



**Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.
PTO General Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2021**

Betsy Poland, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm in the Wheatland library. Present were Elton Armbrister, Whitney Beard, Jordan Boone, Erin Hughes, Haydee Miller, Betsy Poland, Marynell Popst, Cassie Price, Carolyn Ruggles, Rachel Viner.

Welcome: Betsy Poland

Ms. Poland welcomed the group. She shared the following updates for coordinators who could not attend the meeting:

- September 7 will be our first restaurant night at Fuzzy's on Rock Road from 5:00-9:00. Please be sure to mention you are with Wheatland.
- The Warrior Dash will be on October 1st. The fundraising information will be sent home September 17th. All checks should be made out to Wheatland PTO.
- It has been approved to decorate the doors for our Wheatland support staff. There is a signup in the Weekly Warrior.
- The GAD Parade will be on October 16th at 10:00am.
- Spirit wear will be in either this week or next and will be sent home with students. If there are any ideas for items to include in the next spirit order, please email Ashley Purdum at ashley.purdum@yahoo.com
- The marker recycling program has been put on hold by Crayola. There is no known date as to when this will start back.

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

Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister

Mr. Armbrister shared that he had the opportunity to help out today in Kindergarten and 2nd grade classrooms. He enjoyed being with the students and said they kept him on his toes. Due to the school redesign process, there are six staff members who will be gone periodically to attend meetings. The school tries to obtain the same substitutes each time for consistency.

Treasurer's Report: Anjanette Riggin

Ms. Riggin presented the Treasurer's Report over the phone. She stated that there was no change between the last meeting and the end of the month and that the balance has remained the same in the account. There was a request made for a change in allocations. The request was to add a stipend for an additional resource teacher. This does not change the budget, just adds to the priority 2 allocations list. There was a motion to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded and approved.

Coordinator Reports

Box Tops: Haydee Miller and Rachel Viner

The paper box tops are going away soon and everything will be done digitally. There will be decisions made about what to offer as prizes for classes with the most box tops.

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. Teachers can create a wish list of books that will be shared at the Book Fair. The Book Fair is scheduled for October 7-14.

Student Directory: Karen Maskell (shared by Jordan Boone)

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.

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 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 Celebrations: Erin Hughes

During the first week of each month treats will be delivered to celebrate staff birthdays that occur that month. This week, tea from HTeaO was brought in to celebrate the September birthdays.

Staff Meals: Marynell Popst

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.

New Business

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s

Whitney Beard, Secretary