

Wickham PTO Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 | 7 PM-8 PM | *Meeting called by* Emily Cornish

Attendees

Emily Cornish, President | Nadia Sabbagh Steinberg, Vice President of Programming | Jenna Wendt, Vice President of Communications | Sara Tapyra Salem, Secretary | Amy Kraber, Co-Secretary | Alicia Mitros, Treasurer | Heather Stevens, Principal | Stacy Holmes | Jordan O'Donnell |

Item

Welcome and Call to order – Emily Cornish

Reports

- A. Treasurer – Alicia Mitros \$100 Heartlanders game check, 2 invoices paid for field trip transportation, Honey Den fundraiser all paid up
- B. Principal's Update – Mrs. Stevens
- C. Faculty Updates – 1st Grade – Holmes, O'Donnell – new health program, kids loving it, - Quaver ed. Often Wickham teachers involved in piloting core content is assigned but a mix of voluntary components also. Math in the past was piloted by Holmes and O'Donnell. Piloted Superkids back in the day also. Looking into piloting the new Science curriculum asking for teacher volunteers. Teachers enthusiastic about piloting new content.

1st grade field trip to Frog and Toad by Nolte at Englert working with Mrs Stieglmeyer on the music and the Riverside Theater is doing a presentation to the 1st grade called Bard Buddies.

Feedback on quality of School Supplies Box and looking at alternate companies. Quality of scissors and Kleenex and ears bus are a concern

- D. DPO Update – Kate Goettel – Heard from the Foundation – they will be advertising the end of year program to fund scholarships. April 20th field event and Big Idea Hunt launching in the next few weeks
Matt Degner talked about budget and they had a demographer come and looking at lowering of 700 children (declining enrollment) over 10 years due to lowering birth rate. We have had a bump now due to immigrant families moving into the district.
Full Day Preschool registration open
Legislature update : only Democratic party legislature came to meeting
Reynolds is Proposing 2% raise, proposing citizenship test, a new social studies curriculum, mentioned Iowa DOGE being set up by Governor. There is a proposal to get rid of 504 plans, contact Brenna Bird AG. Proposing extending the not talking about gender identity to high school that currently is only K-6.
No mention was made of redistricting and boundaries, encouraged to reach out to Lisa Williams. Encourage parents in the district to keep an eye on these conversations.
Currently we have feeder patterns and we should pay attention to this.
Wickham is not the smallest school but is one of the smaller elementary schools.
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Old Business

- A. Volunteer Needs/Updates – lots of positions moving on and need to find next generation of parent volunteers to come onto the Exec Board. There are many buildings that don't have PTO's due to lack of parent volunteers.

Jenna Wendt's children will be leaving the district at the end of the year so she will be stepping down from PTO Exec Board and we will need a President for next year.

- a. Executive Board – VP of Comms
 - b. Executive Board – Club Coordinator
 - c. Executive Board- President
 - d. Executive Board - Secretary
- B. Memorial Bench – Krysty
- C. STEM Fair, Feb 26 - Kay Ramey & Crystal Markfort
This is Kay's 3rd year running and organizing STEM fair. David (custodian) got us tables from the district so we don't have to pay for rental

New Business

- D. Taco Bingo Night – Kelli Udelhofen
- E. Spring Semester Clubs
- a. No Chinese Culture Club
 - b. Math Club is full
 - c. Chess Club is also full – filled really fast
Clubs limited by volunteer numbers and room size
- F. March Meeting – Date change
12th March likely works better for teachers also.

Announcements

Adjournment

Upcoming Events:

2/26 – STEM Fair

2/26 – Teacher Appreciation Meal – so far this year have raised \$550 through the website.

3/25 - Naomi's Kitchen PU=\

April – Taco/Bingo Night

April 16 – Kindergarten Round Up 5:30 – 6:30

April/May – Freddy's

May 17 - Kernels

May 28 – End of Year Picnic/Dunk Tank