



Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.
PTO General Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2020

Traci Swindler, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Wheatland Elementary School library. Present were Elton Armbrister, Jordan Boone, Nicole Castleberry, Kelly Edgar, Christine Klaus, Karen Maskell, Carolyn Matthews, Janna McConnaughay, Cara Payne, Anjanette Riggin, Carolyn Ruggles, and Traci Swindler.

Welcome: Traci Swindler

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019, General PTO Meeting. The motion was approved by voice vote without objection.

Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister

Wheatland has been participating in the One School, One Book program with every class reading *Wedgie and Gizmo* (provided by the PTO).

Pre-enrollment for new kindergarteners and new students has started. If you know someone who may be attending Wheatland in the fall, have them email Claire Nield and she will get them the information they need.

The state legislature has provided additional school funding. Funding for at-risk students may come with additional accountability requirements.

The State Board of Education has adopted recommendations on dyslexia. There will be additional teacher training and student screening requirements. FAQs and other information are available on the Kansas State Department of Education website at <https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Career-Standards-and-Assessment-Services/Content-Area-A-E/Dyslexia>.

The state definition of bullying has changed from requiring three components to only requiring one of those components. Labeling an action as "bullying" does not trigger specific consequences apart from the behavior itself. Wheatland staff continue to address behaviors as warranted.

Treasurer's Report: Cara Payne

Ms. Payne presented the Treasurer's Report. The Warrior Dash netted \$26,724.99. We brought in \$397 from Scrip gift cards, \$194 from Carousel Skate Night, \$37 from Sip 'n Treats, \$53 from Chicken Max night, \$84 from Imagine That Toys Give Back Week, and \$807 from Box Tops. We have paid \$14,994 to allocations items.

Betsy Poland prepared the annual audit and everything looks good.

Yearbook Update: Christina Klaus

There will not be paper yearbook order forms this year and payments are all online. Yearbook orders are due February 7.

Family Fun Night: Jordan Boone and Nicole Castleberry

The Family Fun Night committee just had its first meeting. They are exploring dinner options and will again have Freddy's available for purchase.

New Business

The next PTO meeting is March 24 at 6:00 p.m. for wrapping FFN raffle baskets.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s Carolyn L. Matthews

Carolyn L. Matthews, Secretary