

SHEPARDSON PTO

February 6, 2017

7pm

Location: School Library

Meeting called to order: Sarah Putman, Co-President at 7:06 pm

In attendance: Sara Abernathy, Vanessa Wilhelm, David Worford, Sarah Coleman, Becky Woodcox, Alissa Poduska, Aisha Thomas, Julie Wenzel, Mary Jackson, Chelsea Hill, Jayme Harper, Molly Rehel?, Heather Castañeda, Sarah Putman, Pam Rice

It was moved and seconded to accept the January 2017 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Introductions were made.

Officer's Reports

President's Report-Heather Castañeda and Sarah Putman

- Many thanks for Trivia Night support and attendance.
- Closet clean up
 - Now organized by item, rather than event
 - Advised chairs that if an event needs something, please check the closet first.
 - Large amounts of utensils available.
- Parent Teacher Conference dinner sign up is available
 - Tuesday, February 28
 - Parents volunteer to provide dinner for teachers working through end of school and heading straight into conferences

Principal's Report-Alissa Poduska

- Fabulous turnout for the Kindergarten information night
 - More than 40 families attended
 - Registration begins this Thursday (February 9)
- Mr. Gary will be transferring to Beattie Elementary as early as next week. This is at his request to be able to work at his neighborhood school so he can be more involved in the community.
- A new staff member, Jayme Harper, was added to support Integrated Services.
- Shepardson apparel
 - Paul Poduska has made five designs, which were reviewed and voted on by staff and PTO Board. His "rough" design will go to GoJos for final production/design.
 - Will be offering 5-6 items (shirt, hat, vest, bag as examples)
 - Items will be ordered directly through GoJos and not stocked at the school.
 - Anticipate offering items for sale once a year, maybe for Christmas

Treasurer's Report-Chelsea Hill

- Trivia Night funds not finalized, PayPal funds on hold
- King Soopers has sent another deposit of approximately \$500
- Family Night deposit has been made
- Fundraisers going well
- Budget meeting coming up soon to prepare next years budget.
- Dixie and Chelsea clarified that classroom requests are still available for this year. \$3700 was budgeted, but have only received two receipts.

Staff Report-Becky Woodcox

- Enrichment
 - Kirsten Wood has been overseeing this, but has become so overwhelmed that she needs to turn it over.
 - Can have a parent volunteer organize/coordinate, just need to have a staff member in the building while events are ongoing.
 - It has been well organized and streamlined, payments have been set up to be easier, just need someone to spearhead the project.
 - Traditionally runs four week sessions, twice a year, but this is open to change
- Science Fair
 - Monday, March 27.
 - Will be sending out information about resources, display requirements, judging rubric. Pair up with "Science Buddies."
- Engineering Discovery Week
 - Will feature a "Nerdy Derby" this year where the students will assemble and race cars on a track.
 - Need volunteers, sent out on Sign Up Genius
- Feedback on new items
 - Staff wanted to send their appreciation for the new pods. They have noticed a marked increase in the efficiency of learning and they are well utilized.
 - Water stations are also well received and used.
 - Appreciate the support from PTO

Committee Reports

Box Tops-Sarah for Cheri Clark

- Halfway through, final day is Thursday, February 16.
- In lieu of pizza/ice cream: Classroom with most Box Tops earns a \$50 reward plus an extra recess and the classroom with the most participation earns a \$25 reward plus an extra recess. The rewards can be used on games, books, etc.

Family Nights-Vanessa Wilhelm

- Garlic Knot nights going well: November earned \$271.21, January earned \$186.36
- Total earnings for the year: \$1394.68
- In addition to Garlic Knot, will be doing a Chipotle event, trying to schedule a Culvers night.
- Always open to suggestions

- CB & Potts has offered
- Next Garlic Knot night is Thursday, February 23.

Movie Night-Pam for Kristin Kendall

- Next Movie Night will be held Friday, February 24 at 6pm in the gym
- This is a family event, all children must attend with an adult.
- The movie is free and popcorn is 25 cents.
- Looking for a chair for these events for next year.

School Accountability Committee-David Worford

- Updates from last meeting, January 23, a very busy meeting
- Mrs. Hawkes presented a summary of the 2nd grade PBL, a library design project.
 - Everyone was very impressed with all aspects, very pleased that it met every standard
 - Non-Shepardson staff was even more impressed, as this was their first introduction to PBL that is occurring.
 - Advised that a library in Arapaho County will be utilizing some of the information that was presented.
 - 3rd/5th grades are wrapping up and prepping for their next PBL session.
- Mid-year test scores were presented and discussed
 - With one exception (5th grade), everyone has shown large growth. Advanced learners showed the largest growth.
 - Mr. Thornes will be helping 5th grade in identified areas of improvement.
- Behavior referrals showing marked improvement
 - Compared 2014/15: 240; 2015/16: 90; 2016/17: 35
 - National average is approximately 1.5 referrals/day. Shepardson is less than 1/day.
- Next meeting will be March 27.

Book Fair-Janelle McGill

- Will be held end of the month: February 27-March 3, coincide with conferences
- Sign Up Genius goes out this week
- Will close the Book Fair at noon on Friday to allow time to wrap up, traditionally poorly attended after noon, anyway.
- Working with Becky Woodcox on figuring out the best way/place to set up.
- "Happy Campers" theme
- Need people to help prep packets, etc
- Fall Book Fair went so well that we earned an additional 10% return.

Trivia Night-Aisha Thomas

- Extremely successful night. Sold out event/most tickets ever sold (over 200)
 - Were able to add a second screen to accommodate the crowd.
- For next year:
 - Committee worked well together, lots of great new ideas
 - Having four check in lines worked well.
 - The food and beverage lines are out of our control, set by facility.
 - Have someone else proof slides

- Set a firm 5 day prior to event ticket close (no walk ups, either)
- Discussion on ticket prices, PayPal

New Business

Star Stampede-

- Sarah and Heather presented the proposal that PTO take over the Star Stamped fundraiser from staff (at their suggestion)
- Will replace the ABC Fundraiser to help avoid fundraiser fatigue.
- It was moved and seconded for PTO to take over the running of the Star Stampede. It was approved in a unanimous vote.
- Mary Jackson to chair with Julie Wenzel to help
- This spring the event will be run with the staff, funds earmarked for completing purchasing the remaining water stations.

Sarah and Heather thanked everyone for coming, meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Minutes compiled by Pam Rice