



# General Meeting Minutes

Monday January 10, 2022

6:30 pm

Location: Shepardson  
Media Center

**Meeting called to order:** April Price, 6:35 pm

**In attendance:** Wayne Thornes, April Price, Britt MacTavish, Sarah Putman, Kelli Wallace, Heidi Habbinga, Nicole Booker, David Worford, Pam Rice, Corinne Disterhoft, Marisa Williams, Becky Woodcox, Chelsea Hill, Travis Hitt

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## Welcome and introductions

**Special Guest - Dr. Tom Dodd, Principal, Leshar Middle School**

### ★ **Tours and Open House**

- Tours of the school available by reservation Friday mornings, 1/14, 1/21, and 1/28. Contact Office Manager Jeannie Mitchell to reserve: 970-472-3808, [jeanniem@psdschools.org](mailto:jeanniem@psdschools.org)
- 5th Grade Open House and Curriculum Fair, Thursday 1/13, 5-7:30 in-person and live stream

### ★ **Neighborhood School for North of Drake District**

- Must apply for School of Choice if you live out of neighborhood district
- School of Choice deadline is Friday, 1/21 at 12pm

### ★ **About Leshar Middle School**

- started in 1960
- general population is 780-800 students
- 35% minority population
- 28-30% in the Gifted and Talented program
- Most students go on to Fort Collins High School
- Climate and Culture of the school is to get a full student buy in to the school - Diverse downtown vibe, "Biking" Vikings
- Students are placed in homerooms with designated teachers to help with the social adjustment to middle school
- More information on the school website: <http://les.pdschools.org/>

**Minutes** - December Minutes were presented, Kelli Wallace motioned to approve the minutes, Pam Rice seconded the motion, motion was put to a vote, minutes were approved.

## **Officers' Reports**

### **President's Report— April Price**

- ★ **PTO Open House - April Price**
- ★ Inviting everyone to the February 7th PTO meeting
  - Information on Board Positions
  - Refreshments and Gift Card prize
  - Q & A for committees

### **Principal's Report - Wayne Thornes**

- ★ Shepardson and the district are doing everything they can to stay open
  - A class may have to go remote for a limited and short time
    - Reason would be a lack of staff
    - Shepardson can handle ten teacher absences
  - Please keep sick students home
- ★ Thank you for the Coffee Stop Bus!
- ★ Valentine's Parties and volunteers
  - The school is restricting volunteers
  - Library, clerical, and friday folder help is okay
  - No parents in the classrooms to run the Valentine's parties, and no food during the party
  - Students are going out for lunch when possible
  - Please dress students appropriately
  - Sarah Putman will find out clerical volunteer needs and send out a request for volunteers

### **Treasurer's Report - Kelli Wallace**

- ★ Highlights of January Report
  - Direct Donations have come in from Benevity Fund and PayPal Giving Fund
  - Continuing to receive requests from the Teacher/Classroom Fund

### **Staff Report - Becky Woodcox**

★ Thank you for the coffee bus, scissors, and the holiday parties were fun!

### **VIPS Report - Sarah Putman**

★ See notes above regarding school needs for clerical, library, and friday folder volunteers

### **Committee Highlights**

#### **★ Trivia Night - Nicole Booker**

- Accepting donations and putting together the online auction
- Looking for donations and suggestions
  - Board and Brush suggested
- Information will be in the January newsletter
- Auction Offerings
  - Experiences with teachers
  - School needs - filter replacements
  - Donations - shade structures, projector, inflatable screen
  - Tangible Items - wine and gift baskets
  - Rentals - condos and/or vacation homes

#### **★ Enrichment - Holly German (not present)**

- Enrichment activities are still happening
- Sign ups to be sent out soon
- Suggested as an option to support in Trivia Night Online Auction

#### **★ Family Nights - John Wallace (not present)**

- December at Retreat Bar had a good response
- 1/26 will be Modern Market - pending

### **New Business**

#### **★ PTO open positions for 2022/23 school year**

- Treasurer - 2 year position, next year shadow
- Vice President - 3 year position, VP - President - Past President

**★ Rotating events will continue to be updated on the PTO and Shepardson website**

### **Open Discussion**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM**

**Minutes compiled by Heidi Habbinga**