

WILKINS PT MEETING MARCH 20, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lukefahr, Julie Grimes, Deanna Howard, Deana Benson, Theresa Pint, Shelly Beaver, Michelle Heidelbauer, Shannon Hampson, Elizabeth Wilson, Heide Sletteland, Marilee McConnell, Debi Wells, Marcia Grassfield, Jen Christopherson, Molly Jordan, Lori Manley, Dawn Forsyth, Ellen Teller.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Lukefahr at 6:34 pm.

Presentation was given by the Kindergarten and first grade teachers on Pixie and Bookflix. **Pixie** is a software program which was purchased by the PTO a couple of years ago. It is licensed to load onto one computer cart so the Kindergarten and first grade classes share the cart. The students can use the program for painting and drawing which lets them be creative and can be used to create projects. **Bookflix** is a website through Grant Wood AEA for pre – K to 3rd grade. Anyone can use the website and is encouraged to use at home. To get on the website: Google Grant Wood AEA, click on online resources, click on Iowa AEA online, then click on bookflix. The username is 3715wilk, password is aea10. On the Grant Wood website is also a program for older readers. On the program, students can look at books in different categories. The students can watch the story, read the story and do puzzlers at the end. Information re the book authors can be found. There is also info on other websites that be used.

- Approval of minutes from previous meeting – approved.

- Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report: by Elizabeth Wilson. The finance committee will met to make out the budget for next year with the current and new boards. The box tops received by the end of February were sent in – expect a check in the next few weeks. Family Fun Night revenue and expenditures are not completely in but expect to come in a little above budget.

- Principal's Report: by Marilee McConnell.

Wilkins will promote a special reading celebration in April. The Principal from Linn Grove Elementary has called and challenged Wilkins to see whose students reads more minutes outside of school during April. On April 2 – the staff are to come to school dressed as their favorite book character and will have an assembly at the end of the day to kick off the challenge which will go until the end of the month. At the end of April, the students can come dressed as their favorite book character and parade through the school. A note with more info will be coming home to parents.

Iowa Assessments were taken last Fall as a new test instead of Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. Due to it being a new test for most districts, it took time for tabulation of results which just came in. Scores and information will come home with students on March 30. There is no data to compare the results with so will be looking at standard scores instead of percentiles. The test is more aligned to the current curriculum than the previous test was so should be better. This is the first year this test was given in Iowa so no normative data to compare to although a test group was tested nationally last year.

Linn Mar Board Update: given by Elizabeth Wilson A company, Novak, has been chosen as the pool architect. It is planned to have the pool completed by August 2013 if possible. It is planned to be located by the stadium in the area of the current baseball fields. Construction projects approved: High School parking lot, Indian Creek back parking lot, High School roof. Someone will be looking at projections for enrollment to determine future needs ie new high school vs senior center, etc. The board discussed new on-line learning programs now being advertised and any impact on the district. A policy committee has been formed to discuss developing a fundraising policy for the district.

Unfinished Business: Family Fun Night recap: It appears that we will come in over budget which is good since the Walk-a-thon came in under budget. Good feedback has been received re the lower price and having less small prizes this year. People liked having the food in one room and the baskets/auction in another room. Some discussion re better

placement in the basket/auction room for next year was done. Discussed ideas to improve the event. It was felt that the SODA kids did a great job helping at the event.

New Business:

-Movie Night will be held on April 12th with the movie Hop showing. Doors will open at 5:30 with the movie beginning at 6:00. Parents must stay with their children and are not to drop them off. There will be pop for the parents but the kids will not be allowed to have it – there will be juice for the kids.

- McTeacher Night at McDonald's will be held on April 17th from 5-8 pm at the McDonalds by the Marion WalMart. The Fire Dept will be there from 5-5:30 or 6, the police will be there from 6-7 and Ronald will be there from 5:30 to 7:30. Flyers will go out the week before. Wilkins PTO will receive 10% of all sales from 5-8 with no forms required.

- Election for new officer positions: Nominations and unanimous vote done for the following offices: VP: Ellen Teller, Secretary : Debi Wells, Treasurer: Heide Sletteland. They will take over as officers effective May 2012. The current VP, Deanna Howard, will take over as President for next year.

Volunteer Update: Sadly, our volunteer coordinator Lisa's Mom passed away suddenly recently with our sympathy noted.

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, March 28: Spring picture day

Thursday, March 29: 2nd grade Music Program – 6:30 pm

Friday, April 6: Volunteer Workshop – 8:45 am

Friday, April 6: Early Dismissal – 12:45 (snow make-up day)

Monday, April 9: No School

Tuesday, April 10: PTO Meeting – 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 12: PTO Movie Night: 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 17: McTeacher Night at McDonald's – 5-8 pm

The meeting was adjourned by Mary Lukefahr at 8:02 pm.