

Wickham PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 19th, 2023 | 7:30PM-8:45PM | *Meeting called by* Emily Cornish

Meeting Attendees

Emily Cornish, President | Nadia Sabbagh Steinberg, Vice President of Programming | Jenna Wendt, Vice President of Communications | Sara Tapya Salem, Secretary | Alicia Mitros, Treasurer | Julie Hartman, Past President | Amber Daubs, Principal | Lori Schieltz, Teacher | Amy Gorsh, Teacher | Wen Wen | Ms Gartelos | Sara Curtin DeLara | Kaushal Pandey | Suzi Fesler | Tina Zhang | Crystal Markfort | Seths iPad (name on zoom window)

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Welcome and call to order -

Approval of last meeting minutes:- Nadia Sabbaugh Steinburg motioned approval, 2ndd by Jenna Wendt – unanimous approval

Reports

- A. Treasurer – talked about teacher reimbursement, classroom teachers have \$100 each and each grade group has \$200, PreK \$100 for teacher and \$100 for the grade (only one class); encouraging teacher reimbursements.
- B. Principal's Update – Principal introduction, 8th yr at Wickham
 - State testing 86% literacy, 89% math for proficiency. Goal is to increase this by 5% by end of the year
 - New carpet and paint in wing 3&4 and the media center
- C. Teacher updates:
 - Gartelos: Pre K is full, started strong, nice to be in KG wing for students to model behavior
 - Gorsh: 2nd yr in KG, 15th yr at Wickham, KG will be planting a tree
 - Schieltz: 16th yr at Wickham, 8th yr in KG, KG focusing currently on teaching kids how to be at school and learning the rules. KG kids love the new playground. Also learning new Math

Old Business

- A. Wickham Events
 - a. Ice Cream Social Recap
 - b. Playground Construction Update: Gaga pit is back, soccer nets will be added, grass is being watered, it is looking better everyday
 - c. School Supply Boxes
 - d. Wickham Wear: delivered to classrooms and was sent home with kids
- B. DPO Updates
 - a. Date of next meeting? October 18th –
 - b. Volunteer – need volunteer

New Business

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- A. Wickham Fall Fun Fair: A LOT of work has been put into this event we (exec board) have been working on event for many months. Will take place this Friday Sept 29th 5:30pm to 7:30pm. We have inflatables (thank you Katie Eastvold for stepping up and coordinating the inflatables), face painters, balloon artists, pizza dinner , cupcake walk and a Silent Auction. We will need volunteers please.
Baskets for silent auction need assembling – basket assembly on Wed 27th Sept at Mitros house.
Jenna will be leaving 22nd Sept and will ensure everything transferred to Mitros house.
Need a cupcake walk coordinator – Mrs Gartelos volunteered (thank you)
Encourage high schoolers to volunteer – we will sign off on silver cord hours
Sara Curtin DeLara will be stuffing envelopes with wristbands and has agreed to cover the registration table (all event !!!) – spreadsheet with tickets will be sent as soon as pre-orders close.
 - B. Math Club Update – – all running well
 - C. Chinese Club Update – Chinese Club will be run by paid teachers from University of Iowa. Club will have a fee, \$40 for classes October – December. Enrollment limited to 25 students all ages K-6. Limit due to size of room and teacher availability.
 - D. Chess Club Update – Sara Salem meeting with Sara Curtin DeLara to iron out final details of Chess Club, more information forthcoming
 - E. Drama Club/Wickham’s Got Talent – Drama club confirmed for Thursday nights 6:30 to 7:30 – Sara Salem to get more information on start date etc from Maddie Struthers
 - F. Final Decision Made on Square 1 Art Fundraiser – PTO will not be running an Art Fundraiser this year.
 - G. Homecoming Parade : Wickham has an entry, Emily Cornish coordinating, her business providing truck and trailer, We are entry 24, All students can attend and walk in parade, no unsupervised children all must have an adult present, details will be sent out in email
 - H. September PTO Meeting – move date due to Homecoming Parade -
 - I. Dates for Thanksgiving No Bake, Bake Sale – Julie Hartman is in touch with Golden Delights – November 21st 2023.
 - J. Hyvee Cash 4 Students – please continue to bring in receipts to collection jar at school.

Adjournment – Julie Hartman motioned meeting end, 2nd Jenna Wendt – unanimous vote.
