

WILKINS ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING JANUARY 10,2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lukefahr, Lori Manley, Theresa Pint, Betsy Hardy, Marilee McConnell, Shannon Hampson, Lisa Walker, Amity Preston, Ashley Goos, Heide Sletteland, Shelly Beaver, Catherine Spencer, Julie Grimes.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Lukefahr at 6:32 pm.

THIRD GRADE TEAM PRESENTATION: Demonstration of activities with Everyday Math using the Quomo.

-Student Reference Guide : Can highlight things in the Guide, project the student journal (math lesson assignment sent home with student)

-Can connect the ladybug and quomo and use them together

Approval of Minute from Previous Meeting: moved by Shelly Beaver and 2nd by Theresa Pint to approve the minutes – passed.

Treasurer's Report: given by Mary Lukefahr. Copies of the current budget were handed out. The Spirit Store has made more than budgeted for. Restaurant Nights have not started yet and may not this year. Will rerun the Carlos O'Kellys/Applebees coupon fundraiser in the Spring but have made budget on this so far. We have many more coupons left so will try to sell more. We have purchased 12 iPods from the Walk-a-thon funds which are currently in the school. They will be put into use next week after the teacher work day on Monday.

Principal's Report: given by Marilee McConnell

-We have gotten 6 new students since Winter break and there are now 447 students at Wilkins: K- 65, 1st-84, 2nd -73, 3rd-89, 4th-70, 5th-66.

-New Technology: In addition to the new iPods, Wilkins will be getting 5 iPads from a LM foundation grant, 5 iPads through SILO funds and a new computer cart of 30 PC laptops through the Microsoft settlement funds.

-Pillar Pride: a new program using the 6 pillars of character. Each grade will spend 3 weeks working on each pillar.

-On the Teacher workday on Monday 1/16, the teachers will have the afternoon to work on Everyday Math.

-The NWEA tests are being given to the 2-5 grade students this week.

-100th day of school will be Tues 1/24.

-The Snowball dance is 1/13 during the specials time.

Linn-Mar District PTO: report given by Julie Grimes Julie Jensen spoke about the different support services available through the Linn-Mar school district.

Unfinished Business: - Carlos O'Kelly's/Applebees coupon sales have concluded. We met budget but have many coupons left so will sell them again in the Spring.

New Business:

-Family Fitness Night is Jan 26 from 6-7. It is run by Dana Lampe.

-Family Fun Night update: proposal from the committee: prices for this year's event will be \$5 for a meal and wristband, \$3 for meal only and students on free or reduced lunch program will receive a free wristband. The meal will be a slice of pizza, a cookie and milk or water with an extra slice of pizza available for purchase with purchase of a meal. Every one with a wristband will receive a candy bar as a prize on the way out and prizes will be available at the cake walk, lollipop tree game and plinko. Discussion was done re buying vs renting an inflatable but this discussion was tabled d/t the consensus felt more information was needed and too short a notice to make the decision to buy such a costly item. A motion was made by Catherine Spencer and 2nd by Shelly Beaver to accept the recommendations from the committee for the prices for the event. The motion passed.

Upcoming Events:

- Friday, January 13: Snowball Dance (during school day)
- Monday, January 16: No School (Teacher work day)
- Saturday, January 21: PTO Skate Night: 4-6 pm
- Thursday, January 26: PTO Fitness Night: 6-7 pm
- Friday, February 3: Volunteer Workshop: 8:45 am
- Tuesday, February 7: PTO Meeting 6:30

Suggestions for the Good of the PTO:

- Marilee had a huge thank you to the 3rd grade teachers for the presentation tonight and to the family fun night committee for the decision re the prices for the event this year.
- Deanna Howard is working on putting out info for parents of new students re family fun night activities and re the info that will be forthcoming.
- Catherine spoke of a website called volunteer spot which is easy from the user end. It is used in the middle school for people to be able to sign up to help with different activities and was wondering if it would be good to use with some of our activities.

The meeting was adjourned by Mary at 7:25 pm.