

## WILKINS ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES 11/9/10

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Shelly Beaver, Michelle Heidelbauer, Elizabeth Wilson, Jenny Guenther, Theresa Pint, Shannon Hampson, Anne Bousset, Vicki Barnidge, Mary Lukefahr, Marilee McConnell, Larry Alexman, Deb Miles, Catherine Spencer, Michelle Dalton, Tracy Read, Brenda Bauermeister, Julie Grimes, Pam Schulz

The meeting was called to order by Catherine Spencer at 6:33 pm.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved with no corrections.

**TREASURER'S REPORT/FINANCE COMMITTEE:** given by Elizabeth Wilson

Some money spent on ITBS snacks, for a rubber stamper for the library and the license for movie night has been paid. The tax return has been finished, approved and sent. Some concern has been expressed re the budget for the 5th grade send-off with some parents thinking it will not be enough. This will be looked at but is what will be for now. We will need a gambling license and to pay sales tax the raffle and games income from Family Fun Night. The sales tax permit has been obtained and a 14 day gambling license will be obtained for about \$20 closer to the time of the event. Field trips have been re-instated by the school board at the meeting on 11/8/10 so may be using that portion of the budget.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** given by Marilee McConnell

- \* ITBS testing is finished but are working on setting up make-up times for students who were absent and missed the tests. Scores will be sent home when they are available. The staff and students appreciated the healthy snacks provided by the PTO and chaired by Tracy Read.
- \* Teacher work day will be on Friday 11/12 with teacher's working on report cards as the first trimester will end on 11/11/10. Report cards will come home on 11/23. The teachers will be learning a new computer system for inputting the info for the report cards but they will look the same as previously. Some yellow paper has been donated to the school for the report cards.
- \* The 1st round of fact fluency is finishing up .
- \* A big new program beginning this trimester is a writing assessment which is split into K-2 and 3-8 grades with a rubric for each group. There is a standardized process for this assessment with different types of writing done. This assessment will be reflected on the report cards.
- \* The Clarinova piano has been ordered and when it arrives our current upright piano will be given to the district home school program.
- \* There is a committee looking at new math curriculums with some programs being piloted in our building. When the pilots are done, the committee will choose which curriculum will be used for next year. They will determine this by the end of this school year so the teachers will have time to look at it over the summer.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- \* The Enjoy the City fundraiser is finished and the numbers are not in yet but it looks like it will come in right near where it was budgeted for.
- \* ITBS snacks - thank you to Tracy Read for chairing the activity and to Quaker and the Schweitzer's for donating items for it.
- \* Restaurant Nights are under way and will continue throughout the school year. Culvers in Marion has been added and will have their first day on 11/10. Any purchases made during the day will get a 10% donation to the PTO. There is also a place on the sheet to put the child's classroom and the classroom with the most number of participants by the end of the school year will receive a Build Your Own Sundae party. When going to Carlos O'Kellys be sure to put your name on the slip for a chance to win a \$20 gift certificate.
- \* Committee openings: Continuing to try to form committees now to plan for a yearbook and the Holiday Bazaar for next year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- \* Will probably have Rick Ironside and Dave Nicholson present at our January meeting to answer

questions re upcoming plans for new buildings and maintenance/upkeep of buildings. Plans not finalized yet but more info will be forthcoming.

\* Field Trips have been reinstated by the district with the budget to include cost for transportation. The field trips will need to be based on curriculum and the teachers have been asked to begin to think and plan on what they would like to do and will submit requests to Marilee. Once the budgets are done, some funds will be requested from the PTO.

\* Scrip - working on setting up to sell Scrip for the Holidays. Will get more info out also re accessing the Scrip on-line as there are many more items available on-line. More info will be coming out.

\* Skate nights will begin on Sunday Dec 19th from 4-6 pm. This will be the only Sunday night, the rest will be on Saturdays but all will be from 4-6 pm. The original schedule has been changed so watch for updates as they come out.

**VOLUNTEER UPDATES:** given by Anne Busselot It has been busy recently with Native American days, hearing screenings, the book fair and encourage a reader programs just finishing or upcoming. They have received great feedback from the America Reads program. E-mail updates were supposed to be fixed this week. If you had signed up for the volunteer network and not received an e-mail, let Anne know and she will check into it. If people are interested in attending Volunteer workshops on days other than Friday, let Anne know.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Nov 10 - Culver's Restaurant Night  
Nov 11 - Open House, Book Fair, PTO Spaghetti Supper  
Nov 12 - No School (teacher report cards workday)  
Nov 15 - Red Robin Restaurant Night  
Nov 16 - 5th Grade Band Concert  
Nov 23 - Report Cards go home  
Nov 24 - Carlos O'Kelly's Restaurant Night  
Nov 24-26 - Thanksgiving Break, No school  
Dec 1 - Volunteer Workshop, 8:45 am  
Dec 2 - 1st Grade Music Program  
Dec 8 - 4th Grade Invention Convention  
Dec 14 - 4/5 Grade Wilkins Chorus Concert  
Dec 19 - Skate Night, 4-6 pm, Super Skate  
Dec 20 - Winter Parties  
Dec 22 - Early Dismissal 12:45 pm  
Dec 23- Jan 3 - No school  
Jan 11 - PTO Meeting 6:30 pm

**SUGGESTIONS FOR THE GOOD OF THE PTO:**

\* Discussed ideas regarding any changes to the Family Fun Night to try to make it more cost effective and not so costly for people to attend. If anyone has any suggestions, please send e-mail to the PTO website.

\* The Wilkins day at the Kernels is scheduled for May 8, 2011. At this time, we will be attending on the same day as Novak and Bowman Woods Elementaries.

The motion to adjourn was made by Mary Lukefahr and seconded by Larry Alexman.

The meeting was adjourned by Catherine Spencer at 7:33 pm.