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Wallace Elementary PTO Meeting –

**Members Present:** Barbara R., Jessica K., Suzie P., Renea B., Marian S., Crissy P., Staci R., Lindsey R., Alicia V., Amy T., Sarah C., Erin L., Madison K., Alli

**Meeting Start:** 6:47pm

**Welcome and Introductions:**

**Presidents Report:**

No due date yet for the newsletter.

Next month is the all district PTO meeting at Timber Ridge at 7pm. Dr. Lunn should be there to provide the Superintendent's report, then we'll break into individual meetings. Meeting date is Feb. 13, 2018. Staci sent an email reminder to committees who need to start working on their activities.

**Principal's Report:**

Construction for the new building remains on time. They are starting to paint the preschool. Playgrounds are laid out and ready for prep work.

Iowa Assessments are coming up and are Monday through Friday. This may be the last year for Iowa Assessments. There is potentially a new test that will be put in place next year. It is expected each test could take 3 times longer than the current testing and is all computerized. This will be part of the legislative session this year.

Registration for next school year will be the same this year. Kindergarten registration will start January 24, as will preschool.

**Secretary's Report:**

Review of the December minutes. Renea Barker moved to approve. Sara Clausen seconded. Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Reviewed previous month's income and expenses, as well as current account balance. Lindsey Robertson moved to approve. Alicia VerHeul seconded. Approved.

**Old Business:**

The revised budget following amendment at the last meeting was handed out. Added "Misc. Fundraising" and "Special Grant Requests" lines.

**New Business:**

No new business.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Friends of Wallace: Brought in additional funds from parent donations at end of 2017.
2. Purple Party: Will be February 3<sup>rd</sup> this year at the Middle School. In the past there has been a multi-school steering committee. This year there are only 2 people who have volunteered thus far this year. If anyone is able to step up and help contact Marian Stimson, and she can connect you. If you'd like to help with Wallace's contributions as part of the committee, contact Marian Stimson.
3. Special Events/Bridges: The ice skating party will be Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-9pm at Metro Ice Sports Facility. Cost will be \$5 for skaters and include skate rental. Working on flyer right now and will go in teacher mailboxes at end of January. Decided to offer a Jenga game for the class with the most attendance. Will also have about 40 candy raffle prizes for the kids. This will be a private event just for Wallace. Roller skating party will be April 19<sup>th</sup> 5pm-8pm, and possibly a roller skate fundraiser – TBD.
4. Homeroom Parents: Getting ready for testing in a couple of weeks with snack requests.
5. Hospitality: Thanks to all who brought treats to the cookie walk. Did people think it was harder to do this on a Thursday this year? Those in attendance thought yes.

**Open Forum for Questions:**

Second grade teachers shared that they just had their Farmer's Market and it was a huge success. All proceeds were donated to the Johnston Partnership. This year's amount was \$743. The teachers shared that they are very excited about their new reading curriculum. They've seen phenomenal growth with kids and their love of reading. They shared details on how the new program works. It is called Reader's Workshop. Kudos to the school board because they purchased the materials for the district to have this curriculum. Second graders are reading for 45 minutes per day on average.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Marian Stimson moved to adjourn, Jess Keeling seconded. Adjourned at 7:20pm.