

# SHEPARDSON PTO

**Monday October 14, 2019 6:30 pm**

**Location: School Library**

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

**In attendance:** Chelsea Hill, Janelle Plasters, Heather Castañeda, Sarah Putman, Mary Jackson, Alissa Poduska, David Worford, April Price, Nicole Booker, Rachel McClure, Milena Rodionov, Caitlin Yates, Kelli Wallace, Pam Rice, Steve Williams, Erin Sullivan, Cara Fleckenstein

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## **Welcome and Introductions**

**Minutes**—Minutes were presented, approved with changes

## **Teacher Special Request**—Erin Sullivan

- Erin Sullivan is the Teacher Sponsor of Shepardson's Odyssey of the Mind teams
  - OM is creative problem solving teams
  - Solutions come from the students only, with guidance from teachers
- Requesting additional funding for the OM teams--\$150
  - Trying to build up the supply of balsa wood, pipe cleaners, tape, balloons, spaghetti, other disposables for the students to use in solving their problems
  - Need to pay for a national membership of \$100-150
  - Each OM team member is requested to pay \$25 to join
- Moved, seconded, approved unanimously to fund \$150 to OM; will increase the annual budget later in the year

## **Officer's Reports**

### **President's Report**—Kelli Wallace

- Jewelry Party
  - Hosted a jewelry party with Teghan Decker
  - Raised \$200 cash
  - \$500 worth of jewelry donated for Trivia Night (4 full sets)
- Received a great thank you from the Second Grade Team
  - PTO purchased two book series last year and have seen great rewards and payoffs already this year and the students really enjoy them

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

- We are already halfway through the first semester
- Conferences are this week
  - Long days for teachers
  - Only sending out two report cards this year, at the end of each semester, so there are no report cards at conferences
  - The conferences really take the place of a report card as elementary school teachers are great at communicating with families
  - Considering eliminating Listening Conferences in September and only doing October conferences
- November election
  - School District has a ballot issue coming up
  - If the issue does not pass the District will see cuts and increases in class sizes, up approximately 20%.

### **Treasurer's Report—Sarah Putman**

- Deposited PalPal money
  - \$971.25 from pool party
  - Still need to reimburse someone for the \$500 deposit

### **Staff Report—Alissa Poduska for Angela Mitchell**

- No report this month due to conferences the rest of the week

### **SAC Report—Kelli Wallace**

- PBLs have been changed to one per year per grade
- Ballot issue upcoming
  - If it fails, anticipate cuts and increase in classroom sized by 20%

### **Bylaw Vote—Kelli Wallace**

- Several of the grants the PTO has been applying for have asked if we have a non-discrimination clause.
- The District does have a non-discrimination clause, but it has been suggested that this be added directly to our bylaws, as well.
- It was moved, seconded, approved unanimously to add the following language to the Shepardson PTO Bylaws to Article 1, Section 3:
  - “As provided in District Policy AC (Non-discrimination/Equal Opportunity), the Poudre School District and Shepardson PTO do not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, age or disability.”

## **Committee Reports**

### **Read-A-Thon—Sarah Putman**

- Envelopes have been sent home
- Will add tips on fundraising to the Facebook page
  - Goal of \$20,000
  - If we hit the goal the kids will get to make the administration into sundaes, have a movie afternoon
  - Anything over \$12,000 will do to the playground fund
- Will have class competitions

### **School Directory—Chelsea Hill**

- Have all the information and data but it is slow going
- Will be going to the printer this week
- Distribution over the next week

### **Box Tops—Natalie Wooley via email**

- The fall challenge has ended and the box tops are sent off already
- Mrs. Rehm's class won for most box tops and Mrs. Hanson's class won for most participation. I'll be getting them their gift card prizes soon.
- I wasn't sure how this drive would go as Box Tops is changing and going digital.
  - Usually, for the fall drive we get about 10,000 box tops.
  - Unfortunately this time we got just over 5,000 - half as much as we usually do.
  - The box tops are on fewer items and with the switch over to the digital/app version, they will completely stop printing the clippable ones at the end of this year.
- Going forward, we really will have to rely on parents/grandparents/etc using the app as the clipped version will completely go away.
  - How do we want to handle the spring drive?
  - It is smaller and typically gets only about 5,000 box tops turned in
  - It is suggested we just do a "drive" in the spring instead of a contest.
    - With the contest, we are paying out \$75 in prizes and it also costs about \$25 to ship the box tops.
    - If we only made about \$500 in the fall drive, \$100 of that is going to the contest and not to the school.
    - The spring drive is usually half the size so we would be paying out almost half of the money on prizes

