

Meeting Minutes

Shepardson PTO

Date: November 2, 2015

Location: School Library

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

In attendance: Wayne Thornes, Alissa Poduska, Martha Rehm, Leslie Perry, Pam Rice, Stacy Schauerhamer, Cameron Abernathy, David Wolford, Becky Woodcox, Julie Wenzel, Mary Jackson, Mary Laffey, Joy Miller, Chelsea Hill, Vanessa Wilhelm, Sarah Putman, Heather Casteñada, and Kristin Kendall.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the October 2015 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried. It was noted the date on the minutes submitted for October was incorrect. The meeting date has been corrected to October 5, 2015.

Officers' Reports

President's Report: Vanessa thanked the parent volunteers and school staff who have given their time to the school and PTO projects this fall. Vanessa noted that the Board had approved spending \$250 to purchase burritos for the teachers on STEM Night.

Principal's Report: Principal Poduska thanked the volunteers and co-chairs who made the Read-A-Thon a huge success. It was noted the Read-A-Thon parade and Halloween parties went well. The staggered start times for the parties received mixed reviews and staff is open to opinions on how to coordinate parties next year. Becky Woodcox was thanked for organizing STEM Night which will be an amazing school event. The first PBIS night was held October 27 and all parents are encourage to participate in the program to help facilitate a community of support for parents and caregivers. It was noted that the Blast Ahead reading program has started.

Treasurer's Report: Financial statements were distributed and discussed.

SAC Report: Each year schools are asked to provide a list of facility improvements to the district office. Suggested facility improvements for Shepardson include adding an additional staff bathroom, installation of soft surfaces in the flex room to ease noise congestion, and reconfiguring the front office to increase security and improve the workspace. It was noted that the district makes all final decisions on school improvements.

VIPS Report: It was noted all volunteers at the school must be registered with the district. All Sign Up Genius's must be processed by Mary Jackson, VIPS coordinator in an effort to make sure only registered volunteers are in the classrooms or assisting with school functions.

Committee Reports

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 \$1049 to date this year.

ABC Fundraiser - The ABC Fundraiser ended on September 22 and raised approximately \$7600. Mrs. Ayala's class raised the most money and won the ice cream party.

Family Movie Night - Family Movie Night was held Oct 9. Concerns regarding student behavior at movie night were discussed.

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. 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 the dinner have been sent home.

Old Business

STEM Night - Becky Woodcox stated that plans are underway for STEM Night. She has reached out to several community organizations and it will be a great night. Volunteers are needed to help set up from 4 - 5:30 pm.

New Business

Fundraisers: Discussion ensued regarding the current schedule of fundraisers. It was noted that having the ABC Fundraiser and Read-A-Thon within a few weeks of each other may be over stretching families. Eliminating a fundraiser, moving a fundraiser to the spring, or trying new fundraisers were discussed. A decision regarding fundraisers was tabled until spring.

Announcements

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 January 4, 2016 at 7 pm at Shepardson.

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