**Willow Lane Elementary PTO Minutes for: January 27, 2015**

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

The meeting was called to order by Kerry Moser

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS --Dr. Lovett-rescheduling possibly for our next meeting, will talk to him about it**

Went over list of questions,

**TECHNOLOGY- Pete Wilcoxon:--rescheduling for either March or April**

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT - Ms. Streiff:**

Watched second quarter video slide show

Staff will be honoring each other at staff meetings

Office discipline referrals have reduced by 83% since the beginning of the school year! Reasons why: PBIS, teacher/student mentoring program, youth summits

New staff: Dwayne Nabors--Behavior Intervention Specialist part time; Suzanne Shearon--Speech Language Pathologist

STEAM Status Updates:

Working on Tamarack Partnership with Otter Lake Elementary

InSciEd Out Program summary

Visit by staff to Moreland Arts and Health Sciences Magnet School

Revitalize the Garden for lessons, making it into a community garden, making it more of a community

Participated in STEM Elevation Education Assembly, separate assemblies for K-2 and 3-5

**SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE - Lori Swanson:**

Questions about how loud it is in the gym with Music taking place at the same time

Highlighting 1:1 initiative at middle schools

The Closet--a place where families can go to get clothing items free of charge; it’s run by the Education Foundation; let Lori know if there is someone in need

Comprehensive audit is taking place on the busing three tier system and routing; they are aware that there are issues, they are being looked at

Proposal that we have a district-wide orchestra program, final proposal will be presented in February, would begin with 5th graders in the Fall of 2015, it is in the budget

District-wide our grade level sizes are getting bigger

**PTO Business:**

-Book Fair--talked about moving

-Culver’s, next one is March 17th, Freddie Becker said she would take on coordinating

-Breakfast with the Easter Bunny March 28th, we pre-sell tickets, tickets also available at the door

-Movie Night January 30th

-Explore Engineering April 9th 6-8

-Plunge February 21st, Deadline for registration is Feb. 14th

\*\*Motion to approve the November 18, 2014 minutes. Motion made by Freddie Becker

Teacher request from Leigh Anderson for pizza for the walking team and lunch for volunteer Grandma Marge.

Motion to approve Sara F., seconded by Freddie Becker, voted on and approved

Questions about parent pick up time from Sara Fuhrman, very stressful time of day

Door Prizes were given out!

**ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 8:02 by Kerry Moser

Next PTO meeting is February 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. Child care will be available at this meeting.