

Meeting Minutes

Shepardson PTO

Date: February 1, 2016

Location: School Library

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

In attendance: Mary Jackson, Aisha Thomas, David Worford, Becky Woodcox, Cheri Clark, Dixie Gromley, Wayne Thornes, Alissa Poduska, Mary Laffey, Chelsea Hill, Vanessa M. Wilhelm, Joy Miller, Sherelle Reed, Cara Fleckenstein, Katie Donahue, Sarah Putman, Heather Casteñada, and Kristin Kendall.

The motion was made by Vanessa Wilhelm and seconded by Heather Castenada to approve the January 2016 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports

President's Report: Vanessa welcomed David Wolford as the new PTO SAC representative. Vanessa thanked and acknowledged the parent volunteers and school staff who have dedicated their time to PTO and school projects. A special thank you to the Trivia Night committee was noted. It was noted that fundraisers and social events for the upcoming school year will be discussed at the March meeting. All parents and staff are encouraged to provide their ideas and input regarding fundraisers and social events at the March meeting.

Principal's Report: Principal Poduska thanked the volunteers and co-chairs for their time organizing and facilitating recent school events with a special thank you to the Trivia Night committee. Mrs. Poduska noted that the district has completed a crosswalk training with staff. Re-stripping the parking lot to increase parking and improve traffic flow is also being considered. It was noted the school resource officer will be making a greater presence in the mornings to help with traffic flow and student drop-off concerns.

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

SAC Report: David Wolford reported the recent SAC meeting focused on test results and setting goals for meeting or exceeding academic expectations.

Committee Reports

Family Nights - Shepardson Family Night is a partnership between the school and local restaurants. Family Nights has raised \$1722 this year. The next Family Night is on Feb 9 at Culver's with 10% of all sales being donated to Shepardson.

Family Movie Night - Family Movie Night will be held Feb. 19.

Box Tops - Cheri Clark reported that the next box top drive will be held Jan. 25 - Feb 19. The winning class will receive a pizza party. She noted that next school year the committee is considering awarding classes based on participation as well as most money raised.

VIPS - Mary Jackson noted that VIPS continues to work with the district to follow district policies regarding all volunteers at the school be registered with the school district. It

was noted that all Sign Up Geniuses must go through VIPS so that volunteers are crosschecked as registered with the district.

King Sooper Cards - Cara Fleckenstein stated she has received requests for 37 cards. Cards will be delivered next week. It was noted that PTO paid \$2 for each of the first 80 cards.

Sock Hop - Sherelle Reed reported that the committee is looking for a different DJ due to a price increase. Root beer floats will be served but not dinner.

Trivia Night - Aisha Thomas noted that the money raised at Trivia Night is still being totaled but the gross estimate before expenses is \$3800.

School Kits - It was noted that the school kits supply list will be finalized soon. The school received a 10% discount for renewing their contract early. The discount will be passed on to families who order the kits. The kits will be delivered to the school. Deadline for ordering is May 10.

Old Business

Bylaws and Standing Rules - The updated bylaws will be sent out Tuesday March 1 to families and staff via email. A vote on approving the bylaws will be held at the general PTO meeting on March 7.

New Business

STEM Report - Becky Woodcox noted that February is National Engineering Month. Steve Hicks of Hicks Electronic Design has volunteered to help with a soldering project for students. Redesign of the library is being considered to facilitate use of maker and creator spaces.

HABIC Proposal - Ms. Webber presented a proposal for the Human Animal Bond in Colorado requesting \$300 to bring trained dogs and their owners into the autism classroom. As part of the program, students help care for and nurture the animals. Vanessa moved to approved \$300 for the program. Seconded by Heather Castenada. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Meikel's field trip request was tabled until the March meeting.

Announcements

The budget committee will be meeting to discuss the budget for next school year. A meeting date will be announced.

A meeting will be held at the school to review the standing rules and bylaws on Feb 29.

The next meeting will be March 7, 2016 at 7 pm at Shepardson.

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