



**Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.
PTO General Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2023**

Betsy Poland, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm via Zoom. Present were Elton Armbrister, Whitney Beard, Jordan Boone, Kelli Emrick, Erin Hughes, Samantha Jacob, Angie Muether, Betsy Poland, Cassie Price, Anjanette Riggin and Allison Roth.

Welcome: Betsy Poland

Ms. Poland welcomed the group and thanked everyone for being there. A motion to approve the minutes from the November PTO Meeting was moved and seconded. The minutes were approved without objection.

Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister

Mr. Armbrister stated that Mrs. Linville is retiring and that the upcoming 4th/5th grade concert will be her final concert. Emily Son, who works with some primary classes at Wheatland part time, has accepted the full time position when Mrs. Linville retires.

The Panorama survey now requires parents to opt in if they would like their children to participate. We have about 65% of students who are currently planning on taking this survey. If parents are still interested in their child participating in this survey, they can look for the emails that were recently sent out or can contact their childrens' teacher.

Wheatland was nominated as a showcase school for Capturing Kids' Hearts. A survey was also sent to parents regarding this.

Treasurer's Report: Anjanette Riggin

Since our last meeting, we have received corporate donations from the Warrior Dash, money made from Scrip gift cards and the most recent Spirit Wear sales. After the money made from Warrior Dash, PTO was able to provide a check for most of the items listed on Allocations. At tonight's PTO meeting, a motion was moved and seconded for PTO to write a check to Wheatland to cover the remainder of the Allocations items. This motion was approved without objection.

Coordinator Reports

Lead Room Parents/Bulletin Board/Staff Doors: Angie Muether

Valentine's Day parties are coming up and an email has been sent to remind room parents about planning the upcoming parties. More information will be coming from room parents soon.

Scrip Gift Cards: Laurel Russell

Scrip gift cards are all online this year so we are considering the possibility of another sale later in the year.

Family Fun Night: Kelli Emrick and Samantha Jacob

The committee has started planning for this year's Family Fun Night. It will be held on March 31st, from 6-8pm at Wheatland. Some specifics about the cleanup after the event are being discussed with Mr. Armbrister. The committee will be looking for volunteers to help with this event and more information will be coming soon.

Dinner will likely be served between 6-7pm. Baskets will probably be held in a different space this year in order to keep the gym from being so crowded. Basket themes will be assigned to classrooms and this information will hopefully be available mid February, with basket items due back March 8. Information about tickets and food sign up will be sent out before Spring Break and people are encouraged to purchase these items as early as possible. Students will receive five tickets free of charge to put into the baskets of their choice.

If anyone has a connection or an idea of a business who might be willing to donate a basket for Family Fun Night, please let Betsy Poland know.

Student Directory and Yearbook: Karen Maskell

Yearbook orders are still coming in and orders will be due February 16.

Weekly Warrior: Jordan Boone

The Weekly Warrior goes out in an email every Wednesday morning. Jordan asks that anything that needs to be included be sent to ptoweeklywarrior@gmail.com as early in the week as possible. As Family Fun Night information is available, it will be added to the Weekly Warrior.

Staff Appreciation: Whitney Beard and Megan Perry

We are still looking for families to "adopt" staff members to show appreciation throughout the year. There is a link to sign up in the Weekly Warrior. We will also send reminders on our Facebook page.

Staff Celebrations: Erin Hughes

A survey will be sent out for ideas of things that teachers might enjoy for staff celebrations.

Social Nights: Allison Roth

The last skate night we had was very popular, with 85 students attending. We have another skate night coming up on February 3rd. There will be a pizza party for the class with the most students in attendance. Our Aviate nights this year have not been as popular. Allison is looking into planning a possible April event at All Star Sports.

Restaurant Nights: Lindsey Wilson

Lindsey is looking into planning another restaurant night for the spring. The Ziggy's night in December brought in \$142.

Spirit Wear: Ashley Purdum

Another Spirit Wear sale will be open later this year. Ashley appreciates any suggestions or feedback. She is also looking for someone to take over this position next year. Ashley would be happy to help someone transition to this role and can offer any advice and support for the new volunteer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s

Whitney Beard, Secretary