### **Conference Dinner**—Sarah Putman

- Will be providing dinner for the teachers during conferences on Tues. October 15 (tomorrow)
- Theme will be Asian
- Signup Genius went out for sides and desserts and had good responses

### **Classified Brunch**—Kelli Wallace

- Provided brunch for all Classified Staff
- Great participation from lots of parents

### **Movie Nights**—Kory Karr via email

- Movie Night was held Friday, October 11th @ 6:00pm. The gym was packed!
- Thanks to Becky Woodcox for setting up the entertainment system and organizing the Star Squad.
  - The Star Squad did a great job; they had their plates full with so many kids!
- Gracie the custodian was thoughtful and easy to work with...
  - Will ask for a few trash cans next time, maybe even one recycling bin.
- Thanks to Jackie Cole for help with running the night!
- Received a large donation of popcorn from Cinemark Theatre (Timberline & Harmony).
- Everything sold out—popcorn, drinks, Glo Sticks.
- Brought in approximately \$171 for the night.
  - There are a few receipts for the popcorn trays and Glo sticks
  - Grand total will be about \$125 net.
- If we want to make this a fundraiser, we could price it differently,
  - As an affordable night of fun, it was fun and successful
- In the future:
  - Set up a microphone. With so many people it was impossible to make announcements or thank everyone for coming.
  - Popcorn—Do we need to find a way to make more if needed? (We've told the popcorn machine we have doesn't work well.) Cinemark gave us a very generous amount!
  - Have more Capri Suns available
  - Separate the money and food to different tables. Was very congested
  - A lot of people there at 5:30...I don't know how to fix that issue since doors open at 6 were on the flyer?
  - Suggest just one connector to one Glo Stick (ran out of connectors)
  - If it's nice weather it might be fun to have it outside in the spring!

**Soopers Cards**--Cara Fleckenstein via email

- The new program is looking promising
- Pay out quarterly
  - 1<sup>st</sup> quarter: \$228 with 16 households participating
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter: \$870.04 with 43 households participating
- Suggest having a table at STEM Night to help people link their cards

**Yearbook**—Pam Rice

- No updates

**Family Nights**—Kelli Wallace for John Wallace

- Down 22% from last year
- Discussion about possible reasons why and potential future locations

Date	Venue	Amount	Last Year	Diff	Key
Aug 29th, 2019	Garlic Knot	\$ 203.60	\$ 268.13	\$ (64.53)	Not Received
Sept 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Garlic Knot	\$ 163.30	\$ 202.60	\$ (39.30)	Received
Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Garlic Knot	\$ -	\$ 205.46		Deposited
FALL EVENT	TBD	\$ -	\$ 151.56		
Nov 21st, 2019	Garlic Knot	\$ -	\$ 188.29		
Jan 23rd, 2020	Garlic Knot	\$ -	\$ 137.81		
Feb 27th, 2020	Garlic Knot	\$ -	\$ 143.00		
Mar 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Garlic Knot	\$ -	\$ 180.00		
SPRING EVENT	TBD	\$ -	\$ 288.92		
Apr 23rd, 2020	Garlic Knot	\$ -	\$ 107.00		
May 21st, 2020	Garlic Knot	\$ -	\$ 212.00		
<b>To Date</b>		\$ 366.90	\$ 470.73	-22%	
<b>Goal</b>		\$ 2,000.00			
<b>Accomplished</b>		<b>18%</b>			

**School Supply Kits**—Heather Castañeda for Cara Fleckenstein

- The company is requesting a commitment for next year
- All agree to continue working with this company as it is worthwhile and easy

**Trivia Night**—Caitlin Yates, Nicole Booker

- Planning will begin November 1
- Will be held Friday, January 31, 2020 at the CSU Stadium

**4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Playground**—Sarah Putman

- No updates at this time

### **Open Forum/Questions**

- Interim replacement for Mr. Tim is Gracie Evarado
- Concerns about the Kiss and Go area on Springwood Dr by the playground
  - Many parents are still parking there and leaving their vehicles or blocking the intersection
  - Poor signage
  - Suggestion for better wording on signs
    - “Please remain in your vehicle while dropping off or picking up your students” or similar positive directions

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm

Minutes compiled by Pam Rice