



Wheatland Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Inc.
PTO General Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2023

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, Kelli Emrick, Samantha Jacob, Karen Maskell, Angie Muether, Betsy Poland, Cassie Price, Anjanette Riggan and Allison Roth.

Welcome: Betsy Poland

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

Betsy mentioned that there are nine openings for coordinator spots for the 2023-2024 school year. Anyone interested in taking on a coordinator role should contact Betsy Poland. Reimbursements for the current school year should be submitted soon. The specific dates are being worked on for events for the following school year.

Principal's Report: Elton Armbrister

Mr. Armbrister stated that there have been some staff updates recently posted on Facebook and second and third grades will both have four sections for the 2023-2024 school year. The new duplexes to the east of Wheatland have a sidewalk in place that makes it hard for students to safely cross. A crosswalk has been requested and Mr. Armbrister asks that students do not cross in front of traffic. Fun in the Sun is coming soon and Mr. Armbrister is going to check with Mr. Beckman to see what he might need help with for that event.

Vice President's Report: Karen Maskell

Ms. Maskell stated the need for elections for the PTO Executive Board for the 2023-2024 school year. Kelli Emrick made a motion to elect Allison Roth as President, Samantha Jacob as Vice President, Kaycee Williams as Treasurer and Cassie Price as Secretary. This motion was moved, seconded and approved without objection.

The PTO Executive Board for the 2023-2024 school year are as follows:

President: Allison Roth

Vice President: Samantha Jacob

Secretary: Cassie Price

Treasurer: Kaycee Williams

Treasurer’s Report: Anjanette Riggin

Since our last meeting, we have received funds from Family Fun Night, which netted around \$8,000. The PTO has recently made payments for teacher birthdays, AR, the art department and to finish all allocations requests.

Mr. Armbrister explained how the Building Leadership Team works to come up with the allocations list at the beginning of the school year.

There was some discussion about ideas for activities for the future that can be hosted by PTO for all students.

Coordinator Reports

Family Fun Night: Kelli Emrick and Samantha Jacob

Family Fun Night went well and had a large turnout. There were leftover cups of custard from Freddy’s that needed freezer space and were able to be served to staff for a professional learning day. Some prizes are left over from this event. There were lots of volunteers this year and the clean up went well. It was nice to have the baskets in the hallway this year, rather than in the gym at the same time as the bounce house. The possibility of PTO contributing money to purchase some larger basket items in the future was discussed as well as possibly asking businesses for donations.

Staff Appreciation: Whitney Beard and Megan Perry

Staff Appreciation will be the week of May 8-12. A flier will be posted in the Weekly Warrior and also on Facebook to ask families to help participate in showing appreciation to the Wheatland staff. The PTO will be providing a few meals and snacks throughout the week and Mr. Armbrister will also be providing lunch one day. A motion was made to increase the budget for Staff Appreciation Week by \$800 in order to purchase a gift for each staff member. This motion was moved, seconded and approved without objection.

Further Business:Yearbooks will be handed out soon and it was discussed as to when teachers will hand them out and if there will be time for students and teachers to sign them. The question of the need for a room parent coordinator was discussed. Since most information that comes from PTO is relayed through this coordinator and it is nice to have a place to give everyone the same information and expectations, it was decided that this role is necessary for the following year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s

Whitney Beard, Secretary