

WILKINS ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES FOR 9/14/10

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brenda Bauermeister, Shanna Satterlee, Dawn Nissen, Anne Bousselot, Julie Grimes, Shelly Beaver, Nick Richards, Tammy Richards, Theresa Pint, Tracy Read, Kelly Alexman, Shannon Hampson, Mary Lukefahr, Pam Schulz, Amy Bidleman, Michelle Heidelbauer, Debi Wells, Deana Benson, Sara Hofer, Kristi Kester, Matt Sinott, Shawne Cummings, Vicki Barnidge, Elizabeth Wilson, Marilee McConnell, Catherine Spencer, Marian Watkins, Pam Kacena

Meeting was called to order by Catherine Spencer at 6:32 pm.

Introductions of members present were done.

Minutes from previous meeting in Aug were approved.

Treasurer's Report given by Elizabeth Wilson : We had some revenues from Scrip and restaurant nights from last year. We also had some revenue from Spirit Store merchandise.

Finance Committee Report The committee did not meet this month. Elizabeth has been working on the tax return. There are some gift cards available for purchase. They are already purchased and we get some revenue from their sale.

Principal's Report given by Marilee McConnell:

* Staff is preparing for conferences. The conference window is from Oct 4-14. There are two late nights - Tues Oct 5 and Oct 12. Many

have already signed up at parent's night. If anyone has not, staff will be in touch. There is a new online conference

scheduling program beginning this year. This program will be used for Spring conference sign ups. Parents will be able to

get online and be able to access to schedule conferences. An informational sheet regarding how to access it will be

going home tomorrow. Please keep this information to use this Spring. Spring conferences will be in March.

* Grant Wood AEA staff will be coming next week to do quick assessments for reading and math for kindergarten and first

grade students. It is a free service that other schools have been using.

* Tammy McSweeney is offering a class for parenting skills for 0-5 year old children. She is a social worker at Grant Wood

AEA who works in the building with teachers and some students. There will be free child care and a free meal offered at the course.

* Grawl Prowl is a 5K and 8K walk/run with also a 1 mile youth run and a kids fun run. Some of the funds come to assist

Wilkins school and families. It will be held on October 16. Information has been sent home and can be found on the Linn-

Mar website.

Unfinished Business

* Matt Sinott reported on the use of Campbells soup labels to order PE equipment. We have received stacking cups which

will be used to work on eye/hand coordination. He has ordered scooters as some grades have some classes split and

combined for specials which makes the PE class size a little larger than the typical class so more scooters are needed.

These items are ordered from the Campbells soup catalog. **Students are encouraged to continue to send in**

Campbells soup labels as they directly help the school with the purchase of items needed. Other items such as Swiss Valley milk lids, ink cartridges, box tops are being collected. We will no longer be collecting items from the Terracycle program. Items collected are listed on the PTO website.

* The open committee chairs have been filled. E-mails will be sent out for each activity as they come up if anyone is interested

in assisting or you can call Catherine for more information of help needed.

* Enjoy the City books have not come in yet. They should be coming anytime as they were expected to have arrived already.

More information and books will be distributed when they arrive.

New Business

* Deana Benson reported on the **walk-a-thon** which will be held on Friday Oct 1. Informational sheets will be coming home today or tomorrow. Donation forms will be coming home early next week. Donations will not be based on any distance or

number of laps walked - just a flat amount. **Volunteers will be needed.**

* Mary Lukefahr reported on the **Homecoming parade**. The parade will be held on October 7. There will be no vehicles this

year. All participants for Wilkins will be walking and all students will need to have an adult walking with them. There will be

two banners: one that all the students in the school can sign that will be in the front and one at the back of our group that

the 5th graders will be manning with the kids walking in between. The PTO will be supplying some candy to hand out

during the parade with donations of candy accepted if interested. A flyer will go home for more information and permission

for participation will be needed. The parade route has been changed due to the road construction in the area. It will still begin and

end at Indian Creek school parking lot. More info regarding the route is available on the Linn-Mar website.

Volunteer update by Anne Boussetot. There will be a volunteer workshop on Friday September 17 from 8-11 am. There will

be a volunteer orientatin on Thursday September 23. A form needs to be filled out and turned in by anyone who wants to

help with any school activities. Karla Terry who is the Linn-Mar volunteer coordinator does not have assistance this year so

it may be a few weeks between when you turn in the form and you begin to get e-mails regarding volunteer opportunities.

You may also contact Anne to double check that there was not an error in inputing the information.

Upcoming Events

Enjoy the City fundraiser

September 17, 8-11 am - Volunteer workshop

September 23, 9 am - Volunteer orientation

October 1, school hours - Walk-a-thon

October 4-14 - Conferences (late nights 5th and 12th)

October 7 - Homecoming parade

October 12, 6:30 pm - PTO meeting, Media Center

No school - October 15th and 18th

Suggestions for the Good of the PTO

* **We will have 2-3 middle school students watching the kids that come with parents to**

the PTO meetings. The students need to perform community service activities within Linn-Mar for their participation in the SODA program.

* All flyers for outside recreational activities and other school information will be put on the website. Only flyers to come home will be for PTO activities.

* Skate nights beginning in December at Super Skate with skating, games and prizes included.

Dates on the calendar have

changed and information with the corrected dates will be sent on e-mail and flyers.

* Construction update: no end date is available from the city. Rain dates don't count as working days so unable to give firm

date. When this section is done, the section of McGowan between Maplecrest to 24th St. **If**

your kids walk to school,

tell them to be careful as the areas of work varies daily. Be sure to remember to turn right out of the parking lot to help decrease traffic congestion.

* A new mailbox in front of the school was placed unexpectedly. It has been determined that Wilkins was one of only two

schools in the district that has mail delivered to the building. The other buildings have had to drive to the post office to get

their mail. Due to this, all the buildings in the district have gotten mailboxes. The keys for the mailbox have just arrived and

have just begun to use the box. A student will get to go with Mrs Walker each day to get the mail.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mary Lukefahr and seconded by Deana Benson.

Meeting was adjourned by Catherine Spencer at 7:20 pm.