



Monday, April 3, 2017

7pm

Location: School Library

Meeting called to order: Heather Castañeda, Co-President at 7:06 pm

In attendance: Dixie Gormley, Becky Woodcox, Stacy Schauerhamer, Alissa Poduska, Julie Wenzel, David Worford, Vanessa Wilhelm, Chelsea Hill, Stephanie Powers, Dana Pierce, Mary Jackson, Heather Castañeda, Sarah Putman, April Price, Pam Rice

It was moved and seconded to accept the January 2017 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Introductions were made.

Officer's Reports

President's Report-Heather Castañeda and Sarah Putman

- Sarah thanked Dixie for hosting a Read-A-Thon organizational meeting.
- Sarah also thanked Mary Jackson for scrambling to help organize the Star Stampede and overcoming the challenges that have popped up along the way.
- Heather discussed open chair and board positions. Advised to check Sign Up Genius for opportunities and availability

Principal's Report-Alissa Poduska

- Front Entry Remodel
 - When the bond passes, the front entryway is scheduled to be remodeled
 - The exterior door will be locked and a camera (already installed) and buzzer system will allow for staff in the office to authorize entry. (Current system isn't as secure as anyone would like, nor as it needs to be)
 - Staff, leadership team, SAC have all approved the plan.
 - The system can be scheduled to allow for late school arrivals and special events.
- New staff
 - Autism program
 - Whitney Weber is moving to NV and will not be returning.
 - Alex Devalk will be joining the team in her place.
 - New Certified position
 - Megan Thompson, dual certification for teaching and special education.
 - Will be teammate with Heidi Hammer
 - Adding a 5th grade track
 - Will be a "one year only" position with the possibility to extend.
 - Holding a position for Erin Sullivan while teaching in Germany.

- 2nd grade
 - Martha Rehm will be going to 50% doing a job share
 - Mrs. Rehm will be teaching the morning class time.
- Kindergarten
 - Katelynn Austin has resigned to stay home with her growing family.
 - Katie Fitzpatrick will be moving from 3rd grade to take Mrs. Austin's spot.
- 3rd grade
 - Will be hiring to fill Mrs. Fitzpatrick's spot
- Will be hiring for Special Education para (autism specialist), 2 openings

Staff Report-Becky Woodcox

- Every grade is busy with PBLs
- Begin testing next week
- Eight weeks of class remain.

Treasurer—Chelsea Hill

- Current reports were distributed
- Found some "missing" money
 - PayPal had approx. \$2000 in "limbo" for some reason that has been resolved, bringing the total from Trivia Night to approximately \$3500.

HABIC Update—Dana Pierce

- Program has exceeded the already high expectations.
- Have had a personal challenge with having time get divided, but have had lots of people offer to help
- Three 30-minute sessions per week are running well
 - Might be able to get more staff to help with more dogs, if possible
- Haven't been able to work with as large a group as had hoped, but have learned lots of good lessons going forward, already getting more efficient.
- Requesting \$400-600 budget for next year.

Wellness Committee—Alissa Poduska for Sheri Lemesany

- Class parties have been going well.
 - Have seen every class doing 50% "healthy" snacks and 50% "other."
- Student snacks
 - The school will not mandate what kids can bring for snacks, other than for the safety of fellow students and teachers (i.e. nuts)
- Birthday snacks and celebrations
 - Many phone calls and emails received with very strong opinions. The PTO and Wellness Committee will not be voting on a policy, rather it will be set by the school's leadership team.
 - As a "Wellness" school, should we be allowing treats (candy, cake, etc)?
 - Received much input that food sharing is a cultural norm/expectation
 - Do we need to address students with uncommon allergies, sensitivities, diagnosis (diabetes, etc) to be as inclusive as possible?

- Options to snacks/food
 - Birthday cart with crafts, games, etc.
 - Extra recess
 - Special recognition
- How much extra time away from learning would result from options to current small birthday treats/recognition?
- Possibility of grandfathering in a new policy, so new students (Kindergarten) will have more stringent food/snack/celebration guidelines than current classes.
- Will have a policy in place for next year.

Committee Reports

Family Nights-Vanessa Wilhelm

- Culver's Night
 - Raised approximately \$400 and \$41 in direct donations
- Garlic Knot
 - Most recent night raised \$117 for a total of \$1725.91
 - Next night is Thursday, April 27.
- Chipotle
 - Bring in the flier (must!) to the Harmony location
 - 50% of sales between 5pm-9pm
 - Thursday, May 11.

School Accountability Committee-David Worford

- Front entryway as presented by Mrs. Poduska
- Arbor Day 2017
 - Shepardson was chosen as an Arbor Day 2017 school
 - Will be getting 14 new trees, presented by the city and school district
 - Will be sustainable, but not fruit trees
 - Will be planted along the perimeter of the school grounds
 - Ceremony during assembly on Friday, April 21
 - Mayor, district representatives, business partners to present
 - Will then go outside where kids will get to place mulch, name the trees, etc.
- Testing updates
 - 3rd, 4th, 5th grades will be doing testing Monday, April 10-Thursday, April 20.
 - 5th grade will do one extra day of testing. Will be beta testing a literacy exam.
 - K, 1st, 2nd will be getting some additional help as all staff will be needed for testing.
- Staff changes as presented by Mrs. Poduska
- Projections, Budget
 - This year Shepardson enrollment is 385, projecting 380 next year.
 - Need to hire a 5th grade teacher
 - School budget is doing well due to grants and other outside funding.
 - District and state budgets, however, are in dire straits.

Sock Hop—Dixie Gormley

- Will be Friday, April 14 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Free for all to attend, parents must attend/supervisor their students.
- Root beer floats
- Sock hop attire welcome and encouraged

Star Stampede—Mary Jackson

- Will be this Thursday, April 6
- Pledge envelopes and schedules have gone out
- Reminder that this is replacing the ABC Fall Fundraiser
- This fits well with Shepardson's wellness model
- Fundraising will go toward remaining hydration stations, playground equipment, PTO general fund as needed.

Sarah and Heather thanked everyone for coming, meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Minutes compiled by Pam Rice