

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Wilkins PTO

Attendance: Amber Berglund, Shannon Hampson, Meredith Porter, Pam Schulz, Marcia Grassfield, Jodi Norsworthy, Jennifer Corporon, Tammy Evans, Anna Kelly, and Jennie Telisak.

Meeting was called to Order by Amber Berglund.

Our guest speaker Dr. Shepherd was unavailable, the meeting progressed to a review of last month's meeting minutes.

At April's PTO meeting, we held a vote and elected our new officers- President Amber Berglund, Vice President Rebecca Tinder, Treasurer Shannon Hampson, and Secretary Meredith Porter. Amber discussed the Carnival prep that took place and the great success the night brought! We are looking into developing a committee to run and oversee the carnival planning for next school year. It was confirmed that we had less Box Tops and HyVee receipts turned in this year. Wilkins has two restaurant nights left this school year, the first on May 16<sup>th</sup> at Aurora Coffee House and the last on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Wendy's. Shannon Hampson motioned to approve these minutes and confirmed with a second motion by Anna Kelly. Motion carried.

During the Principal's Report, Pam Schulz informed the PTO that Wilkins has 449 students that are currently completing end of the year assessments and finishing up their field trips. The final PBIS event is next Friday and is a whole school celebration!

Pam Schulz laid out the plan for staff and classes for next school year. The number of classes that each grade level currently has, will move up with each grade. For example, the current 2<sup>nd</sup> graders have 4 classes when they become third graders, they will still have 4 classes, but next year's second graders will have 3 classes as the first graders only have 3 classes this year. Wilkins currently has a Title 1 reading position open for next year, the school board has approved Karen Ward's request for a 1 year leave of absence, Katie Brown is moving to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Carol Kesll will be joining the 4<sup>th</sup> grade team, Kim Sheehan and Jen Christophersen will be flipping positions between first grade and kindergarten, and Susan Wilson is retiring at the end of this school year. The scheduling committee will have everything narrowed down and ready within the next week, and the class lists are starting to come together.

Amber Berglund presented the president's report by wrapping up Carnival business. The carnival was a success again this year with 20 Wilkins staff present to help throughout the evening! We are looking at a few new games for next year and potentially developing a committee to oversee the carnival preparations. This Thursday is the Wilkins Art Show and Clay night, they will have clay on one side of the lunch room and cupcakes to frost on the other. Tammy Evans is taking care of Teacher Appreciation Week. New this year, Kindergarten camp is in May instead of August, Amber is presenting a brief presentation to the incoming parents. We are looking into the Remind App to increase our communication efforts with parents.

During the Treasurer's report, Shannon Hampson reviewed this year's finances. It looks like we had less Box Tops and HyVee receipts turned in, we are over budget for PBIS. There was less attendance at the carnival resulting in less in basket raffle, silly string/pie, and art project donations. However, we did come out ahead in pizza sales and restaurant nights. To account for improve this in next year's budget, they have lowered silly string/pie, will charge \$1 per slice of pizza, and fundraising will specifically go toward technology. There are two options for the budget that were voted on, Option A has the spaghetti supper, while Option B has Hot Dog Supper. The 10 present, voted and selected Option B which will offer a less cost effective Hot Dog Supper for open house. Classroom Amplification Systems will be on a 3 year fundraising plan with several fundraisers throughout each year specifically setup to directly fund these. We will provide entire grade levels with these systems as funds grow. There are many grants that we can apply for to help with the cost, and we are looking into one Wilkins staff member to be our point of contact with this idea. Questions pertained to the PBIS budget, next year only one person will be allowed to spend from this account, we will be asking for donations to the Paw Store which should help keep budget down, there will be certificates for special events in the store next year, and a questionnaire will go home for students to help identify what types of prizes they would like to see.

In the Committee Report, our race for recess Box Tops event is off to a great start with \$220 so far. Next year, we will be sending home baggies every month or so for HyVee receipts and Box Tops in hopes of receiving more in return. The PTO will now have one color of paper that they will send all information home on throughout the year, goldenrod. We are looking into community events to hold next year that would cost less money but provide FUN FUN FUN!!!

The Meeting at this time was Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Porter