



**Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.
PTO General Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2022**

Betsy Poland, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Wheatland library. Present were Elton Armbrister, Whitney Beard, Jordan Boone, Kelli Emrick, Haydee Miller, Betsy Poland, Anjanette Riggan, Laurel Russell and Theresa Walker.

Welcome: Betsy Poland

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

Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister

Mr. Armbrister announced that our lead custodian, Mr. Chris, has been promoted to the maintenance department. Mr. Armbrister has been at Wheatland for fourteen years and Mr. Chris has been at Wheatland for all but one of those years. While the staff will miss him greatly, Mr. Armbrister is excited for the new opportunity Mr. Chris has. His replacement is Keith Holgate, who is coming from Sunflower and has experience subbing at Wheatland.

Treasurer's Report: Anjanette Riggan

Ms. Riggan presented the Treasurer's Report. She went over the budget and the monthly summary as of September. It was also discussed that Scholastic will be charging sales tax at the book fair.

Coordinator Reports

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

Angie is looking for more volunteers who would like to help decorate staff doors.

AmazonSmile/Box Tops/Dillons Rewards: Haydee Miller/Rachel Viner/Sheila Wentz

Amazon and Dillons both help raise a lot of money for our school. We would like to have even more families sign up for these. Please check the Weekly Warrior for information on how to sign up.

Scrip Gift Cards: Laurel Russell

Everything has been transferred to Laurel and she is checking to make sure the Scrip gift cards will be available by winter break in order to be used for holiday gifts.

Holiday Hugs and Book Fair: Cassie Price and April Platzer

Holiday Hugs is a spreadsheet that will come out in the Weekly Warrior where teachers can list their favorite things. This is a great list to reference when buying gifts and special treats for our teachers.

The Book Fair will be October 6-13 from 8:45-4:15. Students will get to browse and shop during their library class. We will be open on October 7 during Warrior Dash. On Oct 13, we will be open during conferences from 9:00am-8:00pm (closed 11-12:00 for lunch). Due to Scholastic's change from wholesaler to retailer, we will have to collect sales tax on purchases this year. We still need volunteers. Please sign up at bit.ly/wesbfvolunteer22

Family Fun Night: Kelli Emrick and Samantha Jacob

Meetings will be set up soon to start getting things planned for Family Fun Night.

Warrior Dash: Brittany Youngers

Warrior Dash is October 7th. Forms should be coming home this week. There will be a live link where people can see how we're doing on our goal. Business sponsors will be able to donate again this year. The final prize will be a movie at Starlite drive in on November 6.

Student Directory and Yearbook: Karen Maskell

The directory has been a success and we have almost all families included this year.

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 as early in the week as possible.

Staff Appreciation: Whitney Beard and Megan Perry

We are 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 Meals: Marynell Popst

The staff meals have already been set for the year. Fuzzy's provided breakfast at the start of the school year and there are two more meals planned in the coming weeks.

GAD Parade: Dana Klaassen

The GAD Parade will be October 1st. Students should plan to walk with the Wheatland float that is being built by the Klaassens. Students can walk or ride bikes and scooters. Please wear Wheatland gear! The Andover Y has agreed to not schedule games this day so more people will be able to attend! This coordinator position will be available next year since Dana is the parent of a fifth grader.

Restaurant Nights: Lindsey Wilson

Our first restaurant night will be October 19th from 5-9pm at the Chipotle on Greenwich. They will also be offering online ordering and donating 33% of order totals to Wheatland! Please look for the flier in the Weekly Warrior over the next few weeks.

Spirit Wear: Ashley Purdum

The spirit order should be in next week and will be passed out to students as soon as it is sorted. Ashley has also been in contact with a local boutique, called Sunflower Skies, who will make Andover Trojan shirts for adults and kids and “future Trojan” shirts in youth sizes. There are many color and size options so ordering will be done in person at the store in Andover. Ashley will post more details on the PTO Facebook page and in the Weekly Warrior soon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s

Whitney Beard, Secretary