

## WILKINS PTO MEETING 2/7/2012

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Deanna Howard, Theresa Pint, Julie Grimes, Elizabeth Wilson, Heide Sletteland, Lori Manley, Joslin Hanna, Shannon Hampson, Marilee McConnell, Rachel Trappe, Amanda Mroch, Joan Feller.

The meeting was called to order by Deanna Howard at 6:33 pm.

Presentation was given by the Student Support Services team regarding a reading website called Reading A-Z that Wilkins has subscribed to for use by Teachers and students. Demonstration of the website was done by the staff. Students/teachers can pick out leveled books which can be printed off or read on the computer. Areas can be highlighted or notes added. Books can be used on the computer or smart board. The program can be used to hold students accountable for what level they are on. Phonics and vocabulary can be reviewed. Students who are good with reading accuracy and fluency can use the program to help with decreased comprehension. All students have a login for the RAZ kids website. Students can earn points on the website to go to the RAZ rocket. Books can be listened, read by the students or printed off. The cost of the website is \$3000/year.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:** Moved by Elizabeth Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theresa Pint to pass. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** by Elizabeth Wilson We have purchased I-tune cards and cases for the new I-Pods purchased last month.

**Principal's Report:** by Marilee McConnell

- review of the new technology purchased recently as presented at last meeting. Each of the devices (I-pods and I-pads will have it's own account which is what the I-tune cards will be used for. The staff will also be coordinating with each other to utilize shared app agreements in which if 10 apps are licensed they will receive 10 more.
- Everyday math apps are free at this time so Tiffany is working hard to download these onto the new devices.
- the 3<sup>rd</sup> computer cart of PC laptops has been received and the teams are working on scheduling the use of them. One challenge has been the electricity for the carts. An electrician has been in to do some special wiring to help with this.
- the trimester is ending soon. On line conference scheduling begins on Monday 2/13 at 7am and will be on for 2 weeks. Conference dates are Feb 27 – March 8. Students serviced by student or reading support should sign up for a later night time so the support teachers will be available. Report cards will go home with the students on Friday 2/24.
- Paw prints for Family Fun Night started on Monday 2/6. Students who receive a paw print in the next 1-1/2 weeks will be put in a drawing for a free wristband. One will be given out for each grade.

**Update at District PTO:** by Elizabeth Wilson and Julie Grimes. Review of last meeting of the district PTO held on 1/24. Discussion re how school parties are run and re brainstorming on innovative fundraising ideas. Also, discussion on need for fundraising.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Family Fitness Night was held in January with low attendance this year. Discussed ideas for promoting it for better attendance for next year.

**New Business:**

- Family Fun Night: to be held on 2/24. Pizza Ranch will supply the food again this year. Meal will also include milk or water and a cookie. Raffle tickets will go home with the students on 2/8. Any tickets not sold should be returned to the school. The committee is looking at getting donations from businesses rather than from the families next year. The silent auction and the basket raffle will be held in the gym this year to allow for more space and there will be 2 cake walk rooms. There are 43 silent auction baskets and 23 raffle baskets at this time. Credit cards can be used this year.

- McTeacher Night at McDonalds: will be held instead of Restaurant nights this year. It will be scheduled for sometime in April. On the date it is held, Wilkins will get 10% of all the sales at one particular McDonalds from 5-8 pm. Teachers, staff, PTO officers will be scheduled to participate during the time allotted. A tip jar can be put out, bake sale, raffle, door prizes can all be utilized during this time. Due to the Healthy Kid act: the kid meals will have a smaller serving of fries and include apple slices. A committee has been formed to run this activity.

- Nominations are open for officers for next year. Openings are for Vice President (2 year term – 1 year as vice president and 1 year as president), Secretary (2 year term), Treasurer (2 year term). Anyone interested in running for a position or with questions can contact any of the current PTO officers or leave a message on the PTO e-mail. Elections will be at the March PTO meeting.

- A \$50 donation will be made to the Mane Event per budget.

**Volunteer Update:** help is needed at the book fair and some help is needed in the Kindergarten rooms for the next couple of days this week.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Tuesday, February 14: Friendship Party – 2 pm
- Thursday, February 16: Kindergarten Orientation – 6:15 pm
- Friday, February 17: No School
- Saturday, February 18: PTO Skate Night – 4-6 pm
- Monday, February 20: No School
- Friday, February 24: Family Fun Night – 5-7 pm
- Friday, March 2: Volunteer Workshop – 8:45 am
- Friday, March 9: No School
- March 12 – 16: Spring Break
- Saturday, March 17: PTO Skate Night – 4-6 pm
- Tuesday, March 20: PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- February 27 – March 8: Conferences

Moved by Marilee McConnell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elizabeth Wilson to adjourn the meeting- motion passed.  
The meeting was adjourned by Deanna Howard at 7:47 pm.