

# SHEPARDSON PTO

**Monday January 9, 2017**

**6pm**

**Location: School Library**

**Meeting called to order** by Sarah Putman at 6:00pm

**In attendance:** Julie Wenzel, Becky Woodcox, David Worford, Alissa Poduska, Mary Laffey, Mary Jackson, Heather Castañeda, Sarah Putman, Pam Rice

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**Minutes:** Presented, moved and seconded; accepted as written.

## **Officers' Reports**

### **President's Report**

- Sarah presented information on school gear:
  - Catalogs were passed around and apparel was discussed and selections were narrowed for both youth and adult selections.
  - Discussion about further gear selections continued. Would items be available for sale? Awards? School spirit? Star Stampede prizes? It was determined that PTO would have to buy merchandise (not apparel) upfront and have it available to award or sell.
  - Paul Poduska is almost finished with the design and will be ready to present to staff and PTO for feedback and approval.

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

- Kindergarten information night coming up soon (Tuesday, January 17), communications going out ASAP.
- Info meetings are good introduction to the school for school of choice options.

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

- Tabled to General Meeting

## **Old Business**

### **Caroling Night**

- Was held last week of school before break and was a huge success.
- Mr. U has requested that we do it again next year, hopeful to make it an annual event.
- It would be ideal to have it the evening before the All School Sing assembly, as it makes set up and tear down much easier for all involved.
- Feedback was so positive that it was unanimously voted to replace the Winter Social.

## **New Business**

### **Star Stampede**

- It has been proposed that the PTO take over the Star Stampede.
- Staff was very pleased with the event last year, nearly raised all the money necessary for all the special ask items. This year's event is earmarked to complete those purchases (water stations).
- Staff has proposed that PTO co-host the event this year (Thursday, April 6) and take over completely next year. Mary Jackson has offered to chair.
- Discussion was held about using this fundraiser as a special ask event vs a general budget fundraiser.
- Discussion was also held in regards to using this event to replace the Fall ABC Fundraiser.
- Board was in favor of having two large fundraisers a year, the Read-A-Thon in the Fall and the Star Stampede in the Spring. It was decided to bring the discussion forward to the General Meeting and have a formal vote at the February meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:57pm

**Minutes compiled by Pam Rice**