

Wheatland Elementary PTO
Meeting minutes
October 30th, 2018

Present: Adelyn Soellner, Phoebe McCormick, Erika Birk, Rachel Davison, Sheila Kinkelaar, Linda Westhafer, Julie Scott, Jamie Neally, Heidi Polson

The meeting was called to order by Secretary, Sheila Kinkelaar, at 7:03. President Amy Williams was unable to attend the meeting. The September minutes were emailed out for corrections / approval and have been posted to the schools website.

Principals Report: (Mrs. Soellner)

- Thank you for the much appreciated meal at conferences.
- We discussed future playground needs. In the past the district was able to help fund the new equipment. Currently the playground needs more mulch which will be around \$7,000. The district is going to be able to pay for this. Now that all of the construction is done the focus can go back to getting new swings and other equipment (possibly removing monkey bars due to so many injuries). This expense is something PTO can help with and we can begin to let everyone know money raised from fundraising is for this goal. The estimate goal for swings and a couple other pieces of equipment is around \$30,000.
- The education foundation will be selling the discount cards again to help build their funds.
- VC Cares for Kids is in need of money. They plan to help more families this year than before. Teachers will be able to pay \$ to wear jeans or sweats as one way to help. Our PTO also donates 10% of profits from TITV to them. In addition we decided we could have a box at TITV where anyone who wishes to make a donation to them can.
- Mrs. Soellner plans to request an additional teacher for 1st grade and for 3rd grade for next year as we hope to add another section for each grade. She would also like us to have more art time so the students can have art weekly rather than every other week. Lastly she would like us to be able to have more intervention support.

Teachers Report: (Phoebe McCormick)

- She also thanked PTO for the conference meal. The teachers really appreciate this.

Treasurers Report: (Rachel Davison)

- Copies of the updated report were passed around. Crazy sock day made \$113.00 (still waiting on total for Crazy Hair Day). Our next spirit day will be When I Grow Up Day on Nov 16th. Still waiting on receipt of Dillons check. Expenses were paid out for field trips. Our balance is \$14,033.28.

Old Business:

- Dillons: The 3rd quarter ended and we should be getting a check for \$474.71. This is down \$19.63 from last quarter but we are up by 12 households supporting us at 103 total.
- Box Tops are done collecting for the fall. The kids loved the last contest. Mrs. Norton won with 885 & will get pizza party. Mrs. McCormick was 2nd with 643 and Mrs. Venning was 3rd with 610. We made \$671.00 total.
- The book fair was held through conferences.
- Thank you to all who donated items for teacher meals.
- An email vote went out for KG Field Trip and Specials Field Trip. They both had requested funds to help go to the pumpkin patch and we needed to vote before this meeting. \$5.00 per student, as we had done in the past, was approved for both. (This was \$475.00 & \$45.00)

New Business:

- We have a funding request from 1st grade. Sheila read over the email. They are asking for money for several items that will help student with sight words and other things (5 sets of flashcards, 2 spinners, 4 sets of magnetic tape). The total for all items is \$143.33. Julie made a motion to approve this request and Rachel second. All approved.
- The spirit wear for this year is ready to go. We will be doing all through an online store this year. Hopefully this will make ordering much easier for families as well as tracking orders easier for us. This information will be sent out around mid-November. The plan will be to have orders in by the end of November and be able to deliver before Christmas break.
- Thanksgiving in the Valley:
 - i. Turkeys will go up Friday, 11/9. Rachel is getting the turkey bodies, names and pictures ready. We can all meet in the gym around 3:30 to get them up quickly. Sheila will email a reminder for all to come help if they can.
 - ii. Turkey Feather Sales start Monday Nov 12th (*please keep cutting and bring in*)
 - iii. Order forms went home around Oct 25th. They are due back on 11/7. We will be sure to post reminders. Sheila will be picking up orders and getting logged.
 - iv. Set up for the event will be Friday after school Nov 16th
 - v. Please check the Sign Up Genius (*not many spots filled!*)
 - vi. For the event on the 17th we need 15 white 6 foot tables. Mrs. Soellner will put in this request.
 - vii. Griddle will be picked up Nov 16th in the AM
 - viii. We have met to work on planning TITV and revised some of the activities in the gym so it will be more of a fresh event and appeal to younger kids as we have more K and no 4th grade. The stations this year will be the Turkey Trot (previously called the candy walk), 2 "Selfie Booths" (new), turkey feathers, Christmas cards for troops, Fishing game (new), Thankful Tree (new), Silent Auctions (new) and activities in the music room with the specials teachers at 9:30 and 10:30. We will need help getting some of these stations going.
 - ix. For the turkey trot we will need music and candy. It was decided a request could be put on facebook for leftover Halloween / candy donations. Mrs. Soellner said Mr. Thompson plays music in the whole gym but will see if he still has old system we can use. If not Rachel has a Bluetooth player we could use.
 - x. For the photo booths we will need props. We asked for any donations of props to be brought in to the office ASAP so we can determine how many we still need to buy. Rosco and Chelsey will be at the booths and Mrs. Venning will have some props.
 - xi. For the fishing game we need a way to set up a "wall", like using a folding mat. Mrs. Soellner said they may have an accordion wall we could use. Once that is set we need "fishing poles" to be made (Erika said she could do this). We have some small prizes to hand out like stickers and Mrs. Soellner has some emoji erasers and Amy has ordered some tattoos. It was discussed we may want some small baggies to use if prizes do not stay in clothes pin well.
 - xii. We talked about where we want to hang the thankful tree and decided where it might be best but will make final decision during set up when we have the actual tree to look at. Rachel is making the tree and Erika has been helping make leaves.
 - xiii. The silent auction will consist of 3 decorated boxes with pictures of Mrs. Soellner, Pam and a pizza slice. The winner for each will get to be that person for a day / win a pizza party for their class. Linda volunteered to make all of the

boxes. We will have papers that people can write bids on and drop in the box they would like to win. The highest bid in each will be the winner. We talked about having papers and actual bids written for all to see or selling raffle tickets but decided to stick with original plan this year and see how it goes. It can be revised next year as needed.

- xiv. Gluten free batter – We will need this. Mrs. McCormick said she could be sure what we need and take care of it.
- xv. We also talked about a way to be sure everyone knows what PTO does with the money we raise at TITV. It was decided a poster to hang at the event might be nice. Julie volunteered to make this.

Open Forum:

- Sheila shared a sample Hornet decal to see if anyone had interest in selling them. It was decided to have an order list at TITV and to have the decals a bit smaller than sample size. They could sell for \$5.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02.

The next meeting will be November 27th in the library.