

WILKINS ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES FOR 1/11/11

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Wilson, Shannon Hampson, Theresa Pint, Julie Grimes, Catherine Spencer, Carol Martin, Deana Benson, Marilee McConnell, Lori Manley, Beth Sandstrom, Tricia Krsek, Anne Boussetot, Shelly Beaver, Michelle Heidelbauer, Sara Hofer, Nate Frangella

Meeting was called to order by Catherine Spencer at 6:32 pm.

Minutes from previous meeting in November were approved.

PPEL (Physical Plant and Equipment Levy) Vote presentation by Rick Ironside, Associate Superintendent: Information presented regarding the PPEL vote on February 1, 2011 requesting patrons of Linn-Mar to increase the PPEL levy from \$.67 to \$1.34 until June 30, 2015. This is considered a "No increase increase" in which the district will offset the additional \$.67 PPEL levy by reducing other levies by at least \$.67 so will not increase property taxes. The PPEL funds are the main revenue source used to maintain infrastructure investments. Legal uses for PPEL funds: 1. purchase and improvement of grounds 2. construction of schoolhouses or buildings 3. opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings 4. purchase of a single piece of equipment exceeding \$500 in value 5. payment of debts contracted for the erection of construction of schoolhouses or buildings 6. procurement or acquisition of libraries 7. repairing, remodeling, reconstructing, improving or expanding the schoolhouses or buildings and additions to existing schoolhouses 8. expenditures for energy conservation 9. rental of facilities 10. purchase of transportation equipment for transporting students 11. lease purchase option agreements for school buildings or equipment. Linn-Mar plans for the additional funds include: bus and vehicle replacements, maintain and replace roofs, install energy efficient windows in older buildings, parking lot repairs and replacements, complete remaining HVAC upgrades at the High School, energy efficiency projects, upgrade old restrooms and replace old flooring, upgrade and replace doors, install doors and security systems at schools, replace aging electrical and HVAC components, food service equipment, operations and maintenance equipment.

Treasurer's Report given by Elizabeth Wilson: Elizabeth went through the Budget vs Actuals with all areas within Budget. We are all set to get gambling license on time for family fun night and the cost is \$15. Elizabeth also reported on the District PTO activities. She reported that they have been meeting for about a year. The group is working on trying to do joint projects such as scheduling "playfit training" to hire someone to instruct the staff on helping kids get more and safe activities to participate in during recess. Also, discussing on buying an inflatable for district use. They are also looking on the new policy on not distributing flyers for outside groups.

Principal's Report given by Marilee McConnell: Wilkins will hire a para professional who will work directly with students who need extra work. This person has special training and is certified by the state. Some of the program assistants and ed assistants have shifted jobs within the building.

Unfinished Business

- Volunteer Opportunities: Wed February 9 Opera Iowa will be presenting Sid the Serpent. They will need volunteers to help supply 10 meals and for a stage crew for the performance to proceed. Opportunities remain for assisting with Family Fun Night and committees are being formed for the Bazaar for this December and to look into getting a yearbook for next year. Let Catherine know or leave a message on the PTO website if interested. Officers to be voted on this Spring: Vice President is open.

New Business

Coke Rewards: we were submitted by Deana Benson last year and we received a flip camera

Walk-a-thon: some discussion has been done re moving it to Spring next year when there are

less community wide fund raisers and less school activities. Moving the Open House later this year did not work well for the teaching staff and will likely be moved back earlier for next year.

Volunteer Update: help is still needed for the 2nd grade section of the Snowball Dance on Friday 1/14/11.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, Jan 14: Snowball Dance
- Saturday, Jan 15 - Skate Night, 4-6 pm
- Monday Jan 17 - No School (Staff Day)
- Thursday, Jan 20 - Family Fitness Night, 6-7 pm
- Thursday, Feb 3 - 5/6 Orchestra at High School
- Friday, Feb 4 - Volunteer Workshop
- Tuesday, Feb 8 - PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm