



**Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.
PTO General Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2021**

Betsy Poland, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. on a virtual Zoom meeting. Present were Elton Armbrister, Whitney Beard, Kelli Emrick, Bree Greer, Samantha Jacob, Karen Maskell, Betsy Poland, Marynell Popst, Ashley Purdum, Anjanette Riggin, Lindsey Wilson.

Welcome: Betsy Poland

Ms. Poland welcomed the group. A motion to approve the minutes of the January PTO Meeting was moved and seconded. The minutes were approved without objection.

Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister

Mr. Armbrister began by saying the Covid numbers in our school are down. We have been able to relax a little on some of the guidelines such as on the playground and in the gym, but will continue to keep the same mask and social distance guidelines in the lunchroom for the remainder of the year. Pre enrollment for next year continues to grow and these numbers will help determine whether we will need three or four sections for the grade levels. We don't know what next year will look like in regards to masks and social distancing. We are planning on having Fun Day this May and more information will come out about this in regards to what it will look like this year. Mr. Armbrister stated how much he appreciates Mrs. Pignataro stepping up to put our yearbook together this year. She was able to pull it together quickly and it looks great! Mr. Armbrister thanked everybody for all they are doing. He appreciates the parents who are helping out and thanks the students for all of their hard work.

Board Member Updates: Karen Maskell

Ms. Maskell stated that we will vote at our next meeting for the board members for the 2021-2022 school year. The current executive board is willing to stay on for next year but if anybody else is interested, they should contact Karen Maskell. If anyone is planning on stepping down from their coordinator roles, please contact Betsy Poland. Please encourage the parents of new students to get involved.

Treasurer's Report: Anjanette Riggin

Ms. Riggin presented the Treasurer's Report and explained the deposits and disbursements that have been made since our last meeting. A "bridge-the-gap" fundraiser will be planned to help cover what we have left for this school year. We will continue to monitor our budgetary commitments through the end of this school year.

Coordinator Reports

Family Fun Night: Nicole Castleberry

Betsy Poland shared a reminder that the Starlite Drive-In night, that is in lieu of Family Fun Night, will be this Thursday, March 25. The gates open at 7:00 and the movie will start at 8:00. The concessions will be open. Please limit one car per family and consider bringing chairs if you want to sit outside of your car. Please remember to practice social distancing as we need to be as cautious as the students are at school.

Karen Maskell: Student Directory

Ms. Maskell continues to update the online directory with new student information.

School Employee Appreciation Week: Kelli Emrick and Samantha Jacob

Plans are being made for Staff Appreciation Week. Some meals will be provided that week for the staff and students will be involved in planning something special for the staff. More details will come at a later date.

Marynell Popst: Staff Meals and Internal Audit

Ms. Popst has organized breakfast to be provided by Chick Fil A for the staff on March 26th. She would like to thank Fuzzys and the Reitz family for helping provide a successful breakfast for the last staff meal.

Ms. Popst has also completed the Internal Audit of the 2019-2020 school year.

Restaurant Nights: Lindsey Wilson

We have an event on April 20th at the Chipotle at 3015 N. Rock Rd from 5:00-9:00. Please be sure to mention that you are with the Wheatland PTO so our school can get the proceeds earned. Online ordering for pickup will be available. Please see the flyer in the Weekly Warrior for the code to order.

Laura Roddy: Legislative Liaison

Both chambers of the Legislature continue to work on school funding bills.

Spirit Wear: Ashley Purdum

New designs were approved this week and information will be sent out soon for new sales dates. Look for new items that will be available in this order! Any new ideas for merchandise should be sent to ashley.purdum@yahoo.com

Yearbook Editor: Jessica Pignataro

Ms. Pignataro graciously stepped up to take on the role of yearbook editor. Information will be coming out about how to order yearbooks. Orders are due April 9th.

New Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s

Whitney Beard, Secretary