

PTO meeting 5/12/14

Those present: Heide Sletteland, Ellen Teller, Ana Clymer Lori Manley, Tammy Evans, Betsy Bushlack, Marilee McConnell, Kim Geisthemper, Debi Wells, Betsy Hardy , Brian and Andrea Peery, Lisa Hiner, Shannon Hampson, Kelly Schultz

Debi shared the minutes from last meeting. Minutes approved.

Elections for 2014 PTO

Motions were entertained for all of the officers and the motions were approved.

Ellen is leaving the board of the PTO and was presented with a hanging plant from Marilee as a Thank You from the Wilkins Staff for all she has done for Wilkins and the students!!!

Budget –

Current Year Budget ... Changed box tops and field trip amounts in April.

Yellow Proposed Budget ...

*Marilee shared about the Therapy Dog – Nick would bring it to guidance class, help with children having emotional issues, walking the dog, duties – students. Safety plan in place for students with allergies... we are on waiting list for the dog and will receive training. Looks like we will not be getting the dog until the 2015-16 school district. We will use the lap attack money from the 2014 - 2015 school year to pay for the Therapy Dog.

*Look at the budget for 2014 – 2015 year there are some changes to be made:

-Keep the lap attack as an official fundraiser

-Drop the pool party

-Different fundraiser in the fall not City Books but doing the Hyvee coupon books

Discussion about teacher appreciation week and how much money to budget for teacher appreciation throughout the year.

Approval for 2014 – 2015 budget and passed.

Survey Results:

Ellen shared the survey results from the Family Picnic.

*60 turned in.

*Family fun night is the favorite fundraiser.

*Money Spent

1. On Students – Field Trips, Technology
2. Supporting Teachers/Staff – classroom supplies, reading enrichment
3. Wilkins Community – Spaghetti, Family Picnic, Movie Night

*Involved in Wilkins

Free babysitting, volunteering(At Home)

*Great Ideas (Lego League, Add art show back in)

Wilkins PTO Meet and Greet Letter to Parents Officially Welcoming them to the PTO and then a parent informational sheet sharing contact info for parents and what things they would be willing to volunteer with during the year.

Welcome to Wilkins PTO packet for new families

Baggies and envelopes will be sent home at the end of the year

Teacher Leadership Grant – Marilee updated

2 staff members from Wilkins will be in Leadership positions.

Sarah Hofer and Tiffany Kinzenbaw will be out of the classroom doing Teacher Leadership positions in the district. Ashley Goos resigned her position in First Grade to pursue a women's ministry position in Cedar Falls. There will be some shifting of positions. We will have some new hires in our building for the 2014 – 2015 school year.

Danielle Franklin will be moving to Pennsylvania. She is our Guidance Secretary. We will be filling her position.

Pam Thomas an educational assistant resigned. Pam Thomas will have a retirement reception.

Dr. Mollholland Meeting – Ellen

*High school remodel – 30 million dollar remodel done in 4 phases 2016 will be done

Phase 1 – science rooms – update and make them less dangerous, Entrances will be changing-secure entrances

*Enrollment is 1800 and the remodel will make the building 2200 capacity

*looking at all the enrollments and trying to figure out what the plan is....

Land is purchased for 2 more elementary buildings – 12 million dollars each to build

Add on to Oak Ridge and build a 3 middle school – 15 million

A second high school will be built – 70 million, property for second high school has been purchased

87 acres are purchased corner of C Ave and Echo Hill

***Her meetings are open to parents she holds one at lunch and an evening meeting.

Meeting Adjured at 7:40pm

Respectfully Submitted by, Betsy Bushlack