

WILKINS PTO MEETING MINUTES 4/9/13

Meeting was called to order by Deanna Howard at 6:32.

Those present: Betsy Hardy, Marilee McConnell, Shannon Hampson, Deanna Howard, Shelly Wells, Heide Sletteland, Ashley Heeren, Debi Wells, Lori Manley, Amity Preston, Lisa Walker, Ann Renner, Julie Grimes

Approval of minutes from last meeting: approved & passed.

**Marilee introduced our presenters for the evening, Wilkins' 3rd grade classroom teachers:
Amity Preston, Lisa Walker and Ann Renner**

The third grade team presented on a new "data team process" they are using as a grade level to teach math. They have 4 different math groups that rotate during the 75 minutes of math instruction time each day. The four groups consist of 6 to 8 students each and the four stations they rotate to are: teacher led group, independent practice group, game or partner activity group and fact practice/Everyday Math computer game. They have found it very beneficial to break up the 75 minute block for the students (and their teachers!) This is very similar to the way guided reading groups have been set up in the past. They have found the students are engaged the entire time. They meet the students exactly where they are and push them forward from there. This design gives them a chance to spend extra time with the students who need support as well as enrichment for others to challenge them in their math skills more.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report:

Heide Sletteland, Treasurer, presented actual budget numbers for the current year as well as the proposed budget for next school year. There was a discussion about the amount of money allotted for the PTO staff lunch for next year. \$700 was changed to \$500 and there were concerns if that would be enough to help provide lunches throughout the school year next year.

Box Tops for Education have brought in over \$1500 so far! Keep sending them in! Each Box Top is worth 10 cents for our school. We will send in one last shipment at the end of the year so we get them redeemed before they expire this summer. Thank you for collecting! ☺

Thank you for collecting your Hy-Vee receipts as well. We currently have a grand total of \$226,786 worth of receipts collected. This totals \$1,134 cash earned so far for Wilkins! Amazing! Keep bringing them in! Thank you! ☺

We will be collecting Hy Vee Receipts until Wednesday, May 3rd! Please have all receipts turned into the school by this date as we need to have them added up and submitted to Hy Vee. **The Hy Vee receipts cannot be dated past April 30th for this school year...BUT** don't worry, Hy Vee has decided to continue the program! So for the 2013-2014 year we can start collecting them right away, receipts for next year can be dated May 1, 2013 till April 30, 2014!

Principal's Report:

Marilee spoke about upcoming changes for next school year. There will be a buzzer installed at the front door at Wilkins in time for the start of the 2013-2014 school year. Parents are encouraged to call ahead for any visit they plan on making to the school; to make a "reservation" so to speak. Visits are to be planned as much as possible so that the school will be expecting you when you buzz in at the door. There will be very similar safety expectations throughout all the buildings in the district.

New Business:

- PTO Chairpersons needed for annual events such as: Walk-a-thon, Skate Night, & Family Fitness Night. They have been put onto VolunteerSpot online as an easy way for people to sign up to help with different events.

Upcoming events:

Tuesday, April 23rd – Wilkins Day at Tomaso’s in Marion – 20% of sales will go back to Wilkins when you mention Wilkins when ordering.

Tuesday, April 30th – Kindergarten Music Program

Thursday, May 2nd – 5th Grade Track Day

Monday, May 6th – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, May 7th – PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9th – Wilkins Family Picnic & Art Show– all are welcome to the picnic, sponsored by the PTO.

Sunday, May 19th – Wilkins Day at the Kernels

Tuesday, May 21st – Wilkins Day at Tomaso’s in Marion – 20% of sales will go back to Wilkins when you mention Wilkins when ordering.

Wednesday, May 22nd – Backyard Bash Day

Tuesday, May 28th – Last Day of School – Dismissal at 2:45

Saturday, July 27th – Wilkins Pool Party – Marion Pool – 7:15-8:45 p.m.

Monday, August 19th – First Day of School for 2013-2014 School Year

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 by Deanna Howard.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Debi Wells