



**Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.  
PTO General Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2021**

Betsy Poland, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm in the Wheatland library. Present were Elton Armbrister, Traci Ball, Whitney Beard, Karen Maskell, Angie Muether, Betsy Poland, Marynell Popst, Anjanette Riggin, Allison Roth, Brittany Youngers

**Welcome: Betsy Poland**

Ms. Poland welcomed the group.

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

**Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister**

Mr. Armbrister thanked everyone who helped with the Warrior Dash and the GAD parade. He stated that he thought our float was great! He also discussed the new therapy dogs at Wheatland and stated that he thinks there are a lot of benefits to having the therapy dogs. He mentioned that the mask mandate is expiring this week. The third and fourth grade classes have been invited to attend the musical "Seussical" at Andover High School this week and Mr. Armbrister is excited that the students have this opportunity. He discussed that the Redesign team met last week and that they will not be meeting as often as originally planned. This will allow for teachers to not be away from their classrooms as much as they thought and fewer substitutes will be needed. The information from these meetings will be shared with staff during staff meetings.

**Treasurer's Report: Anjanette Riggin**

Ms. Riggin presented the Treasurer's Report and discussed how the Warrior Dash made over \$41,000 this year and that after all expenses, we still netted above our budget. She thanked Brittany Youngers for all of her hard work to make the Warrior Dash a success! She also stated that this year's Book Fair made more than in past years and that the Allocations for priority items 1-4 have been paid for the year.

## **Coordinator Reports**

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

Door decorations went well this year and it was nice to provide more parents the opportunity to come in and decorate doors for our support staff.

### **Box Tops**

There was some discussion of other ideas that may be able to take the place of the money we raise through Box Tops.

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

Scrip gift card fliers will go home this week. This is a great idea for holiday gifts that will help our school raise extra money.

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

Warrior Dash was a great success! The prizes will be here soon and will be sorted and delivered as soon as they arrive. This year we had 26 businesses sponsor the Warrior Dash. Parents enjoyed getting to come this year and cheer on their kids as they ran outside.

### **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. Mrs. Pignataro hopes to have the editing process completed earlier than in the past.

### **Weekly Warrior**

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**

It has been hard to keep up with all of the days this year and ideas were brainstormed about other ways to organize this in the future.

**Staff Celebrations**

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

**Staff Meals: Marynell Popst**

Jimmy Johns and Chick Fil A meals were provided for staff this fall and there are breakfasts that will be planned and provided for February and May.

**Greater Andover Days**

Mr. Armbrister spoke about how he appreciated the families who participated in the parade this year. Dana Klaassen did a great job organizing our float this year.

**Social Events: Allison Roth**

Skate night was a success with over 90 students who participated, along with their families. A night at Aviate is coming up on December 16th.

**Marker Recycling**

The program we have used in the past is still on hold so another program is being looked into instead. More information will be shared later.

**Spirit Wear**

The spirit wear store is currently open. Items that are ordered are guaranteed to be delivered by December 13th, so things will be delivered in time for the holidays.

**Internal Audit: Traci Ball**

Ms. Ball is coordinating the internal audit.

**New Business**

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s

Whitney Beard, Secretary