



## Board Meeting Minutes

**Monday November 7, 2016**

**6pm**

**Location: School Library**

**Meeting called to order:** Sarah Putman called the meeting to order at 6:06pm

**In attendance:** Sarah Putman, Pam Rice, Chelsea Hill, Mary Laffey, Mary Jackson, Vanessa Wilhem, Julie Wenzel, Alissa Poduska, Becky Woodcox

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**Minutes:** The minutes from October 3, 2016 were presented. It was moved to accept as written. Motion carried.

### Officers' Reports

#### **President's Report, Sarah Putman**

- Good turn out for Garlic Knot again, thanked everyone for their continued support.
- Book Fair was a success, even in the face of a serious family illness. All went well and all are doing well.
- December meeting will be discussing HABC (Human-Animal Bond In Colorado) service dogs.

#### **Principal's Report, Alissa Poduska**

- Nothing board specific, so tabled to the General Meeting
- Mary Laffey asked Mrs. Poduska to discuss changes in student committees/names, in particular Student Council, Helping Hands, Community Ambassadors and whether or not a parent can be a sponsor or if it needs to be a teacher.
  - Mrs. Poduska and Mrs. Woodcox explained the new forms and names of the student organizations that were made after visiting other STEM schools:
    - Peer mediators, Student Ambassadors, Helping Hands (service arm of Community Ambassadors), Playground Ambassadors
    - Must be faculty sponsored (district requirement). Angela Mitchell and Jen Durkin are in those positions.
  - Julie posited that the Enrichment Program run by Kirsten Wood filled some of the role previously filled by Student Council.
  - Mary was concerned that without the Student Council there have been gaps left, have noticed far fewer Spirit Days, no student magazine, etc.
  - Mrs. Poduska suggested the need to rethink the club/committee breakdown and reconsider Student Council and Sarah said she would contact Jen Durken for follow up and ask if she needs PTO to help in any way.

#### **Treasurer's Report, Chelsea Hill**

- Tabled to General Meeting

## **New Business**

- **Childcare for PTO Meetings**
  - Sarah presented that there had been interest and questions about childcare being provided during PTO meetings to possibly increase parent attendance and involvement
  - Several people questioned the legal responsibility of the PTO if it were provided.
  - Concern about meetings being close to bedtime, opening other possible complicating factors.
  - Children are not unwelcome at meetings, it's just been upon the parent to supervise and keep their child/children busy/safe, so is it something that would be beneficial.
  - Julie suggested sending out a Survey Monkey to see if this is a topic to even investigate, is there a widespread interest.
- **Wellness Committee Request**
  - Shari Lemesany and Jen Durkin chair the Shepardson Wellness Committee and parent concern brought them to the PTO to ask for input on formulating a new plan for food in the school, outside of the cafeteria. (Birthday parties, treats, rewards, class parties, etc)
  - Shepardson is a designated Wellness School and there was confusion about what exactly that means, what our requirements are, what the district does in support.
  - It has been noticed that the kids are rewarded with food a great deal and that is counter to the efforts and mission of a Wellness School.
  - The Board agreed to discuss the topic and brainstorm ideas at the General Meeting.

## **Old Business**

- **School Gear**
  - Kelsey Rasmussen was contacted and her resource can only do a limited inventory, such as a single shirt or sweatshirt.
  - GoJo will offer any item with a single logo that we provide to them.
- **STEM Night Dinner**—Julie Wenzel
  - Two food trucks are lined up. One truck will set up prior to dinner, while the other wants to set up at 3:00, which won't be possible due to the need for the Kiss and Go lane. Will allow them to set up at 3:50 and expedite loading of students that day.
- Vanessa reminded the Board of the need to vote to reallocate the Winter Social money to Mr. U for the Family Caroling. Vote will be taken at the next meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:55pm**

**Minutes compiled by Pam Rice**