

## WILKINS PTO MEETING MINUTES 4/10/12

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Julie Grimes, Mary Lukefahr, Theresa Pint, Shelly Beaver, Michelle Heidelbauer, Ellen Teller, Lisa Drinkall, Lori Manley, Marilee McConnell, Heide Sletteland, Matt Sinott, Carol Martin, Debi Wells, Shannon Hampson, Deanna Howard, Beth Sandstrom

Meeting was called to order by Mary Lukefahr at 6:34.

**Presentation** was given by 2<sup>nd</sup> grade staff re use of Shutterfly in the classroom. Lisa Drinkall showed how she uses Shutterfly in many ways. It can be used for volunteer sign ups, to share photos which can also be downloaded or purchased, teacher or student contact info, class calendar, teacher homepage, newsfeed, newsletters, homework schedule, etc.

Approval of minutes from last meeting: it was moved and seconded to approve minutes as posted – passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** by Mary Lukefahr. Finance committee has met with preliminary budget for next year done. They will meet later this month with budget finalized for presentation and approval by the membership at the May meeting. It is expected to have approximately \$2000.00 more than planned for by the end of the fiscal year. With the money in the CD's, we are looking at about \$11,000.00 to spend on something. It may be possible to use the money on having a walking trail built on the property. Elizabeth has initiated discussing the idea with some of the Linn Mar administration to see about possibilities for assist with funding and authorization for construction. Other schools that have had one built have used different materials for the surface including mulch or a rubber surface. It was suggested to check on obtaining recycled material for the surface. Ideas for using it for a mileage or running club for prizes and it could be incorporated into gym class. It was moved by Shelly Beaver and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Heidelbauer to allocate the funds to pursuing a walking trail – passed. A committee was formed to start to check on possibilities with administration. Other uses of the money could include technology or to decrease the fundraisers for next year.

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

-Information given re the Iowa Assessments that the students took in the Fall. It is a new test and the questions align with the Iowa Core curriculum. The scores must be normed in Iowa for next year. Will be using national standardized scores instead of percentages.

Wilkins students proficiency in reading: 80.9% of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, 75.4% of 4<sup>th</sup> graders, 83.6% of 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Wilkins students proficiency in math: 91.0% of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, 75.4% of 4<sup>th</sup> graders, 80.6% of 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

– April Reading Challenge with Linn Grove Elementary kicked off on April 2 with staff dressing as favorite book character. The students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite book characters on 4/27 and will be able to parade around the school. Wilkins students read 54,253 minutes last week!

**Update on District PTO:** The meeting for March was held at Wilkins. Primary discussion was regarding the school board having a committee to work on developing a policy re fund raising within the district.

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:**

-Movie Night: April 12<sup>th</sup> : admission is a canned good. Doors open at 5:30 with movie to begin at 6:00. The movie to be shown is Hop. Popcorn will be provided along with juice for the kids and pop for the adults. Adults are to stay with their kids – not to be dropped off.

-McTeacher Nights: at the Walmart McDonalds on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00. 23 teachers and staff have signed up to participate. The Marion Police, Marion Fire Department, and Ronald McDonald will be there for some part of the evening. A flyer will be coming out with more details.

-Wilkins night at the Kernels: Will be Sunday April 29. Gates open at 1:00 with game to begin around 2:00. To participate in an activity, the kids need to be there by 1:15. A flyer with ticket order info has gone home. Ticket orders are due back to the school by April 23. It will be Mascot Day at the game that day. There will be activities before and after the game for the kids to participate in.

- Family picnic and art show: May 10<sup>th</sup> – the committee is working on the event. To be held at the school.

-5<sup>th</sup> grade sendoff: It was moved by Mary Lukefahr and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Theresa Pint to add \$200 to the budget for the event – passed. The students will participate in track and field event in the am, have a sack lunch and then go to Super Skate for skating for 1 to 1-1/2 hours in the afternoon, have a treat and then go home. T-shirts will be made for the students.

FYI: Next year the 5<sup>th</sup> grade day track day will be all day long and combined with Linn Grove, Indian Creek, Novak (the students who will go to Excelsior). It will be held on May 2 with a rain date on May 3. Another new happening for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade (class of 2020) – they will go to the stadium near the end of the school year and be photographed standing in the shape of 2020.

-Sock Hop: it is an event held at other elementary schools in the district. Deanna Howard was interested in seeing if any interest at holding it at Wilkins. Pros and cons were discussed – will check with other schools for more info and to see if any interest if persuing it at Wilkins.

- Open chair positions for next year: co-chair for the Kernels game, chair for Iowa assessment snacks, Family fun night games, family picnic, restaurant nights, PTO website co-chair to work with Kent Benson the last ½ of next year to see how it runs and be able to keep it updated.

**Volunteer Update:** Volunteer brunch is Friday 4/13 at 8:30 am, volunteer workshops may be varied next year to have more during some months and less other months depending on the needs of the staff.

### **Upcoming events:**

- Thursday, April 12: PTO movie night 5:30 – 8:00
- Friday, April 13: Volunteer brunch 8:30
- Friday, April 13: Foundation Mane event
- Saturday, April 14: Growl Prowl 5k run/walk
- Tuesday, April 17: McTeacher night at McDonalds 5-8 pm
- Thursday, April 19: 4/5 grade chorus concert 6:30 pm
- Sunday, April 29: Wilkins day at the Kernels 1 pm
- Tuesday, May 1: Kindergarten music program 6:30 pm
- Friday, May 4: Volunteer workshop 8:45 am
- Monday, May 7: No school
- Tuesday, May 8: PTO meeting 6:30 pm
- Thursday, May 10: Family picnic 5-6:30 pm/art show 3-7 pm

Suggestions for the good of the PTO: Backyard bash will be May 22 with raindate of May 23 with volunteers needed. Some money provided by the Growl Prowl last year was used to purchase bowling equipment to be able to be used for gym class.

Meeting was adjourned by Mary Lukefahr at 7:47 pm.