

# Wickham PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 18th, 2023 | 7:00PM-8:00PM | *Meeting called by* Emily Cornish

## Attendees

Emily Cornish, President | Nadia Sabbagh Steinberg, Vice President of Programming | Jenna Wendt, Vice President of Communications | Sara Tapyia Salem, Secretary | Alicia Mitros, Treasurer | Julie Hartman, Past President | Amber Daubs, Principal | Ms Gartellos, Teacher | Sara Curtin DeLara, Teacher | Suzi Fesler | Jordan O'Donnell, Teacher | Stacy Holmes, Teacher

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## Item

Welcome and call to order

Approval of last meeting minutes – unanimously approved

## Reports

### A. Treasurer

- sent check for \$4330 for School of the Wild for 5<sup>th</sup> grade to attend
- Wizard Drive – low rate of participation about 30% of families participating. Currently about 88 families participated. Have raised about \$8000 on par with last year.
- Wickham Wear fundraiser sent us a \$400
- School supplies fundraiser raised \$88

### B. Principal's Update –

- New system for teacher conferences link will be sent out Friday. Conferences will be November 8<sup>th</sup> (evening), November 15<sup>th</sup> (evening) and all day November 17<sup>th</sup>
- Principal for the day happened today
- Staff donations for Silent auction much appreciated and very creative
- Library book bans – state law – questioned how it will affect elementary schools. District Committee working on Elementary School list currently to review before January when law goes into effect. There are books that we know already we cannot promote/display/read aloud but these books have not been pulled out of the library yet.

### C. Teacher Updates-

- ELL – Sara Curtin DeLara – 32 kids in ELL mostly KG and 1<sup>st</sup>, most have conversational English and a few are newer to the country. Over 100 kids at Wickham who are multilingual. Most common languages are Chinese and Arabic
- O'Donnell – New Math platform keeps kids engaged, good for kids who like working on their own and also have group digital centers
- Holmes – Lots of Math games makes it fun, so much easier to get kids into centers now. New curriculum makes report card lengthier but more detailed now

## Old Business

A. Wickham Wear – delivered to school on Friday and was sent home with the kids

B. DPO Updates – have DPO rep – Kate Goettel – big thank you to her.

- Next meeting: October 11, 6:30 to 8 p.m. via Zoom at updates @ November PTO meeting

C. Wickham Fall Fun Fair

- a. Carnival Income Report – close to breaking even down \$26, attendance down by 100 tickets. Ticket prices same as last year

- Silent Auction – just under \$3000 net. We had budgeted for \$4300 and last year we raised \$5300. Very few bids on auction items, classroom basket donations were plentiful.
- Raffle
- Thoughts? Notes? Volunteers for next year – need to decide if this event is worth continuing as it stands. Many hours of manpower and very few volunteers. A lot of work for Exec board alone.

D. Math, Chinese and Chess Club Updates – Drama club starting up in November. Club supervision before and after school going well

#### New Business

- A. Drama Club/Wickham's Got Talent – Next Steps? – Drama club starting in November
- B. Marketing for No Bake, Bake Sale – Julie hasn't heard back from Golden Delights on prices yet. Need to get flyers to school by October 30<sup>th</sup>. Order deadline November 10<sup>th</sup>
- C. Update on Spirit Days – Nadia - Panera night: still awaiting check, staff in store unaware of fundraiser. Next fundraiser Nadia will call beforehand to confirm fundraiser.
- D. HyVee Cash 4 Students Collection - collection bin by front door, they can take all receipts regardless of location
- E. Need volunteers for Teacher appreciation meals and End of Year Picnic
- F. Kernels check from last year not cashed by PTO – we didn't receive, Jenna will reach out.

#### Adjournment 8pm -

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#### Upcoming Events:

- 10/11 – DPO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 10/19 – Panera Dine Out Night 4 – 8 p.m.
- 10/18 – October PTO Meeting 7 p.m.
- 11/1 – Nov Exec Meeting 7 p.m.
- 11/7 – HyVee Pizza Fundraiser
- 11/8 – DPO Meeting
- 11/12 - No Bake, Bake Sale Deadline
- 11/15 – November PTO Meeting
- 11/21 – No bake, bake sale distribution.
- 12/14 – Chick-fil-a Spirit Night
- Jan – Wickham's Got Talent
- 1/20 – Heartlanders Game
- Feb – Science Fair
- April – Taco/Bingo Night
- May – End of Year Picnic/Dunk Tank