

Wheatland Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2021

Present (via Zoom): Rachel McClaran, Erika Birk, Chelsea Jantz, Jamie Neally, Katie Helfrich, Jordan Trego, Abbie Hoefling, Katie Harris, Diana Griblin, Tisha Allyn, Phoebe McCormick, Heidi Polson, Addie Tripp, and Beth Lewis

The meeting was called to order by President Erika Birk, at 7:00 PM.

Principals Report: (Rachel McClaran)

Wheatland is having a successful Kansas Spirit Week to celebrate the birthday of Kansas! Students have been finishing up the AIMS Web testing. Things are going well with in-person school. They've been able to make some adjustments and that seems to be helping.

Teachers Report: (Phoebe McCormick)

Looking forward to Parent Teacher Conference time!

Treasurers Report: (Rachel Davison)

Spirit Day-Camo Total: \$46

Chick-fil-A Restaurant Night Total: \$339.17

Dillons Quarter Total: \$545.13 with 130 households currently signed up.

Box Tops Total: \$130.01

What's Going On At Wheatland:

Glow Day

The first grade classes had a Glow Day and it was really fun! PTO helped with portions of the cost. Photos have been posted to the Wheatland PTO Facebook page!

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences are coming up on February 22 and February 25. PTO will be providing a Potato Bar for the teachers on Monday, 2/22. Please watch your emails for the Sign Up genius to bring a side item for this meal.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be held the week of conferences (February 22, 23, 24, and 25). Parents can load money onto their child's e-wallet account. If there is leftover money after the purchase is made, it will remain in their e-wallet account – and can even go with them into the Intermediate School to be used for Book Fair purchases there.

Teacher Request

Mrs McCormick has asked for assistance in having a penguin from Tanganyika visit the second graders. They are hoping for a March/April date. Erika advised that the Board will chat about it and get back with her.

Dillons

If you would like to enroll in this program that gives back to Wheatland, please visit:

<https://www.dillons.com/i/community/community-rewards>

Wheatland code: JS300

Box Tops

Our next campaign will run from 2/1 to 2/25.

Please visit this link for a quick How To on using the Box Tops mobile app:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qWuXDKejVEg&feature=youtu.be>. The app is very user friendly.

You can designate which teacher you want to receive the credit by personalizing the "Give Credit" feature. This is a great way to earn money for Wheatland!

Next Big Goal

PTO is hoping to help with the replacement of the four basketball goals on the playground. They were initially set to that height when the school was used for 4th-5th graders. PTO would like to have them lowered and spruced up a bit. The district maintenance crew will be able to help bring the old backboards down and put the new ones up. We will look into our options and report back at the next PTO meeting.

PTO would also like to help replace the pebble in the swing area with rubber mulch. Mrs McClaran will help with pricing options as she receives material on these in the mail. We're hoping to have parent help with removing the pebbles and laying the new mulch. More details to come!

Yearbooks

We will be using Treering again this year for the year books. Watch for more information to come!

Art, Science, Literature Fair

The Art, Science, and Literature Fair will be Thursday, February 4. Things look a little different this year, but we're trying our best to still make this a fun even for the students. We will not have a showcase in the evening as in years past. The students will view the projects throughout the school day and still be able to vote as they have previously. Winners will be announced on the PTO Facebook page. Entry forms are due by this Friday, 1/29.

Upcoming Spirit Days

Friday, March 26 – Rainbow Day. Please send in \$1 to support PTO. We also have Venmo as an option for payment. Our code is WheatlandElementary-PTO. Thank you!

Upcoming Spring Picture Day

Spring Picture Day will be Wednesday, February 24. With Covid precautions, Interstate will be offering a composite class picture for purchase in lieu of class pictures. More details to come!

Restaurant Night

We have had great success with the two restaurant nights we've held so far this school year. Thank you, parents, for your support at Chipotle and Chick-fil-A. We are hoping our next restaurant night will be at a Valley Center spot. We'll announce the date once we have it secured!

ColorCycle/Pop Tabs

Please continue to send both in with your student.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

NO FEBRUARY MEETING!

The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, March 30 at 7 PM on Zoom.