

Wilkins PTO Meeting Minutes – September 8th 2015

Members present: Kim Geistkemper, Shannon Hampson, Andrea and Brian Peery, Pam Schulz, Jodi Norsworthy, Kristina Bryan, Becki Tinder, Troy and Sandy Berryknoop, Ellen Teller, Lisa Drinkall, Lori Manley, Tammy Evans, Abbey Reynolds, Ana Clymer, Jennifer Bishop

Call to Order at 6:34pm and introductions

Review of Minutes from May 2015: Principal's report with John, testing, new faces coming to the office, budget update, chairs presented, officers approved

Kim made a motion to approve minutes, Shannon seconded, minutes approved.

Presidents Report: Please sign up at the beginning of the year to be added to the PTO email list. Both website and facebook are updated and current.

Treasurers Report: Review of the budget for the year. So far we've done Kindergarten Camp and Donuts and Drop Off, both coming in under cost in the budget. Two of our main fund raisers are very close to the beginning of the year but there will be a long break until March. Enjoy the City is doing really well and we are set to make budget and possibly go over.

Principals Report: Pam Schulz is back to Wilkins as our new principal, after being SAM here at Wilkins and then being vice principal at Excelsior. She's excited to be back and has been visiting all classrooms during the first few weeks of school. She explained the difference between SAM and Principal. She told us who the new SAM - Lisa Silver and Secretary - Vicky Faulkner are. There have been lots of staff changes for the new year also. She also discussed the importance of reading to our children.

Committee Reports:

- Staff Appreciation – Our first Staff lunch was a great success thanks to lots of parent support! We hosted a taco bar for over 60 staff

members. Our next PTO provided meal will be during conference week on October 13th, which is the late night. For this meal we will be serving sandwich wraps.

- Box Tops — Our summer box tops are continuing to come in. The prizes (little erasers) seem to be well received. Up next, we will be sending home a sheet for 25 tops and kids will be competing to win a classroom contest, which will TBA. This will run the month of October. Party to be held in November. Box tops are very important and are free income for our PTO
- Restaurant Nights — We made \$73.06 from Granite City. Happy Joes, Zio Johnos, Parlor City, BWL and SkyZone are coming up in the next few months.
- HyVee Receipts — HyVee receipts are earned for next school year. Any receipts turned in this year go towards next years budget. For every \$200 we receive \$1. So far we've collected \$32,000 in receipts already for next year.
- Spaghetti Supper — Spaghetti supper is this Thursday night from 5-7pm Rsvps are coming in, please bring cookies if you can. Make sure to mark peanuts or any other allergy information.
- FunD Run — 3 pieces of paper with an envelope are coming home soon. Please make sure to seal your envelope with forms and money. Please volunteer for stations for the FunD Run if you can.
- Donuts and Drop Off — We were there at Meet and Greet. Hopefully we made everyone's day by sharing donuts.

Old Business

- Tech Money from 2014 - Some money was held back last year for the new principal to use for technology. This will be used on a computer cart, because we only had two. There was a need for a third to hold all computers. The cart is on order.

- Therapy Dog — A lot of staff has changed within the LinnMar district and the therapy dog had to be reapproved. We got the go ahead to be put back on the waiting list. We have the possibility to get a dog as early as March. We would be the pilot school for the program in the district.

New Business

- Wilkins Wear — Lori Manley and Lisa Drinkall are working on Wilkins Wear for the year. They presented shirt designs. They also discussed prices between 319 Graphics, Second Story, and Cotton Gallery. They will be adding an option to purchase extra shirts for kids who can't buy them. Also PTO members opted to have more options on the order form including Dri-fit shirts, water bottles, scarves, etc.
- Homecoming — 5th graders will be allowed to walk in the homecoming parade on October 1st. We will need volunteers and parents to coordinate kids.
- Officer Position Update — Kim is now the president elect for the 2015-2016 school year and will continue on as president next year.
- Drawing for ETC — Winner for the skyzone gift card for \$20 was selected at random.

Kim motion to adjourn, Brian seconded, meeting was concluded at 7:44pm

Upcoming Events

9/10 Spaghetti Supper and Open House

9/15 Happy Joe's Night

9/25 FunDRun

10/19 & 10/21 Buffalo Wild Wings Night

10/1 Homecoming Parade

10/8 Parlor City Night

10/13 PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm