



General Meeting Minutes

Monday Sept. 14, 2020 6:30 pm Location: Zoom Conferencing

Meeting called to order: David Worford, 6:35 pm

In attendance: Kelli Wallace, Wayne Thornes, April Price, Sarah Putman, Andie Kirkwood, Cara Fleckenstein, Heidi Habbinga, Chelsea Hill, Nicole Booker, John Durkin, David Worford, Pam Rice, Katie Brayden, Whitney DeMercurio, Leentja Stokes

Welcome and introductions

Minutes—Minutes were presented, approved

Officers' Reports

President's Report—Kelli Wallace, David Worford

- Welcome to a new year, new way of doing things
- Things seem to be going well so far
- Committee Openings
 - Shepardson gear (t-shirts, etc)
 - Teacher Appreciation BBQ

Principal's Report—Wayne Thornes

- Things are going as well as possible
- Staff is working so hard
- Huge collaborations are taking place, using new tools
- Technology is definitely the biggest speed bump
- Students are very resilient
- Playground is in!
 - Kids and community seem to love it
- Free lunches are available daily from 11:00am-1:00pm for all kids
- Shepardson is a remote learning support center
 - This is a program available to students who need extra help
 - 10 Shepardson students, 10 O'Dea students
 - Being run by Mr. George
- Budget Crisis
 - PSD-V has more students than money as the District was not expecting the enrollment to be as large as it is.
 - 1800 elementary students

- Shepardson enrollment has dropped considerably
 - PSD-V option
 - Other families have withdrawn their student to attend private or charter schools
 - Kindergarten families are choosing to defer enrollment for a year as Kinder is extremely hard to do remotely
- State won't be able to fully fund schools
- Shepardson is currently staffed appropriately (1:20 or better)
- Due to having to return money to the District for students who are no longer enrolled at Shepardson we need to look at Classified staff and Operating Budget
 - Asking PTO to help with the Operating Budget so we can retain our Classified staff (extremely valuable, necessary)
 - Looking at ways to redirect money: Field trips, coffee fund, garden fund, SeeSaw, testing support, etc.
 - It was moved and seconded to take the remaining funds for the 2020-2021 school year to cover the Operating Budget
 - Discussion, approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report—Sarah Putman

- Received several King Soopers checks since the COVID mail stoppage has been lifted
- Received a company's matching donation from 2019
- Taxes are done (ahead of the game!)
- Fall grant is delayed until after Read-A-Thon
- We are able to increase the Teacher Classroom Fund back up to \$100 from \$75 if we would like to do so
 - Total cost \$875 to budget
 - Moved, seconded, approved to increase the Teacher Classroom Fund to \$100

Staff Report—Andie Kirkwood

- Overwhelming thanks for the playground; everyone loves watching the kids play
- Thank you to PTO for support for SeeSaw
- Request opportunity to buy Shepardson gear
- Staff is brainstorming ideas for the Read-A-Thon and storybook costume celebration
- Mr. George and Mrs. Mitchell are working with kids in need of extra help and support at the school and they need snack for these kiddos
 - Leentja offered the class parents to help (will be sending out email ASAP)

VIPS—Heidi Habbinga

- Nothing to report as no one is allowed into the building

Committee Reports

Read-A-Thon—Sarah Putman

- Even if we are allowed back to school in person, guest readers won't be allowed into the building (no visitors at all for the foreseeable future)
- Need to figure out what we are fundraising for and how to present it
- Should we distribute envelopes in Thursday boxes or do it all online?
- Won't be able to get t-shirts donated or be able to distribute any
- Not sure about a costume parade

School Directory--Cara Fleckenstein

- In progress, have extended the deadline to next Saturday
- Not a lot of participation, both in submitting information and ordering

Room Parents—Leentje Stokes

- Struggling to get people signed up
- Do have party parents
- Suggesting a "Teams Monitor" for pre-class chats

Family Nights—John Wallace

- Some places are reaching out
- Is this something we want to pursue? Yes

Box Tops—Kelli Wallace

- No report

Conference Dinner—Sarah Putman

- Conferences scheduled for October 12, 13, 14
- Unsure how many staff will be in the building
- Unsure if health regulations will even allow it

Classified Brunch—Kelli Wallace

- Same concerns as Conference Dinner

Trivia Night—Nicole Booker

- Unsure if we will be able to have it

Enrichment—Nicole Booker

- Holly German has volunteered
- Has been tabled for fall, will revisit in the near future

King Soopers Cards—Cara Fleckenstein

- 63 households are signed up
- Received a check for approximately \$1100

School Supplies—Cara Fleckenstein

- 4 families?
- No Lysol wipes
- Now being shipped

Yearbook—Mary Laffey (anticipated)

- No report

Website—Kelli Wallace

- Send stuff to Kelli

Open Forum

- School pictures will hopefully be in October or November

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 pm

Minutes compiled by Pam Rice