly newsletter.

YMCA: Angie Robledo

Ms. Robledo was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Swindler reported that the YMCA may be able to provide volunteers for Family Fun Night.

Yearbook: Christina Klaus

Ms. Klaus reported that 192 yearbooks have been ordered. The deadline to order is February 8. Anyone with photos for the yearbook can send them to Ms. Pignataro.

Family Fun Night: Traci Swindler

Family Fun Night is April 5. Information sheets about classroom baskets will go home the week of February 11. Donations are due March 1. We will have Freddy's Frozen Custard and soda available for purchase at FFN. Families can purchase box dinners from Jason's Deli. New this year, parents will order directly online from Jason's Deli, with the school code; they will pick up their dinners at the school. We will also include information on how parents can order dinners in the store if they do not want to order online. Ms. Wallace will be asking for small item donations for game prizes.

Outdoor Classroom Committee: Tracy Swindler

Ms. Trowbridge (first grade teacher) and Mr. Wallace (third grade teacher) are leading the drive for an outdoor classroom. They have proposed drawings including raised planters. We need help building the planters, determining what and when to plant, and other items to get the classroom going. The goal is to have it ready when school begins in the fall. Anyone interested in serving on the outdoor classroom committee can contact Ms. Swindler.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s Carolyn L. Matthews

Carolyn Matthews, Secretary