

April 3, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Becki Tender at 6:02 pm with 13 in attendance including: Principal Amanda Potter, PTO Vice-President Becki Tender, PTO Treasurer Shannon Hampson, and PTO Secretary Meredith Porter.

Principal's Report- Wilkins is a trial school in the district for the new Lexia Reading Core 5 program. This reading program is Internet based, it begins with a placement test that prescribes what aspects of reading the student needs to work on the most. From here the student is run through various reading activities to supplement all areas of reading but especially the student's difficulty areas. The teacher is able to monitor the students through the program and get feed back on how the child is progressing.

Wilkins will undergo building upgrades this summer that include upgrades to all bathrooms, putting more adequate intruder/ALICE supported doors around the school, fixing the leaking ceilings, and upgrading the IT wiring throughout the classrooms.

The district has put together a homework committee that has been assessing homework standards throughout the year. They are looking into what homework currently looks like at all grades, from this they are utilizing research to compare what homework recommended at each grade and how to go about implementing this. The district currently has a petition for signatures for a district wide bond vote in September. They took the feedback from the district from the last vote and going forward with this vote they propose continuing with the building of the 5/6 schools. The district would build 2 new 5/6 buildings which would take a grade from the elementary and middle schools allowing more room for school growth. Additional renovations to the historic district buildings would also go forward.

The funds from the Tech Trek this fall have gone forward to purchase 20 iPads for the students.

President's Report- The PTO went forward with the money donated from the Kohls' volunteer program to purchase a lighted vest and stop sign for the crossing guard at the McGowan/35th St intersection. The PTO Movie Night went well but had less of a turn out, we had a concession stand which was able to balance out the cost event. We had input for next year to plan the event for a night not associated with a 3-day weekend. STEM night had great success with a good turnout and the kids seemed to really enjoy all aspects especially the animals. This event did take a lot of work and in the future would need more people to volunteer for setup and tear down.

Treasurer's Report- A motion made by Shannon and Seconded by Becki to have the extra money earned from restaurant nights go forward to pay for field trips as Box Tops did not get the planned return last year. The PTO has paid money out for iPads, the dunk tank and obstacle course for the Carnival, teacher vouchers and snacks for Kindergarten camp. The Foundation has paid for the U of I Steel Band to play for the district schools.

Committee Report- Box Tops were submitted in April with a total of \$441.60. We are seeing less products associated with BoxTops which results in less return to our school. There will be one more Box Tops contest to end the year. HyVee Receipts are going strong with over \$1700 raised this year, the donation will come next school year. Staff Appreciation week is in May, Ideas are underway but no definitive plans.

Voting took place for the PTO board for the 2018-2019 school year with Shannon Hampson continuing her term as Treasurer and Meredith Porter Continuing her term as Secretary. There was interest expressed about potential Co-presidency/Vice-presidency. We will discuss what the positions entail and vote again if needed in May for President and Vice-President. We discussed the potential of many committees throughout the year to improve a draw for the volunteers that do not want to commit to an entire year. Also discussed a parent representative from every grade or classroom. The Meeting closed at 6:45

Upcoming Events

Sunday April 22, from 4-6 pm is the rescheduled Skate Party

Tuesday April 24, from 5-8 pm Chick-Fil-A-Night. Chorus Sings at 6:30

Friday April 27, from 5-7 pm Wilkins Carnival