

January 12, 2016  
Wilkins PTO Meeting Minutes –

Members present: Kim Geistkemper, Shannon Hampson, Andrea Peery, Pam Schultz, Brian Peery, Quintin Shepherd, Katie Young, Lori Manley, Brenda B, Lisa Drinkall, Becki Tinder, Krystal Miskell, Shari Foster

Call to Order – 6:32pm Kim G. calls to order

Review of Minutes: - Red card discontinued, Nick talked about the service dog, committee reports. Kim moves to approve minutes, Shannon seconds

Special Guest: Quintin Shepherd, PhD – Linn-Mar Superintendent –

Quintin has been meeting with schools around the district to get feedback about the future of our district. The board has been discussing technology, how to solve the issue of fullness in each school, and the learning continuum (how to contour the traditional pathway through school to each student). They have also been looking at what to do with preschool and have decided to go with a centralized building. Soon there will be a state of the district address and a survey coming out about what we'd like to see in our schools.

Presidents Report:

There isn't a whole lot to report. More activity is kicking up soon with the carnival, finance committee and spring art show.

Treasurers Report:

We've had a lot of teacher supply reimbursements, paid for supplies for the carnival and field trips. We have also paid for the Old Creamery Theater and reading incentives. Fifth grade send-off has also been scheduled at Camp Wapsie for the beginning of May and will cost \$8 per student.

Principals Report:

Break was great and kids are diving right back into curriculum. NWEA testing is currently happening and FAST testing will be coming up in February. There is a 4 day weekend coming up. Monday teachers will be in for

professional development – looking at core reading instruction and Wilkins Way. They will also be bringing in Ken Williams who is national speaker. He will be working with kids on Tuesday in classrooms. We have also purchased Moby Max and teachers will be learning how to use this. Wilkins will also be coming up with a mission statement. Also as of today we have 471 students.

## Teacher Talk: Wilkins Way with Ms. Young –



### The Wilkins Way Team

Our version of Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports (PBIS)

The Wilkins Way (PBIS) is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture and needed for all students in a school to achieve social, emotional and academic success.

#### Who we are:

A group of staff members represented by all grade levels at Wilkins. The goal of this group is to attend PBIS trainings at Grant Wood, plan implementation of PBIS, and share information with other staff members.

#### Where we are in the process:

PBIS is a three year training. We are in year two in the training process, but the third year of implementation. PBIS allows schools to move at their own pace, and we wanted to ensure we take our time and make sure all of the areas of PBIS are covered.

So far we have implemented individual paw prints. We recognize students for being ready, respectful, responsible, and safe on an individual basis. This is being expanded to classroom acknowledgements and will be shown by door mat awards.

Students can currently put their paw prints in for a weekly drawing. Some teachers have additional opportunities for paw prints in their classroom.

Currently we are focusing on tier 2 interventions which are focused on students who are not responding to the general Wilkins Way expectations and additional interventions are put in place such as Check In, Check Out. These are group interventions in which 15% of our students will be a part of throughout the school year.

#### How we utilize funds:

We have monthly school-wide celebrations to acknowledge all of students for their hard work in following the Wilkins Way expectations. Some celebrations we have had so far this year were a spirit day, PJ day, and a hallway dance party. With the PTO funds we will be able to get a bit more creative with how we celebrate our individual and school wide success.

#### Where we are going:

Next year, we will be attending the last year of training. This will cover tier 3 students who are the top 5%-7% needing individualized behavior interventions.

At Wilkins we have PBIS which stands for Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports. Staff involved are in their second year of training and third year of implementation. Using this program provides continuity of rules through all common areas of the building and classrooms.

#### Committee Reports:

- Staff Appreciation – Our holiday Staff lunch took place on the Monday before school let out. A big thank you to anyone who provided food – Especially the Bishop family for providing the turkey. We hosted a lunch for over 60 staff members – complete with 2 Hams and Turkey and tons of sides. Our next PTO provided staff event will be at the same time as the Spring Party, on Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, providing the staff with their own spring party and treats. Watch for an upcoming post on FB.
- Box Tops – The Box Tops check is in the mail from General Mills for \$910.60 (submitted \$914.10 – 35 tops). Our next contest will be for the month of February (1<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>). For this we will be sending home a sheet for 25 tops again and kids will be competing by classroom to win a special prize in March.
- Campbells – We have turned in a lot of Campbells labels recently. They just had another bonus month in January which earned an additional 1410 points. These have been used on playground equipment and there are more on order soon – red playground balls and koogle balls.
- Restaurant Nights – Skyzone has dropped in attendance, but our check will be rounded up to \$50, Hurricanes in Jan, Possible 2<sup>nd</sup> night added in Feb, March Playstation, April McTeachers night, April ChickFILA – plinko and prizes
- HyVee Receipts – We have over \$1000 in receipts
- Finance Committee – Start meeting in March
- Wilkins Carnival – We need committee members!!!

## Old Business

- Service Dog – vote to cover cost of the dog at next meeting because the district isn't going to pay for it.

## New Business

- None

Adjournment- Kim motions to adjourn at 8:00pm, Shannon seconds.

## Upcoming Events

1/14 Snowball Dance

1/14 PTO Movie Night, 6pm

1/15 & 1/18 No School

1/23 Coffee & Convo, 8:30am @ Echo Hill

1/23 Skate Night

2/5 Lunchtime Learning, Noon @ LRC

2/9 Parent Advisory, 5:15pm @ LRC

2/9 PTO Meeting @ 6:30

2/11 Kindergarten Orientation

2/12 Friendship Party