

Meeting Minutes

Shepardson PTO

Date: March 7, 2016

Location: School Library

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

In attendance: Mary Jackson, Eryn Burge, Pam Rice, Stacy Schauerhamer, Kathy McGraith, Aisha Thomas, Julie Wenzel, David Worford, Becky Woodcox, Cheri Clark, Wayne Thornes, Alissa Poduska, Chelsea Hill, Vanessa M. Wilhelm, Joy Miller, Sherelle Reed, Sarah Putman, Heather Casteñada, and Kristin Kendall.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the February 2016 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports

President's Report: Vanessa Wilhelm noted that the PTO Board approved \$250 to be allocated from the general fund for the Sock Hop event.

STEM Team Presentation: Becky Woodcox, Eryn Burge, Leslie Hawkes, Alissa Poduska, Wayne Thornes The concept of Innovation Centers was presented by the STEM Team. Innovation Centers use solution-based learning as a model for implementing STEM curriculum. Students work together to solve large and small scaled problems in both their classroom and the community using science, technology and math principles. Community partners are an integral part of the curriculum. Partners provide real world problems for the students to take an active role in solving as well as expose students to careers in STEM. Community partners who have committed to Shepardson include UC Health, Otterbox and Columbine Health Systems. The STEM Team has completed site visits to thriving STEM schools in Colorado and is looking forward to applying STEM learning opportunities to all grade levels.

It was noted that the Shepardson facility is transforming into a 21st century school but is still housed in a 20th century space. The STEM Team would like to create instructional space in the pods and an enclosed innovation station in the media center. A wellness fundraiser and other grants have been proposed to fund the construction of the STEM stations. It was noted that if funding is secured, the pods and media center could be remodeled this summer and be ready for use during the 2016-2017 school year.

Principal's Report: Principal Poduska thanked the volunteers and co-chairs for their time organizing and facilitating recent school events. Mrs. Poduska noted that Becky Woodcox and Mr. have been nominated for PSD recognition.

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

SAC Report: David Wolford reported the recent SAC meeting focused traffic concerns. It was noted that additional parking spaces have been added in the 'kiss and go' lane while keeping the remainder of the lane as a tow-away zone. David noted that school staff has received additional crosswalk training.

Committee Reports

Family Nights - Shepardson Family Night is a partnership between the school and local restaurants. Family Nights has raised \$2036 this year. The next Family Night is on April 12 at Chipotle and 50% of proceeds will benefit Shepardson.

Family Movie Night - Family Movie Night was Feb 19. Alexander's No Good . . . Day was shown in the gym.

Box Tops - Cheri Clark reported that the box top drive earned \$763 for Shepardson along with 2120 points for Label for Education. Mrs. Rehm's class won the prize for the most box tops and Mrs. Sullivan's class for the most Labels for Education.

VIPS - Mary Jackson noted that VIPS continues to work with the district to follow policies regarding the registering all volunteers with the district prior to contact with students in the classrooms or at school events.

King Sooper Cards - It was noted that \$2600 has been spent by Shepardson using the King Soopers cards during the first month of the fundraiser. For every \$5000 spent using the cards, King Soopers will allocate 5% the school.

Sock Hop - Sherelle Reed reported that the Sock Hop has been organized but volunteers are still needed the night of the event. Root beer floats will be served.

School Supply Kits - Aisha Thomas noted that School Supply Kits will need to be ordered by May 13.

Scholastic Book Fair - It was reported that sales were up 10% over last year and over \$7000 was earned in Scholastic Dollars for the media center. The many volunteers who made the book fair a success were acknowledged.

Old Business

Bylaws and Standing Rules - The updated bylaws were distributed. The updated bylaws are also available on the school website. A vote on approving the bylaws will be held at the general PTO meeting on April 4.

New Business

Trivia Night Special Request Fund - Vanessa Wilhelm made the motion to allocate the \$1575 raised at Trivia Night for the Special Request Fund be used for the Innovation Centers. Joy Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Week - Becky Woodcox thanked Steve Hicks for his generosity volunteering to make sound circuits with the students. It was noted another 3D printer has been purchased and the students are using CAD to design items that can be printed on the 3D printer.

Announcements

The next meeting will be April 4, 2016 at 7 pm at Shepardson.

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