

Meeting Minutes

Shepardson PTO

Date: March 2, 2015

Location: STEM Lab

Meeting Called to Order By: Vanessa Wilhelm, President **Time:** 6 p.m.

In attendance: Jennifer Chadwick, Mary Jackson, Milena Rodionor, Sarah Putman, Heather Castañeda, Vanessa Wilhelm, Mary Laffey, Cheri Clark, Martha Rehm, Becky Woodcox, Alisha Duncan, Sarah Abernathy, Leslie Perry, Joy Miller, Suzanne Hale, Casey Yahn, Chelsea Hill and Jamie Harper.

Officers' Reports

President: Vanessa thanked Janelle McGill and the book fair volunteers for their many hours of work coordinating the book fair. It was noted there are still 5 - 6 time slots needing volunteers on the Sign Up Genius.

Vanessa stated that a survey will be given to Shepardson parents and staff regarding next year's activities.

Principal: Ms. Chadwick reported that today was the first day of CMAS/PARC Assessment testing and it went very smoothly. It is a very different test than previous years and more difficult. Parents and students are encouraged to visit parcassessment.org to review sample questions.

Projected enrollment is 390 for next year. All grades except for 2nd and possibly 4th are on a wait list. Shepardson had more students than anticipated on count day and Shepardson was able to hire additional staff. Behavior coach Eileen Getchis has been added to the staff.

Student Accountability Committee (SAC) is completing a deferred maintenance report for the building. Windows that open, motion controlled bathroom faucets and soap dispensers are being considered for the long term maintenance wish list. Parents who would like to provide feedback are asked to contact SAC members Alisha Duncan or Leslie Perry.

Treasurer: Financial statements were distributed and discussed.

Consent Agenda - *Updates from committee chairpersons who were unable to attend.*

Movie Night - About 75 students and parents enjoyed Mr. Peabody and Sherman in the gym. Cinema Saver 6 donated the popcorn. A huge thanks to Becky Woodcox for setting up the AV equipment.

Committee Reports

Box Tops - Cherie Clark: The Winter Box Top Drive raised about \$870 as well as 4324 points for Label for Education. Ms. Sullivan's class won the pizza party.

Family Nights - Mary Jackson: Mary stated that Garlic Knot will continue to sponsor the last Thursday of each month with 20% of proceeds going to Shepardson. The Culver's Family Night was a big success raising \$352. Mrs. Engstrom's class won the custard party. Chipotle Family Night is April 14 with 50% of the proceeds going to Shepardson.

Sock Hop - Alisha Duncan Sock Hop is scheduled for April 3 from 6 - 7:30 pm. Dinner will not be served but root beer floats will be provided. Culver's is donating the custard. The entry is \$1 per student to cover the cost of the event.

VIPS - Alisha Duncan Seven new volunteer sign ups in the last month.

Yearbook - Mary Laffey Yearbook orders were due today but the deadline has been extended to Friday March 6.

Old Business

School Kits - Aisha Thomas is looking for a partner to help with the ordering and distribution of the school kits as well as chair the committee for next year.

New Business

Becky Woodcox requested donations of gently used hands-on toys, building toys such as Lego or Erector Sets, Hot Wheels tracks or puzzles for an upcoming learning activity.

Shepardson PTO Sign Up Genius - A PTO account for Sign Up Genius has been created. Please use this account when signing up volunteers for PTO events. The Board is designing on a PTO banner to be hung at events sponsored by the PTO.

Learning Bridge Books - Heather and Sarah volunteered to coordinate the ordering of Learning Bridge Books again this year. The books are sold to Shepardson families at cost.

Announcements

The next meeting will be April 6, 2015 at 6 pm in the Shepardson STEM Lab.

Meeting Adjourned At: 7:05 pm **Minutes Compiled By:** Joy Miller