

Wilkins PTO Meeting Minutes –  
November 10, 2015

Members present: Kim Geistkemper, Shannon Hampson, Andrea Peery, Pam Schulz, Brian Peery, Nick Mohwinkle, Krystal Miskell, Jodi Norsworthy, Tammy Evans, Kristina Bryan, Stefani McIntyre and Ross McIntyre

Call to order at 6:32pm

Review of Minutes: New business, Old Business, Committee reports, Principal, President and Treasurer's reports

Kim made a motion to approve minutes, Brian seconds, all are in favor, minutes approved.

Presidents Report: We are in a bit of a lull currently. We're looking for a replacement for the Target Red Card – printer cartridges, etc. We are open to suggestions.

Treasurers Report: We have made around \$550 for our restaurant nights, have paid teachers for classroom supplies and had an expense for America Reads that came in under budget.

Principals Report:

- PRIDE time – for small groups to aid kids in areas they may be having difficulties in. All grades are now involved and it last for 30 min at the end of the day.
- Parent teacher conferences – attendance was great! Next conferences are in March. Please attend.
- November – Giving tree (tree will be up the week before Thanksgiving through Dec 4th) and the Wilkins food drive (Nov 9<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>).
- Music Programs – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade have already had their music programs. First grade is coming in December.

- Paw Draws – Surprise paw draws will be coming up. One has already happened with the art teacher and another was to play a game of kick ball.
- Watch for weather alerts – best place to find those are on the LinnMar website on the red banner at the top.

Special Guest: Nick Mohwinkle – Canine Assistance Rehabilitation Educations and Services Program – CARES program.

Wilkins gets to be the pilot school to have a therapy dog for the district! In March, Nick will be going to Kansas to train with the dog. Then the dog will come back with him and be brought into the school soon after. He has already gone through the interview process and based on this, the program will decide on the breed of dog. We know it won't be a small breed, but the rest is yet to be determined. As far as expenses – the district will hopefully be paying the initial cost, but future expenses will defer to Nick or the PTO. The dog will be used for reading with children, teaching responsibility, and de-escalation.

\*Program website - [www.caresks.com](http://www.caresks.com)

Committee Reports:

- Staff Appreciation – Our Staff dinner during conferences was a great success - thanks to lots of parent support! We hosted a sandwich wrap bar, with tortillas, lunch meat, cheese, and veggies. Our next PTO provided meal will be during the last week of December on Dec 21<sup>st</sup>. This is the Monday before Winter break.
- Box Tops – Our October box tops contest had a great turn out. We collected over 9,100 tops – for a total currently banked of \$1515.40! Mrs Martin's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class won the competition and will enjoy their extra recess, hot chocolate and snack this Thursday. Please see the attached sheet if you would like a complete list of class totals. Our

next competition won't be until March so start saving those tops up now!

- Campbells labels – This month kicks off our Campbells labels competition. Kids will be saving and turning in labels on the sheet that went home. The class with the most will earn a classroom read and feed. So far our Campbells labels have paid for completely replacing all sports equipment in the cart –costing around 8,000 labels. From what has come in already – pre-contest – and with bonuses – we have turned in 14,670! We're set to more than double what was used, post contest.
- Restaurant Nights – We've already had Happy Joes, Parlor City, BWW, and Zio Johnno's nights – totaling around \$550. Sky zone night is coming up in December. Many more coming in the new year.
- HyVee Receipts – So far we've got a total of \$630.54
- Finance Committee – We will start meeting in January, continuing in March and April. We come together to set the budget, decide fund raisers and prepare a plan for next year, to be presented at the May meeting for approval.
- Wilkins Carnival – An email and Facebook message will be coming out soon to ask for volunteers for committees for the carnival.

## Old Business

- Wilkins Wear – Orders are in and ready to go. The check will be sent to the manufacture soon and shirts will be coming in. Watch for an email coming soon.
- Joan Feller Memorial Tree – Joan's tree is planted out front. We had a memorial service this last month that was attended by staff and those kids who were close to her. The plaque isn't out front currently but will be cemented in soon to prevent theft.

- HyVee Coupon books – Last call for HyVee coupon books because they expire at the end of the year. There are roughly 40 left at 2 for \$5.
- Bylaw Amendment for Officer Nomination – Current bylaws “Officers shall be elected by the PTO general membership at the last regular meeting of the fiscal year” to be changed to “Officers shall be elected by the PTO general membership at the April meeting.”

Shannon motions to change the bylaw, Kim seconds, all are in favor.  
Motion approved.

### New Business

- Next Meeting set for Jan 12<sup>th</sup> – no December meeting! During this meeting our new superintendent – Dr Quentin Shephard - will be attending.

Kim motioned to adjourn, Andrea seconds, meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

### Upcoming Events

11/13 No School  
11/25-11/27 No School  
12/21 Winter Parties  
1/12 PTO Meeting  
1/14 PTO Movie Night, 6pm

11/21 Skate Night @ Super Skate, 46pm  
12/1 SkyZone Night, 4-8pm  
12/23-1/1 No School, Winter Break  
1/14 Snowball Dance  
1/15 & 1/18 No School