

PTO Meeting 11-13-12

Minutes

Members Present: Deanna Howard, Shannon Hampson, Marilee McConnell, Heide Sletteland, Ana Clymer, Theresa Pint, Jennifer Bishop, Lori Manley, Julie Grimes

Meeting attendees introduced themselves and their connections to Wilkins.

5th Grade Presentation

Sara Hofer and Karen Ward presented the SMART Board and how it is used to support math instruction for fifth graders. They demonstrated how interactive whiteboard lessons are used to support the math lesson for the day. Several uses were modeled, including displaying/discussing math messages, demonstrating the use of tools, such as protractors, and playing fact review games. Ms. Ward mentioned the use of the clickers that interact with the whiteboard as well, but that are not currently functioning. Ms. Ward showed that students could log in on the Everyday Math web site to review the day's lesson, practice, or access printable homework pages. At this time, fifth grade students submit their homework assignments in handwritten form, rather than electronically. Wilkins owns two SMART Boards, which were purchased through funds received from the Microsoft Settlement money. Wilkins and Linn Grove receive funds for technology from the settlement. The other SMART Board is currently in Mrs. Kinzenbaw's fourth grade. There are plans to have Ms. Ward's SMART Board permanently mounted in her classroom.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Motion: Lori Manley Second: Heide Sletteland Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report

The first revenue from Box Tops (\$928) should be received soon. The Enjoy the City Fundraiser brought in less than budgeted. Possible ideas to make up the difference in the budget include scheduling Barnes and Noble Fundraising event. A motion was made and approved to increase the budget for the Character Council (Old Creamery Theater) play by \$5.00 to \$615. More revenue is expected from matching funds for the walkathon. The Foundation will issue a check once funds have been received.

Unfinished Business

Heide has totaled Hy-Vee receipts over \$34,000, which will mean a check for \$171 to Wilkins. Continue to think of Hy-Vee for shopping needs, money orders, gift cards, etc.

Debi Wells has been leading Box Tops competitions. For November, the contest is Girls vs. Boys. She will redo the bulletin board by the fish tank to encourage participation.

Zio Johnno's night was a success, netting \$350 for Wilkins. Next year, pre-orders for food will be considered to allow things to run more smoothly. Eli was impressed with Wilkins staff! Next year, there

may be t-shirts ordered, and the evening may end at 7:30. McTeacher Night, at McDonald's, is scheduled for April.

Wilkins is still in search of a volunteer coordinator. Please contact Deanna Howard or Karla Terry if interested.

The PTO Finance Committee is looking for members. The next meeting will be held on Nov. 27, at 6:30, at Carlos O'Kelly's.

The PTO is working to establish a Shutterfly account that would be used as a communication tool. Photos, calendars, and volunteer/donation sign-ups are some things that will be offered on this site. Look for it in early 2013.

Family Fitness night will be held on January 14, 2013. Lee Boleyn is coordinating, and is planning a Rugby demonstration, along with other stations. Volunteers are needed to run stations, including jump rope, rock climbing wall, and others. Contact Deanna Howard if interested in volunteering.

New Business

The Carlos O'Kelly's /Applebee's fundraiser will be available soon. Michelle Dalton is coordinating this fundraiser.

Thank you to Shannon Hampson for taking over the PTO web site!

The first skate night will be held December 15.

Family Fun Night will be held February 22. Some changes this year include offering more small treats (Little Debbie treats, fruit roll-ups) at the cake walk, projecting basket winners' names on a screen or posting them on the wall, and small spirit store trinkets given away as prizes.

The next PTO meeting will be held in January.

Suggestions for the Good of the PTO

Julie Grimes is organizing Wilkins Day at the Kernels game. The date is Sunday, May 19. A new chair for this event will be needed next year. The time commitment for organizing this event is about two hours. Contact Julie if interested.

New chairs for next year's walkathon will also be needed.

A suggestion was made to reach out to parents of younger students in order to encourage them to attend PTO meetings. Possibilities include sending an invitation in the mail, or communicating with parents of friends and making plans to attend meetings together.

The possibility of having a school directory published was discussed. The office staff has discussed the best way to do this as many families indicate that contact information should not be shared or published when they register.

A suggestion was made to discuss the possibility of installing a sign for the walking trail. Most likely, this would require some fundraising.

The Wilkins staff Hospitality Committee has discussed the possibility of a Legacy Path, made from pavers, to lead from the building to the track.

Principal's Report

Thank you to Heide and the PTO for providing and organizing snacks for Iowa Assessments! The students appreciate this so much.

Walking/Running and Mileage Clubs have been discussed. Some possibilities include participation in the Growl Prowl next Spring, punch cards and prizes handed out to students who log a certain number of laps/miles. Details are still being discussed for these clubs. Would the PTO be willing to fund punch cards and trinkets for them?

4th Grade will participate in Invention Convention, with 61 participants! This is the highest number of students Wilkins has had enter!

The band concert was held Nov. 13.

Report cards will be sent home on Nov. 20.

Mrs. Schulz and Mr. M. will be organizing a hallway dance party for Nov. 20 as a thank you to students for participating in the food drive.

This year, the all school holiday sing along will be held at 1:00, followed by Winter Parties at 2:00, on December 21.

CR Opera will perform *Frankenboy* for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students on Tuesday, January 7, at 10AM. This is a free performance.