

WILKINS PTO MEETING MINUTES 3/19/13

Meeting was called to order by Deanna Howard at 6:33.

Those present: Betsy Hardy, Marilee McConnell, Shannon Hampson, Deanna Howard, Shelly Wells, Heide Sletteland, Ashley Heeren, Debi Wells, Ana Clymer, Lori Manley, Ellen Teller, Martha Endecott, Kris Peterson, Tiffany Miller, Matt Sinnott, Dana Lumby

Approval of minutes from last meeting: approved & passed.

Marilee introduced our presenters for the evening, Wilkins' "essentials" teachers: Tiffany Miller, media specialist; Matt Sinnott, P.E.; Kris Peterson, music; Dana Lumby, art.

Mrs. Miller presented first with Iowa AEA Online and all the resources it has for Wilkins's students and families to use. A few of the features on the Iowa AEA Online website are Britannica Online, Culture Grams, and Bookflix.

Mr. Sinnott shared about intramurals which are offered to fifth graders on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:30-7:50 a.m. They play a variety of different sports including football, baseball, soccer, volleyball, tennis and even floor hockey. The objectives of the program are to expose them to different sports, to have fun while playing, learning drills and teamwork.

Mrs. Peterson spoke about the extracurriculars that are offered in the music department. Chorus is a popular offered activity for 4th and 5th graders. So far this year the chorus has held a concert at school in December, sang the national anthem at a H.S. girls basketball game in January, and sang at Barnes & Noble for a fundraiser for Wilkins. They raised over \$600 for Wilkins that night. Mrs. Peterson is proud to have the chorus active both at school and in their community. April 12th they will sing for the Wilkins Volunteer Appreciation and then head to Summit Pointe to sing for the senior citizens there. Their next home concert will be 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 18th.

Ms. Lumby spoke about her work with the new newspaper club at Wilkins. It is designed for 5th graders only and builds leadership, literacy skills and graphic design/artistic skills, too.

Vice President Ballot & Voting: Unanimous vote for Ashley Heeren to be our next vice president of our Wilkins PTO. Welcome, Ashley! ☺ She will replace our current V.P., Ellen Teller, who will relieve our current president, Deanna Howard, of her presidential duties at the end of the school year.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report:

Box Tops for Education have brought in over \$1000 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 \$178,310 worth of receipts collected. This totals \$892 cash earned so far for Wilkins! Amazing! Keep bringing them in! Thank you!

Principal's Report:

Marilee spoke about end of the year events. It is hard to believe there are only two months left of learning this school year! Wilkins teachers are planning on having a "real" step-up day close to the end of the year. On this day students will go to the teacher's classroom that they will have next school year. Of course this is preliminary and subject to change. The goal of the step-up day is to alleviate any anxiety that students may have about who their teacher is or where their new classroom will be.

Registration will look very different this year. It will all be done electronically with no more paper & pencils!

Snow make-up days will be Friday, March 29th – early dismissal at 12:45 and Tuesday, May 28th will be a full day with dismissal at 2:45.

New Business:

- PTO Chairpersons needed for annual events such as: Walk-a-thon, Skate Night, & Family Fitness Night.
- We are no longer looking for a volunteer coordinator!!! Shelly Wells has graciously accepted the job and we welcome her to Wilkins where volunteers help out and are appreciated in so many ways. She will start learning the ropes of the job immediately and will include the 2013-2014 school year.

Snow make-up days:

Friday, March 29th, early dismissal, 12:45

Monday, April 8th, regular dismissal, 2:45

Tuesday, May 28th, regular dismissal, 2:45

Upcoming events:

Tuesday, April 9th - PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 11th – PTO Movie Night, 5:30 p.m. showing “Brave”

Tuesday, April 16th – McTeacher Night at Marion McDonald’s by Wal-Mart

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 by Deanna Howard.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Debi Wells