

WILKINS PTO MEETING MINUTES 5/8/12

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Lukefahr, Ellen Teller, Lori Manley, Marilee McConnell, Heide Sletteland, Debi Wells, Shannon Hampson, Deanna Howard, Tiffany Kinzenbaw

Meeting was called to order by Mary Lukefahr at 6:40.

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

- It was moved by Marilee McConnell and seconded by Deanna Howard to approve minutes as posted – passed.

Treasurer's Report: by Elizabeth Wilson.

- Current Year:
 - o We are expecting to spend all of the money that we raised this year with the exception of around \$2,000.
- Next Year:
 - o We reviewed the budget for next year it was moved by Elizabeth Wilson and seconded by Shannon Hampson to approve the budget as presented – passed.
 - o It was mentioned to change the entry of "Character Council" to "Old Creamery Theatre", Elizabeth will make this change
 - o Elizabeth will change of entry of "Playground Equipment Renewal" to "Playground Supplies".

Principal's Report: by Marilee McConnell.

- April reading challenge:
 - o Wilkins read at total of 314, 828 minutes in April!! Great job Wilkins students!
- Paw Prints:
 - o Wilkins will have a challenge in May to see if they can earn 1,000 paw prints.
 - o If this goal is achieved, the students will get to vote for a reward school wide
- NWEA Scores:
 - o Math Data
 - 2nd Graders: **62.9%** met or exceeded typical growth according to the NWEA norming study
 - 3rd Graders: **54.0%** met or exceeded typical growth according to the NWEA norming study
 - 4th Graders: **70.8%** met or exceeded typical growth according to the NWEA norming study
 - 5th Graders: **61.3%** met or exceeded typical growth according to the NWEA norming study
- Registration:
 - o Registration this year will be on August 2nd
 - o We are looking to get 100% of the students registered online
 - o Computers will be available at registration for those who have not registered their students online
 - o This year you can pay online via PayPay, but there will be a service charge. You can still come to registration and pay that day for no service fee.
 - o Entire class lists will be available at Meet & Greet this year
 - o There will not be parent nights this year, handbooks will be handed out to families at the Meet & Greet
- SAM Update:
 - o The corner of 27th and McGowan will be closed soon
 - o A crossing guard has been added at 31st Street and McGowan due to construction at the intersection

- Retiring Wilkins Staff:
 - o The following staff members will be retiring this year:
 - Deb Miles
 - Beth Sandstrom
 - Nick Brummer
- Teacher Appreciation:
 - o Students filled out appreciation notes to teachers and these notes were presented to the teachers during teacher appreciation week. The teachers really appreciated reading the notes!
- Field Trips – sponsored by PTO:
 - o The following field trips were sponsored by the PTO:
 - 5th Grade: African American Museum
 - 3rd Grade: Indian Creek Nature Center
 - 2nd Grade: Usher’s Ferry
 - Kindergarten: Playtime Poppy
 - o All grades get to go on a field trip, some are free, so the PTO doesn’t have to pay for them.

Update on District PTO:

- The next district PTO meeting is planned for May 21st as a social to thank the outgoing PTO board members as well as welcome the new officers.

Unfinished Business:

- Movie Night:
 - o The movie that was shown was “HOP”
 - o It was a fun evening that was well attended.
 - o Cans of food were collected to be donated to a local food pantry
- McTeacher Night:
 - o Our first McTeacher night was a HUGE success
 - o We had \$3,000 in 3 hours, McDonald’s mentioned this was the best turn-out they have seen
 - o McDonald’s sent us a check for \$600
- Wilkins Day at the Kernels:
 - o Unfortunately, the game was cancelled.
 - o Families can reuse their tickets for any home Kernels game

New Business:

- Family Picnic/Art Show:
 - o We are still in need to volunteers for the Family Picnic
 - o The picnic will be outside, we ask that no food is taken in the school
 - o The art show will be in the school
- RAKU:
 - o RAKU will be during Art class this week, ends on Thursday, May 10th at 2pm
 - o A family at Wilkins generously donated the funds in order to bring RAKU to the school
- Fifth Grade Send-off/Track Day:
 - o The track competition will be held in the morning
 - o After lunch, the students will go to Super Skate for the 5th grade send-off
 - o When the students return to school, they will be treated to a dilly bar

- Camp Learn A Lot:
 - o Beginning June 5th, this camp will take place every Tuesday in June and July 9:00 – 10:45am
 - o This year lunches will be delivered to the students' homes
 - o We are currently looking for readers/speakers
 - o Speakers will talk about their job and read a book. We are still in need of 8 speakers
 - o We are also still looking for volunteers
 - o Hills Bank has donated the t-shirts this year
- Discussion about opening camps to all students:
 - o Camp Learn A Lot: Elizabeth Wilson voiced concern that not all students are invited to Camp Learn A Lot at Wilkins because it is open to all students at some of the other elementary schools
 - o Cultural Camp: Elizabeth Wilson mentioned that the School Board was told that there would be a 3-5 day cultural camp offered at all elementary schools
 - o Marilee will look into these concerns and has a meeting May 9th to discuss this further
- Walking Trail:
 - o Shelly has talked to Rick Ironside to discuss the walking trail
 - o Shelly hopes to have a meeting with the committee before the end of the school year
- Open Chairs:
 - o We still have the following chair positions open:
 - Kernels Game co-chair
 - Family Picnic – **this has been filled**
 - PTO Website co-chair
 - Carlos O'Kelly's/Applebee's Coupon Chair

Volunteer Update:

- Lisa will be back as our volunteer coordinator next year
- The 100 hour recognition is scheduled for the week of May 14th

Upcoming events:

- Week of May 8-11: Staff Appreciation Week
- Thursday, May 10: Family Picnic/Art Show – 5-6:30pm
- Monday, May 14: 5th Grade Band Concert – 6:15pm
- Tuesday, May 15: 5th Grade Track Day/Send-off
- Tuesday, May 15: 4th Grade Celebration of States
- Tuesday, May 22: Backyard Bash
- Thursday, May 24: Last Day of School – early dismissal at 12:45pm

Suggestions for the good of the PTO:

- None

Meeting was adjourned by Mary Lukefahr at 7:43 pm.