

WILKINS PTO MEETING MINUTES 9/11/12

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deanna Howard, Ashley Heeren, Ellen Teller, Shannon Hampson, Lori Manley, Lisa Drinkall, Erin Sheets, Carol Martin, Katie Young, Marilee McConnell, Danielle Franklin, Debi Wells, Ana Clymer, Betsy Hardy

Meeting was called to order by Deanna Howard at 6:32.

Presentation was given by 2nd grade staff presented on technology used in the classroom. Lori Manley showed how they use the new Google Nexus tablets in many ways and for much more than “just games” for the students. Storia is an e-reader app that they are looking forward to using, as well as Everyday Math apps that are free and will be coming soon. All the 2nd grade teachers brought their devices and passed them around for us to take a look at.

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Marilee moved the motion and Ellen Teller seconded to approve minutes as posted – passed.

Treasurer’s Report/Finance Committee Report: by Deanna Howard/Marilee McConnell for Heide Sletteland. Walkathon fundraiser has been approved.

*We are currently looking for people to make up our PTO finance committee. The commitment would include 3-4 hours for the entire year, with a one hour long meeting approximately once a quarter. Please let us know if you or someone you know would be interested in helping us in this capacity.

Principal’s Report: by Marilee McConnell

458 total students enrolled this year at Wilkins:

66-kindergarteners, 3 sections, 22 per class

69-1st graders, 3 sections, 23 per class

84-2nd graders, 4 sections, 21 per class

79-3rd graders, 3 sections, 26 per class

85-4th graders, 4 sections, 22/23 per class

75-5th graders, 3 sections, 25 per class

New staff/staff changes:

Katie Young, 2nd grade classroom teacher; Krystal Austad, 4th grade classroom teacher; Meryl Gahagan, reading & math support; Lori Manley, from 1st grade classroom to 2nd grade classroom; Ann Renner, from Title 1 math support to 3rd grade classroom; Sarah Gostonczik, from .5 FTE to .75 FTE in reading support. Still need to hire a .5 Title 1 math teacher to be shared with Novak Elementary, .25 FTE per building.

Fall conference window is October 1st through October 11th, with late night conferences on Tuesday, October 2nd and Monday October 8th. Online registration for conferences starts Monday, September 17th at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 30th.

Wilkins homecoming float will be planned by the 5th grade members of the character council, supervised by Nick Mohwinkle. All 5th graders with parent permission are invited to be a part of the homecoming parade festivities on Thursday, October 4th. The \$100 allotted for this event will be spent on pom-poms rather than candy to toss.

NWEA testing begins on Monday, September 17th and will run for 2 weeks. The PTO will be providing snacks for all 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders taking the tests.

Update on District PTO: Ellen Teller reported there is a new cash/check form that encourages good cash handling. We have not had any money issues at Wilkins and are using these guidelines to ensure we have no problems with money

handling in the future: Two people will always be present when counting the funds; all money stays at Wilkins & can be put in the safe.

Unfinished Business:

- \$147.25 raised from the Spirit Store merchandise at registration
- Labels of Education points (21,500) were used to purchase 15 sets of Speed Stack Sport Packs for PE. Thank you for collecting!
- Spirit Store t-shirt orders have been collected & ordered. Total profit to be reported soon.
- Hy-Vee receipts can be saved and \$1 will be awarded for every \$200 spent. This promotion runs through April 30th, 2013, and receipts from Hy-Vee Gas & Hy-Vee Drug Stores are also included.
- A \$75 gift card from Target has been earned and will be coming in the mail in the next few weeks.

New Business:

- Spaghetti Dinner, September 13, 5:30-7. Volunteers & teachers to eat at 4:45. Drop off cookies in the morning before school, if possible.
- Walking trail construction is underway! \$11,000 paid for with PTO funds, \$2,000 from Pate Co., and \$2,000 from the Linn Mar District.

Upcoming events:

- October 4: Homecoming parade
- October 5: Wilkins PTO Walkathon
- Oct. 1-11: Conference window, late night conferences to be held October 2 & 8
- October 16: PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- October 31: Fall party
- Nov. 5-9: Iowa Assessments

Meeting adjourned by Deanna Howard at 7:24 p.m.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Debi Wells