

SHEPARDSON PTO

Monday September 9, 2019 6:30 pm

Location: School Library

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

In attendance: Chelsea Hill, Janelle Plasters, Heidi Habbinga, Heather Castañeda, Sarah Putman, Mary Jackson, Angela Mitchell, Alissa Poduska, Leentje Stokes, David Worford, April Price, Nicole Booker, Rachel McClure, Milena Rodionov, Caitlin Yates, Kelli Wallace, Pam Rice

Welcome and Introductions

Minutes—Minutes were presented, approved

Officer's Reports

President's Report—Kelli Wallace

- Thanks to everyone for all the work over the summer and so far at the start of the year
- Kudos
 - 1st grader Eileen Karr hosted an ice cream stand, donating proceeds to the playground
 - 5th grader Dylan Cook writing multiple grants as part of his black-belt leadership program
 - So far has brought in a \$2500 and \$2000 grant
- Committees
 - Chairs are full but committees need help!
 - Lots of fun committees to chose from

Principal's Report—Alissa Poduska

- Thanks to everyone for a great start to the school year
- Time switching has smoothed out
- Heat has been an issue
 - Having indoor recesses
 - Hopefully it will start to cool down a bit
 - District is looking for options and solutions for the future
- New Media Center
 - Furniture has been late arriving but held a fun engineering event in place of usual media days
 - Able to rearrange everything easily

- Enrollment
 - Projected to enroll 390
 - Actually have 408 enrolled
 - Will be hiring some new staff

Treasurer's Report—Sarah Putman

- Note for General Meeting:
 - Board approved an antidiscrimination clause in the Standing Rules
 - Will be a vote at next month's General Meeting to add the clause to the Bylaws
 - "As provided in District Policy AC (Nondiscrimination/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."
 - Please see the Board Meeting Minutes for further details
- Income/Expense Report presented and reviewed
 - Items for income including Amazon Smile, King Soopers Cards, etc discussed
- Need \$46,000 for the playground by February

Staff Report—Angela Mitchell

- First few weeks of school have "Behavior Boot Camps" to remind kids of appropriate behavior at school and toward each other
- September character trait is "Initiative"
- Great mental health team
 - Angela Mitchell works with K, 2, 3, 5 four days/week
 - Dana Pierce works with 1, 4, School psychologist
 - Hali Riewerts

VIPS Report—April Price

- Reminder to get all parents who want to be in the classroom for any reason to register with the District
 - Get a background check done
 - Only have to register once

Committee Reports

Read-A-Thon—Sarah Putman

- Collecting sponsorships, \$150 for shirts, web site, etc
- New prizes and levels
- Class competitions

School Directory—Chelsea Hill

- Orders and info have been received
- Books being compiled and formatted now
- Distribution in October

Room Parents—Leentje Stokes

- Have all classes signed up with room parent except for Rasmussen and Kirkwood
- Having a room parent meeting this Thursday at 8:45 am
- New for this year
 - SignUp Genius for donations
 - 50% of party snacks have to be healthy
 - Teacher has the final say
 - “Sunshine Binder”
 - One localized place for all the teachers’ questionnaires/answers available
 - Will include all classroom teachers, specials teachers, etc

Box Tops—Natalie Wooley via email

- The fall box tops contest starts Monday September 9th and goes for a month.
- I will be collecting from every class each Friday to count and see who is in the lead.
- The end winning class with the most box tops will get a \$50 prize/gift card and the class with the most participation will get a \$25 gift card.
- As some may have heard, the Box Tops program is going digital.
 - There is a new app to use where you are able to scan your receipts and the money goes straight into Shepardson’s account. (I believe it just adds up and we will still get 2 checks a year.)
 - The clipping method is being phased out.
 - I think we should still run the collection contest for this school year as I believe people have still been collecting them over the past 6 months or so. I’ll see how the numbers look at the end of the fall contest. Typically, we get around 10,000 box tops in the fall drive, so if that number changes drastically, we can talk about making changes for the spring drive.
- Thank you & please spread the word to family & friends to download and start using the new app :)

Conference Dinner—Sarah Putman

- Will be providing dinner for the teachers during conferences on Tues. October 15
- Theme will be Asian
- Will see how it works out, be on the lookout for a SignUp Genius

Classified Brunch—Kelli Wallace

- Provide brunch for all Classified Staff
- Will be sending out a Sign Up Genius

Movie Nights—Kory Karr via email

- Jaime Gray gave complete hand off to Kory
- Most likely will be Secret Life of Pets 2
- Need more popcorn baskets

Soopers Cards--Cara Fleckenstein via email

- We have earned about \$200 in the new King Soopers program
- Need to encourage people to go online and sign up
- Link your Soopers Card to Shepardson PTO and it automatically gives a percentage to us.

Yearbook—Pam Rice

- Have the email account cleared out and ready to accept pictures for this year
- Will get the email address to Leentja to distribute to room parents
 - Shepardsoneyearbook1@gmail.com

Family Nights—Kelli Wallace for John Wallace

- First Shepardson Night at Garlic Knot was in August
- Extremely slow service

T-shirts and Gear—Caitlin Yates

- Updating the logo so shirts and gear orders will be slightly delayed

New Parent Social—Kelli for Heather Morrison

- Increased attendance this year
- Great food!

Ice Cream Social—Julie Wenzel via email

- Goal—Zero Waste event
- Scooped ice cream from recyclable cardboard tubs into cones
- Tons of help: Kelli Wallace, Katie Norby, Eric & Richie Valenti, Maya & Graeme C-W 😊 running to and from the freezer
- Event from 4-5 pm with a playlist on speakers
 - Had to run to Sprouts for more cones at 4:45

- For next year:
 - Continue zero-waste efforts (recyclable packaging, cloth table clothes, cones, etc)
 - Try to find bulk options for cones
 - In advertising, tell people if they would like to bring their own bowls that is a great option. It's like camping; what you bring in, you take out. Bowls, napkins, wet-wipes, etc
 - Have two tables and spread them out to have two obvious serving stations to make it faster and more intuitive
- Budget: \$200
 - Target-\$76.43 for 9 ice cream tubs, 2 pints sorbet, cones
 - Whole Foods-\$4.28 for gluten free cones
 - King Soopers-\$6.14 for more cones
 - Sprouts-\$9.17 for even more cones at 4:45!
 - Total: \$96.02 for approx. 300 cones
 - Left over \$103.98 to go to playground fund

School Supply Kits—Heather Castañeda for Cara Fleckenstein

- 161 orders this year
- Has been very easy to work with this company
- Need to include School Supply Kit ordering info to the packets for incoming Kindergarten parents

Trivia Night—Caitlin Yates

- Parent only fundraising event
- Will be held Friday, January 31, 2020 at the CSU Stadium

New Business

Ragnar Race—April Price

- Ragnar Race is a Colorado Springs to Fort Collins running event
- Finishes at New Belgium where we will have a team of volunteers
- Our team will get \$800 for their time, which will go to the playground fund

Old Business

4th-5th Playground—Sarah Putman

- Need \$46,000 by February
- Lots and lots of grants pending

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Minutes compiled by Pam Rice