



**Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.  
PTO General Meeting Minutes  
August 24, 2021**

Betsy Poland, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm in the Wheatland library. Present were Elton Armbrister, Traci Ball, Whitney Beard, Jordan Boone, Caley Bowen, Kara Calhoun, Kelli Emrick, Lauren Hartland, Erin Hughes, Samantha Jacob, Karen Maskell, Betsy Poland, Cassie Price, Ashley Purdum, Kristi Purser, Anjanette Riggin, Allison Roth, Carolyn Ruggles, Wendy Vargas, Rachel Viner, Lindsey Wilson and Brittany Youngers.

**Welcome: Betsy Poland**

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

**Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister**

Mr. Armbrister stated that our students are doing great, show resilience and have positive attitudes. We have about 450 students currently, which is back to around where enrollment was before last year when some students went to eCademy. He explained that only head room parents will be allowed in the building for class parties this year. If teachers request help from parents for academic reasons, they may have one parent in a class at a time. Mr. Armbrister explained the new redesign where schools in the district are reevaluating things and then will implement necessary changes. It is exciting to see what this reimagining of our school can look like. Mr. Armbrister thanked the board for their work and flexibility last year. This year we still have a lot of things in place in regards to Covid. He referenced the recent email we received about information on Covid testing. Mr. Armbrister is excited that this is offered because it will help keep kids in school.

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

Ms. Riggin presented the Treasurer's Report and explained that we will be discussing the year's allocations in order to avoid a separate allocations meeting since the Building Leadership Team had their allocations ready to share. She presented the summary of last year and how money was spent as well as shared the budget for the current year. There was a motion to approve the current budget and the budget was approved. She shared the requests made by the Allocations committee and explained how the committee prioritized their list to help give a little more direction on how to spend the money. Mr. Armbrister also shared some information on how the Building Leadership Team comes up with their requests and how they do not expect all items to be purchased. There was a motion to approve the allocations and this was approved without objection. Due to this approval, no additional allocations meeting will be necessary on September 7.

### **Coordinator Reports**

#### **Lead Room Parents: Angie Muether**

Ms. Muether held a meeting for lead room parents at a meeting prior to the PTO meeting where she explained the responsibilities of lead room parents.

#### **Box Tops: Rachel Viner**

Ms. Viner introduced herself and explained that she is new to this position.

#### **Holiday Hugs and Book Fair: Cassie Price**

Holiday Hugs are a great way to find ideas for gifts for teachers. Look for the link for Holiday Hugs in the Weekly Warrior.

The Scholastic Book Fair is currently being planned to be in person in the Wheatland library. The Book Fair is scheduled for October 7-14.

#### **Warrior Dash: Brittany Youngers**

Wheatland's largest fundraiser of the year is the Warrior Dash, which will be on October 1st. The fundraising will start two weeks prior to the dash and several prizes will be offered. The grand

prize for students who raise a minimum of \$150 will be a movie at the Starlite Drive-In on October 14th.

**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. Ms. Maskell is still in the process of getting all information entered. Look for this in the Weekly Warrior in the near future.

**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. All PTO coordinators are asked to email her a bio to introduce themselves that will be included in upcoming weeks.

**School Employee Appreciation Week: Kelli Emrick and Samantha Jacob**

Plans are being made for staff appreciation to take place throughout the school year. The dates for these will be shared at a later date.

**Staff Celebrations: Erin Hughes**

During the first week of each month treats will be delivered to celebrate staff birthdays that occur that month.

**Staff Meals: Marynell Popst (shared by Betsy Poland)**

This year some meals were provided for staff during their first few days back at school. There will also be meals planned and delivered during conference week.

**Greater Andover Days Parade: Dana Klaassen (shared by Betsy Poland)**

This year's GAD parade will be on October 16. Students are invited to come support Wheatland by walking in the parade with the Wheatland float.

**Popsicles on the Playground: Allison Roth**

Ms. Roth stated that this year's Popsicles on the Playground event was a huge success! She is looking forward to organizing this again next year.

**Restaurant Nights: Lindsey Wilson**

Decisions are still being made on which restaurants will be included this year. Ms. Wilson is trying to determine what restaurants will be the best choice for our families.

**Spirit Wear: Ashley Purdum**

The current spirit wear sale is going on right now and will be open until midnight on August 28. We are working with a new company this year who has been great to work with so far and will be offering seasonal merchandise throughout the year. All orders will be delivered to the school and sent home with students. Any new ideas for merchandise should be sent to [ashley.purdum@yahoo.com](mailto:ashley.purdum@yahoo.com)

**Internal Audit: Traci Ball**

Ms. Ball has volunteered to complete the internal audit and this is much appreciated.

**New Business**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s

Whitney Beard, Secretary