

Wickham Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes – January 11th 2022 – meeting held via Zoom

Meeting called by Julie Hartman.

Attendees: Julie Hartman – President, Caren Tracy - Vice President, Sara Tapyra Salem – Secretary, Jeff Wagner- Treasurer, Emily Cornish - VP of Communications, Denise Seabold - Past President, Jenny Struthers- Past President, Amber Daubs – Principal, Kirsty Delashaw-faculty, Mike Whitt – faculty, Erin Richey – faculty, Jen Reeger – faculty, Dave and Meredith Gordon, Shima Yasin, Timothy Dunham, Sanath, Katie H-K, Dave Middleton, Aliasger Salem,

REPORTS:

Treasurer – not much to report, some money has come in as fundraising, not many expenses

Principal's update – explained role of Academic Support teachers, Wickham has a full time and part time teacher. They support both teachers and students. Can be used for students who need extra help but also for those students that need enrichment. Started the year focusing on our grades with larger class sizes.

Faculty update – Richey: 2nd grade update on literacy and all the writing work the 2nd graders are currently doing.

Reeger: 2nd grade update on math, currently working on regrouping. Students also wrote thank you notes to officers at the Coralville Police Department for an Appreciation Day.

Delashaw: 0.5 time academic support, she is new to IA this year and new to Wickham. Works with kids giving extra support where its needed the most. Most time spent on Math and Reading.

Whitt – Instructional design strategist, new to Wickham. His job focuses on supporting teachers and teacher teams in the goals they have to help their students succeed. Meets with teachers biweekly and building leadership 1 x a month.

DPO update: Topic for December was the Health and Sex Education "3 Rs" Curriculum, and our presenters were Nick Proud and Diane Schumacher (Executive Directors of Teaching and Learning, ICCSD), Lindsey Schluckebier (Health Curriculum Coordinator, ICCSD), and someone from United Action for Youth, probably Haley Jungles or Talia Meidlinger. **Next Meeting** January 12 on Current Iowa State Education Association Lobbying (ISEA).

For more information, questions, or feedback please contact the DPO at DPOICCS@gmail.com.

OLD BUSINESS

Playground update: Front playground is to be retired, stand alone structures originally purchased by PTO, main structure provided by district. PTO can contribute to playground, playground committee is looking at designs but most of these decisions are district driven. Next meeting is looking at putting

together a wishlist. Playground replacement possibly this summer but this is dependent on global supply chain issues and item availability.

Movie Night: Jan 27th Boss Baby Family Business, starts at 6:30pm at CCPA. We will have a raffle fundraiser, ideas for raffle basket generated. Suggestions: giftcard, snacks, pizza coupon, digital movie giftcard.

Movie night sponsor -Paul Davis Restoration. Event is free of cost, kids must be accompanied by an adult, masks required and no refreshments.

1st in person event in 2 years.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Hy-Vee reuseable bags** – raised \$11

2. **The Iowa Children’s Museum is accepting nominations for the 2022 Robert E. Yager Active Learning Award.**

Each year, this award honors outstanding educators (of all types!) who go above and beyond in the classroom.

The Active Learning Award includes:

- \$100 gift card for classroom supplies and needs
- One classroom field trip to The Iowa Children’s Museum
- Free museum admission passes for classroom students
- Original “Active Learning” art print created by a local artist
- 15 Family Day Passes to the museum for the educator’s school district/center/organization
- Four tickets to The Iowa Children’s Museum’s Celebrate Play! Gala for the presentation of the award

Museum passes and field trips are redeemable through the end of the 2022-2023 academic year.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, January 28, 2022.

3. **NWJH Track Fundraiser: Northwest Junior High Track Uniform Fundraiser**

Students who attend Wickham Elementary are districted to attend Northwest Junior High (NWJH). Three years ago NWJH adopted the Trojan mascot to better align with the larger West High Trojan community.

As time and resources are available NWJH is updating athletic uniforms to replace the former Vikings logo. The basketball uniforms have been updated but several sports still remain.

The next priority for modern uniforms is for the 225 athletes who will participate in the Northwest track program this spring. At \$35 per uniform, the cost for replacing all of these uniforms is out of reach for Northwest operating and activity funds.

So far we have raised \$7,000 of our \$9,000 goal. We are reaching out to Wickham families who will soon have students at NWJH to see if you may be able to support our initiative. We hope you will consider a gift of at least \$25.

Please complete the donation by choosing the **Northwest Junior High PSTO campaign** in the drop-down box on the ICCSD Foundation's Ways to Give website at <https://iccsdfoundation.org/choose-a-campaign/>

4. Square One Art – students will make a picture in Art class and artwork catalogs will be sent home sometime in late March. Previously held this fundraiser before the Winter Holidays but this year holding it to coincide with Mothers Day.
5. School building is now open after school for events. Perhaps look at doing an event in the Spring. End of Year party/picnic.

Other suggestions, Bingo night, Outdoor treasure hunt, Geocaching, Science Fair, Wickhams Got Talent, ice skating, take and go dinner, food trucks, inflatables etc. Question asked to Principal about whether we can use the school facilities on a Saturday, unsure suspect have to rent facilities from the City of Coralville at the weekends. Please send more ideas to the PTO via email or attend our next meeting.

Next meeting February 8th 7pm

OTHER BUSINESS

Question posed about possibility of hybrid/online learning options for short term while Omicron spikes. Amber talked about district and state attendance policies and suggested parent reach

out to Amy Kortemeyer at the District. ICCSD is sensitive to COVID concerns and should be able to help.

Meeting adjourned