



**Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.  
PTO General Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2022**

Betsy Poland, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm via Zoom. Present were Elton Armbrister, Whitney Beard, Jordan Boone, Steve Burt, Nicole Castleberry, Kelly Edgar, Kelli Emrick, Samantha Jacob, Karen Maskell, Angie Muether, Betsy Poland, Marynell Popst, Ashley Purdum, Anjanette Riggin, Ashley Stephens

**Welcome: Betsy Poland**

Ms. Poland welcomed the group.

A motion to approve the minutes from the November PTO Meeting was moved and seconded. The minutes were approved without objection.

Ms. Poland reminded coordinators that if they do not wish to continue their roles that they currently hold for PTO, to please let her know. If anyone would like to take on the roles of the Executive Board, please email Karen Maskell.

Ms. Poland reported that a blood drive will be held on the same day as Fun in the Sun. There will be a mobile blood drive unit available where parents are able to donate blood to help replenish the blood shortage in our community. We will hold this blood drive in honor of Wheatland third grader Colton Hirt, who has needed blood transfusions in the past.

**Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister**

Mr. Armbrister explained that another allocations list was created due to the items from the first list being mostly paid for already. He reviewed how the process works, explaining that grade level teams and the Building Leadership Team create the lists and prioritize the items. One item being considered is a sound system for the cafeteria that can be used for staff development meetings. Possible movie nights could also be an option for this space. Mr. Armbrister reminded us that the teachers do not expect everything to be taken care of and that this is hopefully an efficient process for getting items taken care of. The parent meeting for incoming kindergartners will be in early April. Plans are being finalized and will be coming soon.

A motion to review the new allocations items and for PTO to vote at the March meeting was moved and seconded. We will vote on the new allocations list in March.

### **Treasurer's Report: Anjanette Riggin**

Ms. Riggin presented the Treasurer's Report and discussed how the Warrior Dash made over \$42,000 this year and that after all expenses, we still netted above our budget. We have also had some very successful event nights, such as Skate night and Aviate. With what we have made so far this year and after our Family Fun Night in April, the PTO can start paying for some new allocation items. Ms. Riggin also reported that the money that the PTO gives to the middle school each year for our outgoing fifth graders will be used for that class's eighth grade promotion.

### **Coordinator Reports**

#### **Room Parent Coordinator: Angie Muether**

Valentine parties are coming up in a couple of weeks. This year, only room parents will be able to attend the parties. Any food that is brought needs to be commercially made.

#### **Dillons/Amazon/Scrip Cards**

Parents should continue to use the Dillons and Amazon apps that will help raise money for Wheatland. We are planning on doing a second scrip order this year in the spring. More details will be coming about this.

#### **Family Fun Night: Nicole Castleberry**

Plans are being made now for Family Fun Night at Wheatland on April 1st. Each class will have a theme for a basket and parents may donate items to add to the baskets. PTO will put together the baskets and families can buy tickets to try and win their favorite baskets at Family Fun Night. Any volunteers that can help with cleaning up after this event would be greatly appreciated!

#### **Student Directory: Karen Maskell**

The student directory is sent in the Weekly Warrior each Wednesday and is a great way to find contact information for students. If any changes need to be made to information in the directory, please contact Karen Maskell.

#### **Yearbook: Karen Maskell**

Ms. Maskell has been working with Strawbridge on the upcoming yearbook orders. The deadline to order yearbooks has been extended for one additional week. Please submit your order ASAP. Any pictures to be included in the yearbook need to be submitted by March 1st. Please look for more info on how to submit pictures in the Weekly Warrior.

**Weekly Warrior: Jordan Boone**

The Weekly Warrior goes out in an email every Wednesday morning. Ms. Boone asks that anything that needs to be included be sent to [ptoweeklywarrior@gmail.com](mailto:ptoweeklywarrior@gmail.com) as early in the week as possible and to please include any pictures that you would like to go along with the information. All PTO coordinators are asked to email her a bio to introduce themselves that will be included in upcoming weeks.

**Staff Appreciation: Samantha Jacob**

Staff Appreciation will be the week of May 2-6. Days to celebrate support staff have been announced in the Weekly Warrior so they can be recognized throughout the year.

**Staff Meals: Marynell Popst**

During the professional learning day on February 18th, breakfast will be served for the staff.

**Restaurant Nights**

On February 23rd, we have a restaurant night at Freddys. Be sure to tell them you are with the Wheatland PTO. Look for the flyer in the Weekly Warrior!

**Social Events**

An event at Aviate will be held on February 17th. We don't have school the following day! Skate night was rescheduled for March 4th and an evening at All Star Adventures will be on April 29th.

**Spirit Wear: Ashley Purdum**

The next and final sale of the year will be coming up soon. The items purchased should be delivered by the beginning of May. We have several pairs of Wheatland sunglasses available for purchase. Please contact Betsy Poland if you are interested in purchasing some!

**Internal Audit:**

Ms. Riggan and Ms. Ball are working on completing the internal audit.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s

Whitney Beard, Secretary