

# Wickham PTO Meeting

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Wednesday, April 19, 2023 | 7:00PM-8:00PM | *Meeting called by* Julie Hartman

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Julie Hartman, President | Cheryl Doyle Carrig, Vice President of Committees | Jenna Wendt, Vice President of Programming | Sara Tapyra Salem, Secretary | Emily Cornish, Vice President of Communications | Amber Daubs, Principal | Janae Nelson, Chad Lowry, Mrs Gardner, Liz Hanrahan, Nadia Sabbagh Steinberg

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Welcome and call to order

Approval of last meeting minutes – Motion to approve Emily/ Sara 2<sup>nd</sup> - approved

## Reports

- A. Treasurer – Dine out nights – funds raised \$44 VI \$124 Chick Fil A \$437 Five Guys Hyvee receipts total receipts \$55,741 we will earn \$278
- B. Principal's Update – KG roundup 4/20 – PTO providing t-shirts and gift bags  
Raised money for families affected by the tornado – we raised \$1200 that was divided among 8 families.  
Recent schoolwide PBIS celebration  
ISASP coming up next week  
No school Friday and Monday.  
Worldwide Wickham – have 20 families signed up – May 10<sup>th</sup>  
New carpet in media center and wings 4/5 over the summer and fresh paint.  
Playground should be installed over the summer.
- C. Faculty Update- Mrs Gardner and Mrs Hanrahan  
5<sup>th</sup> grade – Talked about Wax Museum upcoming and the 6wk poetry unit  
5<sup>th</sup> grade garden discussion – seeds started in science class. Plants delivered dirt and kids helped spread the dirt. Going to try sweetcorn, tomatoes, squash. Kids enjoying the gardening unit.

Janae Nelson – school counsellor at Wickham and Penn. Meets with groups of different children to help with friendships and behaviors etc. Does classroom lessons – “the best part of me” in all the classes. Also covering neurodiversity and invisible differences, covers diabetes, allergies, ADHD, autism and much more. Does Restorative Justice circles also although has not had formal RJ training yet. The administrative fellow in the school currently is trained and works together with Janae Nelson.

Chad Lowry – PE – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade going to Hyvee Kids Fit at Kinnick – explained details of Hyvee Kids Fit program and field trip. Focuses on physical movement and nutrition. 4-6<sup>th</sup> grades are doing fitness testing although this isn't formal testing. Helps kids with goal setting. 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade track meet 67<sup>th</sup> year of annual track and field day in the district coming up on May 16<sup>th</sup> with 7 other schools. As district expands it is getting harder to do this. Once 6<sup>th</sup> grade goes to JH, Mr Lowry will advocate for this to be a 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade event. It's a fun event alongside competition.

Thanked PTO for Wish List and all the funding that we provide.

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Teachers please submit your expenses for your individual and team reimbursements. Money doesn't roll over year to year.

Send form and communication to Emily McLeod for teacher newsletter.

## Old Business

### A. Wickham Events

- a. Taco Dinner-and Bingo Jenny Patterson/Tara Johnson April 11<sup>th</sup> – was very successful – we ran out of food. Thank you to volunteers. 191 people attended had planned for about 100 people attending. \$1547 ticket sales - expenses \$1306 net raised \$511. Do need to recruit more parent volunteers, we only had 3 sign ups for volunteers and had very few desserts sign up for.
- b. Teacher Appreciation Week-May 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> - Alicia has arranged food truck Da Flava Unit on May 9<sup>th</sup> for lunch for the teachers
- c. Cedar Rapids Kernels night-May 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm game. will need student volunteers – Tickets discounted to \$9 but we have the option to add money to this price. If we add \$2 to each ticket it makes it \$11 and helps raise money for PTO especially with upcoming expenses and slim fund raising this year. Can buy tickets online with credit cards or call ticket office and pay with card. They will send a form home which they are organizing and will give to Emily for parents to buy tickets that way. 14 kid jobs are available we will ask parents to submit names and we will pick names via RNG.  
Discount tickets end May 19<sup>th</sup> at midnight. Full price to buy the day of. They have fireworks and have Half Way to Halloween celebration, fans can come dressed up.  
Will need 2 parents to stand with flag holders. This is NOT a drop off event. No restrictions on who can attend, if you buy a ticket all are welcome.
- d. End of Year Picnic - outdoors at Wickham, food trucks – Marcos grilled cheese and Kona Ice.  
No movie. – likely have yard games.  
\*Need volunteers

### B. DPO Updates

- a. April Jenna – long meeting – looking for 2 president elect positions. Add Wickham DPO rep to May agenda. Matt Degner talked about the 2 students who have passed at Liberty and resources from Grantwood. Mentioned bathroom bill and are trying to weed through legislation. Doing ok for budget cuts. Speaker Heidi Pearce talked about PBIS in schools, pro/cons and alternatives. – lots of discussion about this.
- b. May 10<sup>th</sup> next DPO meeting. – Julie H will attend – Julie will ask them about what they plan for meetings next year – day of week/time etc

### C. Kindergarten Roundup

- a. Julie to distribute on 4/20
- b. Collect names/emails of parents

### D. By-laws review on PTO website – Motioned for approval Emily 2<sup>nd</sup> Jenna – unanimous approval

### E. Brainstorming how to recruit more parents to volunteer for PTO events. Mrs Gardner suggested we send this to teachers and have individual teachers send links out to parents. Suggested sending info to add to Smore. VP of Communications can take care of this process.

Incentivize volunteering e.g kids eat free, one free ticket etc.

All Wickham families are members of the PTO.

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Perhaps have a few spots available for Kernels game activities for kids of parents who sign up to volunteer at a PTO event? –

Will formulate a more structured plan over the summer after looking more in depth into above ideas.

#### New Business

##### A. Wickham Dine-out Night

a. Pizza Hut in Coralville on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

b. Good all day, need code 1127 – will need to encourage parents to use this code

##### B. 2023-2024 Officers – call for Volunteers – any questions please reach out to the Exec Board. Looking to add another person to the board to help with Programming. Can essentially craft the position you want. Nadia looking to help - will connect offline.

Determine May PTO meetings Exec Board meeting – May 3<sup>rd</sup> PTO meeting – May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Adjournment – Motioned Sara 2nd Emily – meeting finished at 8:10pm

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