

SHEPARDSON PTO

Monday November 4, 2019 6:30 pm

Location: School Library

Meeting called to order: Kelli Wallace, 6:32 pm

In attendance: Janelle Plasters, Heather Castañeda, Sarah Putman, Mary Jackson, Alissa Poduska, David Worford, April Price, Nicole Booker, Milena Rodionov, Caitlin Yates, Kelli Wallace, Pam Rice, Cara Fleckenstein, Marisa Williams, Jean Parker-Renger, Angela Mitchell, Daniel Michalski

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes—Minutes were presented, approved with changes

Officers' Reports

President's Report—Kelli Wallace

- PTO has received several thank you notes
 - Thank yous from 1st graders for the field trip
 - Thank yous for classified brunch and conference dinner
- Becky Woodcox has asked for more help with STEM Night set up/clean up

Principal's Report—Alissa Poduska

- Thank you to all the room parents and volunteers for a great Read-A-Thon day
 - Fun costumes and well run events and parties
 - Thank you to Sarah Putman for all her hard work planning the Read-A-Thon
 - Thank you to Julie Wentzel for organizing readers
- 4th grade team has applied for a "movement" grant for new fidget seats
- No school for students next Monday

Treasurer's Report—Sarah Putman

- Read-A-Thon
 - Brought in approximately \$20,000
 - Still need to buy t-shirts
- Box Tops
 - Have received money from program
 - Prize money has been distributed

- Odyssey of the Mind special request paid out
- Detailed expenses are logged in and out; up to date

Staff Report—Angela Mitchell

- STEM Night volunteers still needed
- Giving Tree time
 - History of the program
 - Used to find organizations for our families in need
 - Decided to bring it inhouse and help our families ourselves
 - Forms for assistance requests are going home this week
 - Tree will be up before Thanksgiving
- Need snack donations for the snack box
 - Mr. Tim used to keep the snack box filled at his own expense
 - Requesting PTO to pass the word and ask families to donate snacks as possible
- Safety Smarts lessons starting
 - Child Advocacy Center presents classes to K-3
- Reminder to turn in ballots tomorrow for City vote
- Upcoming Parent Night November 19, 6pm
 - Internet Safety with FCPD Sgt Keith Maynard
 - Childcare and pizza provided
- Need more donations for the Sunflower Fund
 - Food and fuel gift cards

Committee Reports

Read-A-Thon—Sarah Putman

- Business sponsorships and donations were over \$20,000
- Business sponsorships are used to buy prizes
- 190 students donated approximately \$18,000
- 6 prize levels this year
 - Level 2—88 students (T-shirt)
 - Level 3—52 students (games)
 - Level 4—24 students (lunch with Mrs. Woodcox)
 - Level 5—9 students (time with Mrs. Monks)
 - Level 6—9 students (catered lunch with Alissa and Wayne, get to decorate them into sundaes)
- 2nd grade raised the most money so Wayne and Alissa will teach a class
- Kindergarten had the most participants so they will get a special activity
- Whole school earned a teacher lip-sync show

STEM Night—via email

- STEM Night is this Thursday, November 7
- Dinner available 4:45-6:30 and three food trucks are lined up

- CornDoggies, My Big Fat Greek Gyros, Rollin' Stone Wood Fired Pizza
- Dinner can be purchased from 4:45-6:30 and eat in the Flex Room
- Will be setting up in the Kiss-n-Go lane immediately after school traffic has cleared out

Caroling Night—Cassy Johnson via email

- Will be held Tuesday, December 17th
- Gathering suggestions for this year
 - Have choir sing first
 - Send out a neighborhood notification
 - Request Star Squad to send “group leaders”

Trivia Night—Caitlin Yates and Nicole Booker

- History of the event for new families
 - Adults only off-campus event/fundraiser
 - Tables of 10
 - Open to everyone, Shepardson family or not (friends welcome!)
 - Six rounds of trivia
 - Light appetizers and drinks
 - Held at the CSU Stadium Club
- Will be Friday, January 31, 2020
- Looking for committee members to help
- Auctioneer has been reserved for the night

Star Stampede—April Price and Mary Jackson

- History of the event for new families
 - Sponsor/donate to students for running laps
 - Fundraiser and wellness event
 - Parents/families are welcome to join their student during their run
- Date has been changed due to Safe Routes to School program
 - Originally scheduled for April 9
 - Propose April 16 or 17
 - Need to check with master schedule and CMAS testing dates

School Directory—Chelsea Hill

- Directories have been distributed
- No further updates for the year

Soopers Cards--Cara Fleckenstein via email

- The new program is looking promising
- Pay out quarterly
 - 3rd quarter paid out over \$800, which brings us over our projected yearly budget
 - This is with only 43 families participating
- Would like to have a table at STEM Night to help people link their cards
 - Laptops will be available

Yearbook—Pam Rice

- No updates

Family Nights—Kelli Wallace for John Wallace

- Have a special family night scheduled December 11 at Chipotle
- Received latest check from Garlic Knot last night
- Will send out fliers again as that seemed to help

Room Parents—Leentja Stokes

- No report but anecdotally hear things are going well
- SignUp Genius seemed to be successful and well received

4th/5th Playground—Sarah Putman

- Numbers at present:
 - Read-A-Thon raised \$8,300
 - New donation from Premier Designs jewelry
 - Possibility of excess money after paying Fall Grant
 - Tracking down outstanding \$800 from Ragnar Race event
 - Have approximately \$60,000 cash; \$29,750 grants for a total of \$90,650 raised and available now, which will cover the cost of the equipment
 - Have \$45,000 in grant applications outstanding and awaiting answers
 - Need to finish raising the rest of the money (\$29,000) by February

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Minutes compiled by Pam Rice