



**Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.**  
**PTO General Meeting Minutes**  
**April 25, 2017**

Traci Swindler, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. at the Wheatland Elementary School library. Present were Elton Armbrister, Trish Geske, Bree Greer, Rachel James, Carolyn Matthews, Janna McConnaughay, Cara Payne, Shelly Stumpe, Traci Swindler, and Theresa Walker.

**Welcome: Traci Swindler**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2017, General PTO Meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

**Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister**

Mr. Armbrister reported that they will add a fourth section of first grade next year; they are 3-4 students away from adding a fourth section of second grade. Currently, there will be one section of half day kindergarten; they are about 6 students away from adding a second section.

Kaitlin Adwell will be joining Wheatland next year as the school counselor.

In addition to the Chromebooks the PTO is funding, the school may be able to purchase another 10 Chromebooks.

**Educate Andover: Rachel James**

Ms. James presented information on the upcoming Andover school bond vote. The election is May 9; advance voting is available. Residents of Sedgwick County are eligible to vote if they reside within U.S.D. 385 boundaries. The district has used deferred maintenance money to keep schools funded with recent state cuts. The district is in the bottom quarter of school districts in the state for property tax revenue, in part because of less commercial development in the district.

Proposition 1, among other things, adds storm shelters to schools; remodels schools for controlled secure entrances; adds classrooms; builds a new Meadowlark Elementary School; and builds a new Andover High School. Proposition 1 would continue the current tax rate, which is set to expire in September 2019, so results in no increase in taxes. Proposition 2, among other

things, builds a district pool and a career and professional studies center. Proposition 2 would increase property taxes \$26.45 per year for \$100,000 home. Work would start this summer; 80% of the work must be completed by 2022.

For more information, go to the district's website, <http://www.usd385.org/>, or contact Ms. James.

### **Treasurer's Report: Cara Payne**

Ms. Payne presented the Treasurer's Report. Family Fun Night netted over \$9,000.

### **Family Fun Night: Traci Swindler for Michelle Wallace**

Ms. Swindler passed along suggestions from Ms. Wallace for next year's Family Fun Night. There was discussion among the group.

### **Yearbook Sales: Shelly Stumpe**

Ms. Stumpe reported that we have sold 299 yearbooks. They will be passed out the last week of school.

### **2017-2018 Executive Board Elections**

Ms. Swindler took nominations from the floor for the 2017-2018 executive board. The only nominations were: President, Traci Swindler; Vice-President, Theresa Walker; Treasurer, Cara Payne; Secretary, Carolyn Matthews. A motion was made and seconded to elect the 2017-2018 executive board slate as presented. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

### **New Business**

Ms. Swindler noted a number of coordinator positions are open for 2017-2018. Details will be in the *Weekly Warrior*. Anyone interested in a position can contact the PTO at [ptowheatland@gmail.com](mailto:ptowheatland@gmail.com).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s Carolyn L. Matthews*

Carolyn Matthews, Secretary