

Wheatland Elementary PTO

Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2021

Present (via Zoom): Rachel McClaran, Erika Birk, Chelsea Jantz, Jamie Neally, Rachel Davison, Kelli Chobad, Lauren Cote, Katie Harris, Laci Chavez, Jordan Trego, Addie Tripp, Katie Helfrich, Jill Hendershot, Nancy Roth, Samantha Curtis, Ciara Leach, Kacie Rapp, Abbie Hoefling, Brandon Bergen, Molly Alvarez

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

PTO Board for 2021-2022:

President: Erika Birk

Vice-President: Chelsea Jantz

Treasurer: Rachel Davison

Secretary: Jamie Neally

Principals Report: (Rachel McClaran)

-Wheatland is a Title I school. This is based on the number of students that are high needs. Title I schools receive federal funding. Wheatland is meeting the requirements with MTSS as part of the school day. MTSS includes Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 learning based on the needs of the student. Information on being a Title I school was shared in the Wheatland Window and through email. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Mrs McClaran.

-Daily dismissal is improving! We have 20-30 more cars in the car line this year than what we had last year.

-The district currently has a shortage of classified staff, bus drivers, and paras. If you or anyone you know is interested in a job with USD 262, please apply at the following website:

<https://skyward.iscorp.com/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsfinvalleyks/rappjoblst484.w>

-We will be doing a Coin Drive in an effort to raise funds for the Lucas Kindrick Memorial. Lucas was in third grade at West Elementary. If you have coins (or any money!) that you'd want to donate, please send that in with your child between now and Wednesday, September 8. Please see the email that came out from Mrs McClaran if you need more information.

-COVID mitigation is in full swing at Wheatland. Our teachers have worked very hard to keep the students in the same co-horts throughout the school day – this includes their seating assignments in the classroom and it continues with lunch and their specials classes (Art, Counselor, Music, and PE). Sprays and wipes are being used. Effective 9/1/2021 all teachers and staff will be wearing masks when around students and/or co-workers. This is being implemented across the district.

-ESSER Funds – Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund. Mrs McClaran sent out a QR code to the people that were in attendance to get their feedback on what the ESSER funds are being spent on. To give you an idea of what they've been used for previously and the possibilities for the future funding, please see below:

2020 – The funds went towards things like nurse aids and lap tops.

2021 – The funds went towards things like summer learning, permanent subbing, professionally development, nurse aids, and software like Seesaw (to help with remote learning).

2022 – The hope is for funds to go towards permanent subs, Fast Bridge (the new testing platform – no longer AimsWeb) to evaluate potential learning losses that may have occurred during COVID), a second school counselor, ESOL teacher, and an Academic Affairs Coordinator.

2023 – The hope is for funds to go towards summer learning, permanent subs, ESOL teacher, additional school nurses, before/after school programs.

2024 – A continuation of the previous.

Teachers Report: (Jordan Trego)

Thank you to PTO for the back to school breakfast and continuing to help supply the soda in the lounge fridge.

Treasurers Report: (Rachel Davison)

Spending from over the summer:

- soda for the lounge fridge
- back to school breakfast for teachers/staff
- magnets that were handed out at both nights of Open House (we still have a few extra if you'd like a calendar magnet with school dates)
- flare pens for teachers on the first day of school as a welcome back

What's Going On At Wheatland:*Khaos Apparel – New Shirts for Wheatland*

Wheatland and PTO will be splitting the cost of a new shirt order – each teacher, staff, and student will receive a FREE Wheatland shirt. We will also be sending out an order form from Khaos if you'd like to purchase additional Hornet wear.

Dillons

Dillons provides money back to the community for the money we as shoppers spend in their stores. 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

Last check received: \$531.26.

Box Tops – Katie Helfrich

Over the summer we earned \$50 in rewards money. Because they have changed their rewards system, we have decided to not have a school-wide contest for the total number of Box Tops brought in. Please continue to clip the Box Tops, we will still send them in. And please continue to scan your receipts for purchases that will have the Box Tops rewards on them.

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!

PTO Spirit Day

Friday, September 17 – USA Day! Wear your patriotic gear and donate \$1 to PTO. You can send the money in with your student or via Venmo to @WheatlandElementary-PTO.

Restaurant Night

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 – Chick Fil A at 21st/Maize. You can visit the restaurant anytime between 3PM and 10PM, mention you're there for Spirit Night, and Wheatland will get 20% of the total spent that day. You can also order online, just make sure to mention Spirit Night when you're ordering.

Picture Day

Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

Chelsea Jantz and Kacie Rapp will be our parent volunteers that day. Thank you, ladies!

Thanksgiving in the Valley

Saturday, November 13, 2021. This is PTO's biggest fundraiser of the school year. We will sell feathers each day leading up to the big pancake/sausage breakfast on Saturday. The goal is to make your teacher the Biggest Turkey. Please see the attached as a reference for what the feathers look like – we need your help in providing thousands of cut out feathers! This is such a fun time for our school! We also have basket raffles and person-for-a-day raffles. Please watch for the Sign-Up Genius as the event gets closer, so we can help add items to the baskets.

KG – Baking Basket
1st – Movie Basket
2nd – Barbecue Basket
3rd – Car Basket
Principal for a Day
Secretary for a Day
Pizza Party

Plenty more information to come as the date gets closer!

Teacher Requests

KG – Kindergarten is requesting \$5 per student to go to the pumpkin patch on 9/30 (for half of the students) and 10/1 (for the other half of the students).

1st – First grade is requesting \$5 per student to go towards the purchase of Scholastic magazine subscriptions.

2nd – Second grade is requesting \$1 for each student to go towards the purchase of admission to the Sedgwick County Zoo in May.

3rd – Third grade is requesting \$5 per student to go towards the purchase of Scholastic magazine subscriptions.

It was motioned by Laci Chavez, seconded by Jordan Trego, and unanimously voted yes to approve the \$5 per student for Kindergarten, first grade, and third grade.

The funds being requested for second grade will be voted on at a future meeting, closer to the date they'll be traveling to the Zoo.

ColorCycle/Pop Tabs

Please continue to send in used colored markers, used highlighters, and used Expo markers with your student. The ColorCycle recycling program is on hold right now (because of COVID), but we're looking into a different business that is still allowing them.

Please continue to send in pop tabs with your student. They are donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Wichita.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM.

*The next PTO meeting will be **Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 7 PM.**