

# SHEPARDSON PTO

**Monday November 1, 2021**

**6:30 pm**

**Location: Shepardson  
Media Center**

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

**In attendance:** Wayne Thornes, April Price, Sarah Putman, Kelli Wallace, Heidi Habbinga, Nicole Booker, David Worford, Pam Rice, Whitney DeMercurio, Corinne Disterhoft, Josh Klenk, Marisa Williams, Becky Woodcox, Cecelia White, Ron Setzer, Christa Lund

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## **Welcome and introductions**

**Minutes**—October Minutes were presented, Pam Rice motioned to approve the minutes, Sarah Putman seconded the motion, motion was put to a vote, minutes were approved.

## **Officers' Reports**

**President's Report**— April Price

- ★ **Family survey winner!** - Nicole Booker, April Price
  - Drawing was held by Wayne Thornes, Lolly Guthrie is the winner of a \$20 gift card
  - Nicole is sending out emails about buddy system sign-up and matching families
- ★ **Committee Spotlight** - April Price
  - **Classified Brunch-Kelli Wallace**
    - Held during Classified Appreciation Week
    - Kelli is looking for someone to take over next year, she will support the new chairperson
      - There is a sign-up genius populated with items to bring
      - Held on April 20th, 2022 (coordinate with Sharon in the front office in future years for date)

- Responsibilities on the day of set-up include
      - Table cloth
      - Cards with Ingredients
      - Flowers and notes
    - **Conference Dinner** - Sarah Putman
      - During Fall conferences this past month
      - Planning has started for Spring conferences
      - Teachers are here until 8 on conference nights and don't have time for dinner
      - Committee chair coordinates the event
  - ★ Fall Celebrations
    - Parties went really well
    - Mr. Thornes thought they were wonderful
      - Visited most of the school parties
      - Lots of inside/outside activities, good distancing with activities
      - Well organized and put together

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

- ★ Thank you for the Fall Celebrations
- ★ The Read-A-Thon parade was great
  - Will work on PA music for future events - getting a new system installed which will address the issue
- ★ Thank you for all your donations to Read-A-Thon!
- ★ Colorado Health Department Vaccine bus was at Shepardson last Monday and is coming again November 15th
  - The location where the bus was parked was selected to accommodate the length of the bus and to keep students clear of the community members waiting for the bus. Restricting contact.
  - An SRO officer was on campus and additional staff were out when students were present
  - It is not known yet, but likely that vaccines for 5-11 year olds may be available at the next visit
  - No appointment is necessary, walk-ups are taken
  - There has been no talk of requiring vaccinations at the school district level

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

- ★ Highlights of November Report

- King Soopers/Box Tops received \$1,679.88 this quarter
- Morning Fresh Milk Caps program received \$418.90
- Read-A-Thon spoiler alert - see Committee Highlights
- ★ PTO taxes have been submitted
- ★ Habic dogs
  - No formal program scheduled for this year, there are some dogs scheduled to come in to the school

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

- ★ Star Squad - 57 students participating this year
  - Students chose Project Heart - they are working with Serve 6.8 (Serve 6.8's goal is to provide more than 900 families with a Thanksgiving box)
    - They came to Shepardson and asked for help at Thanksgiving
    - Students have come up with a plan to collect supplies for 100 boxes
    - Collection starts Friday, November 5th through November 15th
    - Fifth grade students are spearheading the project - they are the counters and gatherers
    - There is a competition between the classes to bring in the most donations. Prizes for the classes are a special event with Mr. Thornes and Mrs. Sutton and extra recess time!
- ★ Teachers appreciated no extra burden of Read-A-Thon
- ★ Teachers appreciated the Fall Celebrations
- ★ Air Filters need the filters replaced in January
  - Custodians went through and vacuumed the filters
- ★ School is getting a new amplification system for the classrooms - it is part of whole new system for the school
- ★ School got \$1000 in Covid funds this year
  - will use the money to buy new filters

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

- ★ District is changing the program soon - will update when announced

### **Committee Highlights**

- ★ **Read-a-Thon** - Heidi Habbinga
  - \$18,700 current total raised by 192 students
  - 113 students turned in reading sheets, 90 read 20+ books and chapters

- Read-A-Thon asks business sponsors for donations as well as student fundraising. Business sponsor money is used to buy t-shirts and any additional expenses for Read-A-Thon. Most of the money raised by the students goes directly to support the school.
- The school has a request in to the District Facilities for two shade structures to be installed next summer
- The Read-A-Thon committee is very grateful to everyone for their support
- ★ **Spirit Wear-** Sarah Putman for Chelsea Hill (not present)
  - 3-4 weeks for orders to come in
  - Becky Woodcox said the Star Squad is hoping to have every Friday Shepardson Spirit Wear Day
  - Wayne Thornes noted the First Wednesday of the month is Wellness Wear Day
- ★ **Family Nights** - April Price for John Wallace (not present)
  - \$250 from October Snack Attack Family Night
  - Modern Market is the next Family Night on November 17th
  - Contacting Retreat Bakery Bar for December Family Night
- ★ **Caroling Night** - April Price
  - Will not be doing this event this year due to Covid protocol guidelines
  - Will be confirmed in December
- ★ **Trivia Night** - Nicole Booker
  - Usually a big fun, adult only, party at the CSU stadium
  - Event consists of making tables of teams and playing trivia, with an in-person auction
  - Takes place the end of January/beginning of February
  - PTO will only be holding an online auction this year and no in person event due to Covid guidelines
- ★ **Mobile Coffee Cart** - Nicole Booker
  - The mobile coffee cart used previously has gone out of business. Does anyone know of a different mobile coffee cart?
  - Please send leads to Nicole Booker
  - Possibility of Human Bean coming and offering coffee for purchase to the parents as well was proposed and will be looked into

## New Business

- ★ **Update to Bylaws: Article VI: Committees Section 2: The Appointed Committees**
  - **Section 2. The Appointed Committees:** ~~Shall be the following: Ice Cream Social, all Fundraising Events, Winter Social, Sock Hop, Movie~~

~~Nights, School Directory, Yearbook, Teacher Appreciation/Classified  
Brunch, Head Room Parent Coordinator, New Family/Hospitality  
Coordinator and Website Coordinator.~~

- **Add:** See Standing Rules for committee names and details.
  - \*This change will be presented at the Nov meeting and voted on in December as there needs to be 30 days notice before change to the Bylaws is considered for vote/approval.

### **Open Discussion**

- ★ Next month we will discuss passive committees that will need a new committee chair next year due to the chair's student graduating

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM**

**Minutes compiled by Heidi Habbinga**