



# General Meeting Minutes

**Monday, November 7, 2016**

**7pm**

**Location: School Library**

**Meeting called to order:** Sarah Putman, Co-President 7:02pm

**In attendance:** Sarah Putman, Chelsea Hill, Mary Laffey, Mary Jackson, Vanessa Wilhelm, Julie Wenzel, Kelli Wallace, Alissa Poduska, Becky Woodcox, Shari Lemesany, Sarah Coleman, Stacy Schauerhamer, Lara Antonelli, Wayne Thornes

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Minutes from the October 3, 2016 meeting were presented. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

## Officer's Reports

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

- Sarah thanked everyone for their help making the Read-A-Thon and Book Fair fun and successful. Also big thank you to Mrs. Poduska for allowing it all on October 31, which made things much easier at school and at home for many families.

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

- Eco Week was very successful
  - Many kids were nervous and completed ropes courses and many other great activities and saw much growth
  - Conferences went well
  - Movie Night went very well, much improved. Possibility of having an outdoor movie night in the future if the weather is good.
  - Halloween/Read-A-Thon/Book Fair
    - Great parties, well organized and attended.
    - Parade outside went well and the kids really enjoyed it.
      - Parent feedback showed the need to change the route next year so there isn't such a long wait for the kids to get outside.
      - Vanessa suggested having a mobile coffee cart for next year for the waiting/watching parents.
  - No-Shave November
    - Teachers who choose to participate will have a jar for the students to put pennies in to vote for their favorite facial hair.
    - Money raised will go to the Poudre School District McKinney Program
      - Assistance for homeless or in-transition children
      - Last year raised approximately \$300.

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

- New report format
  - Easier to see what happened in the last month
  - Shows cash out, cash in, closing
- Taxes are due Nov. 15
  - Being done by H&R Block; affordable, do a good job, but slow.

### **Staff's Report—Becky Woodcox**

- PBL is in place for all grades
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade is planning next Tuesday
  - Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade are wrapping up and will be doing final presentations.
- STEM Night coming up soon (Thursday), lots of great activities.

### **Wellness Committee Activity—Shari Lemesany**

- PSD has asked each school to have a Wellness Committee (next meeting Jan 13, 2017)
- Teachers and administration devise a School Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)
- Two schools were awarded a district Healthy School award last year (Shepardson and Beattie)
- Shepardson won the Newcomer Award
- The Wellness Committee is striving to help Shepardson become healthier and it has been noticed (by the Committee and by parents) that we reward the students with food (unhealthy food) frequently. How can we change the incentives? Also working on developing a plan where class party food are >50% fruits/veggies and no sugary drinks. Will require Room Parent training and assistance.
- Teachers are instructed that taking away recess as a punishment is not acceptable.
- Brainstorming:
  - Pajama parties
  - PE parties
  - Game carts
  - Ask the kids what they want
  - Extra "Specials" (Music, art, computer, library, etc)
  - Extra Maker Space time
  - Dance parties
  - Water bottles
  - Parent night on fitness/nutrition
  - Present this topic as a PBL and have the kids work on it.
- Wellness currently offers:
  - Fit Sticks
  - Fidget Kits
  - Mileage Club
  - STAR Stampede
  - Shepardson 4K Run
  - Bike Rodeo this spring?

## **Committee Reports**

### **Book Fair—Janelle McGill**

- Went well, great attendance
- All classes had time to shop and browse

### **Box Tops—Sarah for Cheri Clark**

- Turned in, should be receiving \$1046.90 for the fall

### **Classified Staff Breakfast--Jayme Harper**

- Received tons of donations
- Asking Mrs. Poduska if we can align the breakfast with PSD Classified Week

### **Family Nights--Vanessa Wilhelm**

- Sept. Garlic Knot \$135.63
- Oct. Garlic Knot \$279.79
- Lark Burger \$259
- Total for the year with all family nights \$937.11
- Next Garlic Knot coming up Nov. 17. Not doing Chick-Fil-A

### **King Soopers Grocery Cards--Cara Fleckenstein**

- Have gotten several checks come in from KS.
- Have ordered more cards.
- Will be getting with Kelli Wallace to get request form on the website.

### **Movie Night—Pam for Kristin Kendall (email)**

- Over 75 parents and students came and enjoyed watching Zootopia
- Peer Mediators were on hand to assist students with being their best selves and the movie was enjoyed by all who attended!

### **Read-a-thon—Sarah for Jayme Harper (email)**

- Great participation and enthusiasm!
- RAT packets and online donations brought in over \$10,000.
- Donations from local businesses and sponsors amounted to approx. \$800 ( e-readers, gift cards, a cash donation from Dellenbach Motors), plus the coupons for participation bags
- PTO spent approx. \$800 on incentives and awards (\$6 vouchers to the Book Fair was the biggest expense)
- Big winners: 1<sup>st</sup> place to 1<sup>st</sup> grader Ava Kelleher--won the Ipad mini (Ebert Orthodontics); Maya Cumbers-Wenzel (2<sup>nd</sup> place) won Kindle Fire and gift cards (Brighter Future Vision Clinic). Mrs. Wood's class won the Garlic Knot pizza Party (raised \$1097) and Mrs. Engstrom's class won the cookie party for most participation. 124 kids qualified for the \$6 voucher
- Reading minutes: Goodies were raffled off throughout the month to all participants who turned in their minutes and this was a great incentive to get the logs in quickly. Jayme is out of town so the final minute tally isn't complete, but will be within the next week.

- Thank you notes will be going out to donors soon and there will be a note in the December newsletter.
- Jayme would like to thank Vanessa Wilhelm, Janelle McGill, Coco Ellis, Dixie Gormley, Samantha Gormley, Kathy McGrath, Heather Morrison, Casey Yahn, Heather Castañeda, Sarah Putman, Chelsea Hill, David Worford and all the people who counted money and helped work at the Book Fair.
- Looking forward to talking to whomever is interested in running the Read-A-Thon next year.

**SAC—Vanessa for David Worford**

- Last meeting on Oct. 17, reviewed the function and purpose (an advisory board)
  - Membership of staff, parents, business/community member
- Reviewed current PBL projects
  - Kindergarten—Collaboration and teamwork
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade—Traffic/Kiss and Go lane
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade—Library design
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade—Garden
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade—Environmental footprint
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade—TBD this week
- Data was presented from spring test scores
  - This year's focus is math, as the meet/excess was very low
  - Improvement plan focusing on the new math plan as the old plan didn't really align and had limitations.

**VIPS (Volunteers in Poudre Schools)--Mary Jackson**

- Going well and have seen a great increase in registration

Sarah thanked everyone for coming, meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

Minutes compiled by Pam Rice