

SHEPARDSON PTO

**Monday September 13, 2021 5:30 pm Location: Shepardson
Courtyard**

Meeting called to order: April Price, 5:30 pm

In attendance: April Price, David Worford, Nicole Booker, Wayne Thornes, Laura Sutton, Sarah Putman, Heidi Habbinga, Pam Rice, Chelsea Hill

Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions

Approval of May 2021 Meeting Minutes - Presented, Sarah Putman motioned to approve the minutes, motion seconded, the minutes were approved.

Officers' Reports

President's Report— April Price

- **Goals for the year** - Growing the PTO
 - Buddy form will go out in September 24th Friday email - Nicole
 - Pairing experienced and new parents
 - More communication to build involvement

Principal's Report—Wayne Thornes

- We are off to a great start to the school year!
- New staff and staff in new positions, all are working well
- All are happy to be back in person
 - Hopeful for in-class volunteers
 - For now, link for building volunteers was sent out
- **Shade Structures**
 - It's been a hot start to the school year

- Jerry with District Facilities is checking with the state for clarification on new 145 mph wind resistance requirement
 - Hard to find shade structures that meet these requirements
 - Researching installation as well
 - Regulations based on safety issues with community use
- Noted that they were a 1st grade PBL project for Pam and Sarah's children
- **School population** is 406 K-5 and 24 pre-k students
- **New staff positions**
 - New Math Intervention position - Trena Frieauf
 - New Kindergarten paraprofessional - Renee Bash
 - Literacy position is now full-time
 - Two new autism paraprofessionals
 - Hiring for one more IS in-room paraprofessional
- 4K held on Sunday, September 12th was one of the school's largest at 245 participants
- Rollerland held on Friday, September 10th was successful and fun
 - Participants did a good job wearing masks
- Staff Lounge - finished thanks to Sarah Putman!
- Fundraising initiative (if shade structures don't come thru this year)
 - In-room coolers
 - Changing out in-operable windows to operable
 - cost is \$400-\$500 each
 - Discussion of inequity in PSD schools regarding 1/2 with A/C and 1/2 without

New Business

Yearbook chair confirmation -

- Erika Silbee

Fall Enrichment -

- Holly German
- Beginning for upper grade this month
- Can notify her to begin lower grades in October/November

New Parent Social reimagined - Nicole Booker

- Saturday, October 9th, Brunch on playground
- It will look similar to the Friday event, coffee and baked goods
- Goal to enable working parent connections
- Will be advertised on the parent buddy form
- Remove the word "New"

Movie Night

- Date of event, October 1 at 6:30 PM on school playground
- Options for outdoor screen
 - Ask to borrow from student body
 - Buy one for the school
 - Laura will ask if we can borrow from O'Dea Elementary School

Old Business

Ice Cream Social- Britt MacTavish

- Good participation this year!

Pool Party - Nicole Booker

- Brought in ~\$2000, final is around \$1300 after expenses
- Will order more pizza next year
 - Thank you to Pam Rice for pizza delivery!
- Comments were that we could have charged more for the pizza
- Note on the flyer next year that it is still a school event
 - Issue with foul language

School Directory -

- Not doing this year

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 pm

Minutes compiled by Heidi Habbinga