

Wheatland Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2019

Present: Rachel McClaran, Erika Birk, Heidi Polson, Jamie Neally, Kelli Chobad, Colleen Smith, Nathaniel Thurman, Tisha Dohogne, Phoebe McCormick, Adam Thornton, Addie Tripp, Lauren Ishman, Madison Findley, Kat Massaglia, Crystal Steinkirchner, Julie Scott, Linda Westhafer, Katie Helfrich, Bethany Otte

The meeting was called to order by President, Erika Birk, at 7:02PM.

Principals Report: (Rachel McClaran)

Site Council

Site Council has been established. The first meeting was held on 9/24. Upcoming meeting dates will be 11/19, 2/28, and 3/31 – in the Wheatland Library at 6:15PM. Also, 1/13 the meeting will be held at the District Office at 5:30PM. Anyone is welcome to come to the meetings.

Photographer

We are looking into beautifying Wheatland with a few personalized photographs. Mrs McClaran would like a volunteer to take some photographs. They will then be made into a size big enough to display on the walls around Wheatland. Suggestions were made to check with the photography and journalism classes at the high school.

Teachers Report: (Phoebe McCormick)

The staff is very grateful for the Taco Tuesday meal provided during conferences. Everyone is really excited about the new Wheatland shirts that were given to each staff member and all students. A question was asked if the students should be creating art work to display for TITV (the answer was yes!).

Treasurers Report: (Erika Birk in Rachel Davison's absence)

Dillon's

The last check we received from Dillon's was from July 1 to September 30 in the amount of \$495.82. We currently have 121 households enrolled in the Community Rewards program. If you haven't already signed up please visit www.dillons.com, choose the Community Rewards tab, sign in or create your account, and find Wheatland with our code JS300. Thank you!

Spirit Day

The amount we received for Crazy Sock Day on October 11 was \$83.50.

Yankee Candle

The ongoing Yankee Candle fundraiser has made \$158.40 so far. It will be open until January. You can shop online through www.yankeecandlefundraising.com. The code for to use for Wheatland to receive the credit is 999994172. Or you can find catalogs in the office.

What's Going On At Wheatland:

Drinks/Snacks

We had previously voted to spend \$100 per month for the Teachers/Staff soda and water fund. We realized that may be a little much for our budget going forward and considered lowering it. A motion was made by Kelli Chobad to amend the amount to \$50 per month. It received a second from Heidi Polson. Unanimous vote to amend the monthly amount to \$50. A big thank you to Trish Corcoran for shopping for the drinks every week and stocking the lounge – we appreciate you!

Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students)

Mrs McClaran will be participating in a training session on 11/7 at 11AM. It should be about 45 minutes over the phone. Once the training has happened a kick off party will be planned to roll it out to the Wheatland families. She will ask if half days are allowed through this program.

Hornet Wear

The online link through Khaos Apparel is now available. You can shop it here:

<http://www.wheatlandelementary.khaosapparel.com/> The last date to get your orders in will be 11/8.

Upcoming Spirit Day

November 15, 2019 - Crazy Hair Day! Send in \$1 with your student.

ColorCycle and Soda Tabs

Containers have been placed in the teachers lounge. Please send in used markers (color, dry erase, and highlighters all qualify) and soda tabs with your child! Our tubs are filling up – it's so exciting to see!

Thanksgiving in the Valley (TITV)

Please keep making feathers! We need as many as we can get as this is very popular with the students! The pre-order form for the breakfast has gone home (if you didn't receive one, please check with your teacher or the office). If you get your order form and money in before 11/7, you will receive a discount. The Sign-Up Genius went out for help with the raffle baskets. If you signed up for something and haven't sent in the item, please go ahead and do so. Colleen's husband is making wooden items, we have movie buckets, and jars of candy to guess how many is inside. Rosco, Chelsea, and Elvis the Elf are all booked to be there that morning. There will be a photo booth, a fishing game, a snack walk, and many other fun activities. If you have leftover Halloween candy that could be used at the event, please send it in with your child – their teacher will make sure it gets to PTO. Signs will be placed around town and a mention of the event will be made in the newspaper.

**A Sign-Up Genius will be going out soon for both the set up on Friday and for the actual event on Saturday. A great way to help is to volunteer an hour of your time and then enjoy the breakfast and activities for the other hour. Many helpful hands will make this big event run smoothly! Thank you in advance!

Box Tops

At the time of the meeting we had just two more days left in the contest. We had raised close to \$400. And when I was walking by the big display on the wall I saw that Mrs Lutz class came in 1st place! Congrats to them – they will receive a class party! We will have the exact amount raised at the next meeting. Thank you to Trish for everything she did to make this a successful fundraiser – and to everyone on her Box Tops team that helped! If anyone is interested in being the head person for Box Tops for the next school year, consider contacting Trish when the Spring event is held so you can shadow her to see what goes into it!

Halloween Costumes

If you are getting rid of costumes or see any for cheap around town, please consider bringing them to Wheatland. Mrs McClaran is starting a Costume Closet for Halloween moving forward (for those students that may not otherwise have access to a costume).

Picture Retakes

Tuesday, November 5

Donations to the Nurses Office

Underwear is the big need. The United Way Give Warehouse was mentioned, so Mrs McClaran will look into that. Mrs McCormick mentioned that Main Street Threads would be happy to donate clothes in a days' notice if it is ever needed.

Drawing

A drawing was held with those in attendance to win two free passes for Thanksgiving in the Valley. Tisha won! Congrats!

*Reminder: Every time you come to a meeting, you and your child's teacher will earn one entry into a gift card drawing at the end of the school year!

*Please don't hesitate to contact any of the Board members through the Wheatland PTO email (or stop us in person) if you have any concerns or questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52PM.

The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, November 19 at 7PM, in the Wheatland library.