

Meeting Minutes

Shepardson PTO

Date: October 5, 2015

Location: School Library

Meeting Called to Order By: Vanessa Wilhelm, President **Time:** 7 p.m.

In attendance: Joy Miller, Martha Rehm, Becky Woodcox, Leslie Perry, Pam Rice, Cheri Clark, Sara Abernathy, David Worford, Cara Fleckstein, Dixie Gormley, Wayne Thornes, Mary Jackson, Jayme Harper, Heather Casteñada, Sarah Putman, Vanessa Wilhelm and Kristin Kendall Beasley

The motion was made and seconded to approve the August 2015 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports

President: Vanessa thanked the many parent volunteers who have help get the school year off to a great start.

Principal's Report: Vice-Principal Wayne Thornes noted that the Shepardson 4k run was a successful and fun event. The STEM Learning Center has purchased a 3D printer using the Ottercares grant. The students have finished the MAPs testing. WIN (What I Need Now) groups have begun and are focusing on literacy and math. Mr. Thornes thanked the PTO and parent volunteers for providing a dinner for the teachers the first night of parent teacher conferences. He also noted that October 27 is the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) night for parents to learn more about PBIS.

Treasurer: Financial statements were distributed and discussed. It was noted that the PTO has filed an extension for their tax return. Accountants are being interviewed to assist with preparation of this year's return.

Committee Reports

Read-a-Thon - Shepardson's largest fundraiser of the year is Read-a-Thon. Students are encouraged to ask family, friends and neighbors for pledges for the reading time. Pledges are due Oct 30. Volunteers are need to help with greeting guest readers, assembling goody bags and counting money the day of the event. Jayme Harper thanked everyone for their help with the event and encouraged students to continue to track their reading minutes and turn in their reading logs in or online. It was noted that students who raise \$50 or more will receive a ball from Culvers.

Family Nights - Shepardson Family Night is a partnership between the school and local restaurants. Most restaurants give 20% of the evening's proceeds to the school and Chipotle as well as Larkburger give 50%. Family Nights has raised \$514 so far this year. The next Family Night event will be on Oct 13 at Larkburger.

Ice Cream Social - The social was held September 10. Approximately 375 students and family attended. Leftover ice cream bars will be given to the class that wins the ice cream party for raising the most funds for the ABC Fundraiser.

Box Tops - The Box Tops/Labels for Education drive ended Sept. 24. The drive raised \$1117 from Box Tops and 2100 points from Labels for Education. Ms. Sullivan's class won the pizza party. Mrs. Rehm's class was second and Mrs. Ayala's was third. The next drive starts in January.

School Directory - The directory has been sent to the printer and will be distributed next week.

ABC Fundraiser - The ABC Fundraiser ended on September 22 and raised approximately \$6300. Mrs. Ayala's class raised the most money and won the ice cream party.

Classified Brunch - A brunch honoring classified staff will be held Oct 8. Volunteers will be bringing food as well as helping with set up and clean up.

Family Movie Night - Family Movie Night will be held Oct 9 at 6:30 pm. Big Hero 6 will be shown in the gym. This is a family event and all children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Popcorn can be purchased for 25 cents. Flyers and emails will be sent home with more information.

Homeroom Coordinator - David Worford stated home room parents for each classroom have been identified and an organizational meeting of homeroom helpers was held on September 18.

Trivia Night - Trivia Night is held at The Agave Room above The Rio. Teams of parents and staff compete for prizes. Events include a live auction, a silent auction, and Teacher Moments. Volunteers are needed to assist the committee with the event. A minimum bid was recommended for Teacher Moments so enough money is available to cover expenses. It was noted the committee is gathering prizes for the event and David Wolford will be writing the trivia questions.

Consent Agenda

STEM Night Dinner - Kohl's has been asked to help volunteer with serving the dinner. LaLuz will be serving burritos. Order forms for dinner will be sent home later in the month.

Old Business

Budget - It was noted that PTO has an extra \$4000 to allocate towards a project or special need. Input and ideas on how to allocate the funds are welcome. Possible areas to spend the money are the STEM lab, classroom wish fund and Sock Hop. Discussion will continue at the next meeting when Mrs. Poduska is able to attend.

PTO Notecards - The notecards have been ordered and will arrive in two weeks. Notecards will be kept in the PTO mailbox in the teacher workroom.

STEM Night - Beck Woodcox stated that plans are underway for STEM Night. She has reached out to several community organizations and it will be a great night.

Announcements

It was noted that the Shepardson kitchen received an excellent rating by the Health Department. The inspector stated that he has only given one or two excellent ratings in the last several years.

Vision and Hearing Screenings - Volunteers are needed to assist with vision and hearing screening at the school. A sign up genius will be created and sent to families.

The next meeting will be November 2, 2015 at 7 pm at Shepardson.

Meeting Adjourned At: 8:15 pm **Minutes Compiled By:** Kristin Kendall Beasley