**Willow Lane Elementary PTO Minutes for: November 18, 2014**

**In attendance:** Board Members: Kerry Moser, co-president; Amy Bachmeier co-president;, Jeni Hamlin, co-vice-president; Becky Klier, co-secretary; Betsy Hoel, co-secretary; Michele Johnson, co-treasurer; Adam MacEwen, co-treasurer; Principal Streiff; Deb HIbbard, teacher liaison

**PTO Members:** Margaret Messerschmidt, Freddie Becker, Lori Swanson, Shane Whalen, Kelly Kentfield, Jess Leighton, Betsy Peterson, Steve Kempenich, Kelly Kentfield, Jessica Arodi

The meeting was called to order by Kerry Moser at 6:37

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF:**

Jess Leighton - 1st grade teacher,

Karen Brabenec - special education teacher

Josh Malloy - 5th grade teacher

Betsy Peterson - media center specialist

**TEACHER REQUESTS:**

**5th Grade** - asking for a line item on the budget moving forward for the environmental field trip (Nov. 9, 10, 11, 2015)

-discussion about keeping it as a special request

-will continue to support it as needed, but won’t become a line item

-brainstorm ideas on how to make it equitable for all students

**Kelly Kentfield**

-request for funds for books

- will talk with the media specialist to work on getting books in her classroom

-$162 in receipts for classroom organizing materials, motion to approve, motion passed

**Karen Brabenec**

-need to purchase teaching items for the special education classroom

-$350 for classroom supplies, motion to approve, motion passed

**Steve Kempenich**

- request for $199 for an on-line math program - Moby Max

-motion to approve, motion passed

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:**

-PBIS- 3465 positive rewards for the year

-Youth summits

* character assemblies - integrity
* run by the 5th graders, first one was a great success

-1st quarter celebration wednesday before Thanksgiving - watching “Frozen”

-looking for parent feedback on objectives for the year, vision and mission, parameters, tactics

-looking at using integration funds for a STEM focus (partnership with Mayo Clinic, University of Minnesota)

**SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE: Lori Swanson**

-honored 30 educators that went through the technology co-hort last year

-honored cross country boys and girls at state competition

-honored cheerleaders for 4th state title

-annual audit report - clean report

-school within a school for gifted and talented program to begin 2015/2016 at Lincoln Elementary

* total transportation costs will cost up to $12,000, plus $4000 for start up costs for the program

-updates to course offerings for 2015/2016 school year

-19,500 lbs of food and $3600 collected for the food shelf

**PTO Business:**

-Sit down with Santa: Dec. 12

-Culver’s

-Event Chairs

-Fall Fundraiser - top fundraisers will be throwing pies at Ms. Streiff

-Book Fair

-Explore Engineering - April, will have Lego League and Robotics teams

-Plunge

\*\*Motion to approve the October 21, 2014 minutes. Motion passed.

Door Prizes were given out!

**ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM

Next PTO meeting is January 27, 2015. @ 6:30 p.m. in Room 212. Child care will be available at this meeting.