

WILKINS PTO MEETING MINUTES 9/10/13

Our meeting was called to order by Ellen Teller at 6:30.

Those present:

Michelle Heidlbauer, Krystal Miskell, Lori Manley, Heide Sletteland,
Betsy Hardy, Shannon Hampson, Marilee McConnell, Andrea &
Brian Peery, Debi Wells, Shelly Beaver, Ana & Brain Clymer,
Brenda Bauermeister

Approval of minutes from last meeting: approved & passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Heide Sletteland showed a pie graph of how the money that is raised through the PTO is spent. Look for this in the October edition of the Wilkins School Newsletter.

Box Tops for Education collection is going strong! We have had a great amount of baggies that were sent home over the summer returned as well as many collection sheets brought back for September already! Our goal is to raise \$3,000 which is 30,000 Box Tops for this school year. Thanks for bringing them in!

Thank you for collecting your HyVee receipts as well. Last school year we received a check for over \$1400, making Wilkins the highest amount of money raised out of all the Linn-Mar school buildings! Every receipt from every HyVee grocery, drug, and gas station in the CR/Marion area counts...including Starbucks and Caribou coffee receipts from inside HyVee stores. With every \$200 in receipts, HyVee will pay us \$1. Thanks for your support!

Principal's Report:

Marilee McConnell shared Wilkins' enrollment this year is 430 which is down about 20 students from last year. Here is the breakdown of students:

Kindergarten:	64 students	3 classes 21/22 per class
1 st grade:	60 students	3 classes 20 per class
2 nd grade:	69 students	3 classes 23 per class
3 rd grade:	83 students	4 classes 20/21 per class
4 th grade:	79 students	4 classes 19/20 per class
5 th grade:	75 students	3 classes 25 per class

Marilee also shared new staff at Wilkins this year:

Brenda Bauermeister, SAM associate	Robyn Formby, program associate
Betsy Bushlack, 4 th grade associate	Marnie Presler, program associate
Jillian Tigges, B.D. room	

There will be an upcoming remodel at Wilkins at the end of this school year. The office will be moved to the first classroom and the main morning entrance will be the door facing the parking lot. Visitors will be buzzed into the school upon arrival.

PBIS information:

PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions & Support. Wilkins is one of the three Linn Mar elementaries that has been trained in and has adopted this new program. The goal of PBIS is to have social, emotional, and academic success for all children. The staff is trying to "catch them being good" especially in common areas (eg. hallways, lockers, bathrooms, lunchroom, playground, and before & after school times) The expectations are school wide and are teaching life skills to make all students respectful, responsible, safe & ready here at Wilkins and beyond. There was a good amount of dialogue among parents and staff regarding this new program.

Work has begun on the new student directory. Look for that coming out in the next few months.

New Business:

Vice President election - We have two co-vice presidents on board with us: Kelly Schultz and Lori Manley. Welcome and thank you for your service!

Upcoming Events:

September 13th New Volunteer Meet & Greet, 8:30 a.m.
September 17th Volunteer Workshop, 8:30 a.m.
September 19th Open House/FREE Spaghetti Supper/Book Fair
October 3rd Homecoming Parade
October 4th Wilkins Walk-a-thon
October 7th- 11th Conference Window
October 8th PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m. by Ellen Teller.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debi Wells.