

## Wheatland Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2019

Present: Rachel McClaran, Erika Birk, Heidi Polson, Rachel Davison, Jamie Neally, Katie Helfrich, Ashley Espinoza, Trish Corcoran, Abbie Hoefling, Chelsea Jantz, Tisha Dohogne, Colleen Smith, Kelli Chobad, Nancy Roth, Adam Thornton, Lauren Ishman, Nicole Brewer, Alex Reist, Katie Harris, Abby Younts, Tabatha Gengler, Jennifer Downey, Phoebe McCormick, Madison Findley, Amanda Maness, Chad Maness, Samantha Curtis, Diana Griblin, Linda Westhafer

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

The September minutes have been posted to the school website by Janet Normandin.

### **Principals Report:** (Rachel McClaran)

#### *Site Council*

Site Council met just before the PTO meeting. These meetings are required by the State. It involves a group of parents. Some schools will combine this meeting with their PTO, but Wheatland will separate it out. The meetings happen at 6:15PM, every other month, and they will be on the same night as PTO meetings. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19 at 6:15PM. Site Council has a committee, but anyone is welcome to come. We have state accreditation goals. One is that all students be reading on grade level. Another is to have a family engagement at least once a month. For August it was the Boo Hoo/Yahoo Breakfast. For September it is the Music/PE Days.

#### *Music/PE Day*

There were 109 family members on Day 1 and 120 family members on Day 2!

#### *Morning Meetings*

Students are running the Morning Meetings each morning in the gym. Parents are always welcome to join in!

#### *Miscellaneous*

We had 32 people at the August PTO meeting. Second grade has a Field Trip to the Valley Center Library on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Picture Day is coming up on October 2.

### **Teachers Report:** (Phoebe McCormick)

The staff is very grateful for the soda fund. It was asked if the \$5 per student is still in place for each student to attend a field trip – funded by PTO. (The answer is yes!) PTO received thank you cards from the students for the fresh paint and new games on the playground.

### **Treasurers Report:** (Rachel Davison)

The last check we received from Dillon's was in the amount of \$483.81. The amount we received for Stuffed Animal Day on September 13 was \$183.15.

### **What's Going On At Wheatland:**

#### *School Supply Boxes*

The 10% rate has been secured for any orders placed with the school supply company. They also may have a possible at-home delivery option. More to come as it gets closer to place school supply orders for the 2020-2021 school year.

### *Picture Day*

October 2, 2019. Heidi and Chelsea will be the PTO volunteers for this event.

### *Drinks/Snacks*

Is there a parent that would be willing to purchase the soda (and be reimbursed) and drop it off at the school? Trish volunteered to do it. The price for the sodas has been reduced thanks to the donation each month from PTO. Trish will get with Mrs McClaran and Rachel Davison to discuss the logistics.

### *Restaurant Night*

Linda has looked into this and it was suggested that we wait until the cooler months for these events. We are looking at February, March, and April. One will be a Valley Center/local business (Big Larry's or Applebee's). Other restaurant suggestions were made. Most of the restaurants need the date to be at least six weeks out. More on this will be discussed at the October meeting.

### *Box Tops*

Trish told us more about the new app. As of a week or two ago, they now have the option to choose which classroom within the school you want your digital Box Tops to go to. Please keep cutting out the paper ones, and also scan your receipts. Trish will be sending out the QR code to make it easier for parents to find our school when using the app. The theme for this years Box Tops competition is "Wheatland is Wild About Box Tops". The counting for the Box Tops will be leaves to go along with the theme. It will be on the main wall when you enter through the third set of doors into the school. The kids really like to see how the other classes are doing. The contest will run from September 30 to October 25.

### *Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students)*

Mrs McClaran talked about how a couple of the other schools in our district have started doing this program. It is a great way to bring more community/family involvement to Wheatland. It is to get positive male role-models involved – fathers, grandfathers, uncles, close family friends. VCIS did a big informational kick-off party with pizza. It helped the dads and kids get to know each other. There will be a background check for each person that comes to the school. It is a day-long commitment. This is a nationwide program and they have a start up fee. Just wanted to gauge interest before looking into it more.

### *Hornet Wear*

The design that was decided on for the free shirt to staff and students was passed around for everyone to see. The sizes for staff/students are being gathered and the design will be sent in. The kids should all have their FREE shirt soon! PTO will also offer an online Hornet Wear shopping opportunity through the company Khaos Apparel (in Newton). A paper order form will be sent home for those that prefer to shop that way.

### *First Grade Field Trip*

First graders are going to Botanica on Monday, September 30. They have requested \$5 for each child. It was put to a vote. A motion was made from Kelli Chobad to provide \$5 for every student in the school. A second came from Heidi Polson. There was a unanimous vote in favor of this.

### *Parent/Teacher Conference Meal*

It was decided we will provide dinner on Tuesday, October 15 and Mrs McClaran will provide dinner on Thursday, October 17. PTO will provide all of the fixings for Taco Tuesday. Please watch your emails for a Sign-Up Genius that will be going out. We would love for everyone to pitch in if they can and we will make this a much deserved and successful meal for our fabulous teachers.

### *Yankee Candle*

There is an on-going PTO Yankee Candle fundraiser happening for the next six months. If you, or anyone you know, wants to do some online shopping for the upcoming holidays, check the Wheatland PTO page for our Yankee Candle link. PTO receives 40% back on all purchases made through this link.

### *Upcoming Spirit Day*

October 11, 2019 - Crazy Sock Day! Send in \$1 with your student.

### *Thanksgiving in the Valley (TITV)*

There was a short meeting held with the TITV Committee after the PTO Meeting. If you want to help, please send us an email or contact someone on the Board. This event takes all helping hands! Please cut out feathers and send them in with your child (the teachers will help to make sure they make it to the right PTO person). We're working on raffle basket themes and planning to have one basket for each grade.

### *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!

### *Imagine That Toys*

If you visit Imagine That Toys (29th/Rock) between October 19 – October 26, Wheatland will receive 10% (pretax) of all the receipts that are placed in our jar. The more people that shop, the more money for our PTO! Note: Remember to mention Wheatland Elementary in Valley Center at check out!

No Book Fair during Conferences this year. There has been talk about adding an Art Gallery to show off the artwork the kids have been working on. Watch for more details on that!

\*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 8:15PM.

The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, October 29 at 7PM, in the Wheatland library.