

Meeting Minutes

Shepardson PTO

Date: April 6, 2015

Location: STEM Lab

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

In attendance: Jennifer Chadwick, Mary Jackson, Julie Wenzel, Mary Laffey, Sara Abernathy, Chelsea Hill, Heather Castañeda, Sarah Putman, Vanessa Wilhelm, Joy Miller, Alisha Duncan, Bev Addington, Aisha Thomas, and Becky Woodcox.

Officers' Reports

President: Vanessa thanked Janelle McGill and the book fair volunteers for coordinating the book fair as well as Alisha Duncan for organizing another successful Sock Hop.

Vanessa noted the following volunteer opportunities are open for next year. Homeroom Parent Coordinator, Winter Social Co-chairperson, Hospitality Chairperson, School Supply Kit Coordinator, ABC Fundraiser Chairperson, Read A Thon Co-chairperson, Trivia Night Chairperson. A Sign Up Genius link will be sent to parents to volunteer for the open positions as well as a flyer in Friday folders.

Teacher Moments will be added to next year's fundraising calendar as an addition to the Trivia Night silent auction.

The Board is working on a proposed budget for next year to be presented at the May 4th meeting.

Elections will be held for the Board positions at the general meeting on May 4. Candidates are: Vanessa Wilhelm - President, Sarah Putman and Heather Castañeda - Co-Vice Presidents, Chelsea Hill - Treasurer, Kristin Beasley - Secretary, Mary Laffey - Member at Large, Dixie Gormley - Member at Large, Leslie Perry - Member at Large/ SAC.

Vanessa noted that next year the general PTO meetings will be held at 7 pm rather than 6 pm.

Principal: Ms. Chadwick stated for the 2015/2016 school year the school will have three tracks in all grades except for 4th grade which will be two track. The current student count for the school is 376 with a projection of 385 students for next year.

Treasurer: Financial statements were distributed and discussed.

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

Scholastic Book Fair - Having the 2015 book fair during testing week was discussed. It was agreed that the book fair was not disruptive to the testing week and was compatible with the testing in the computer lab.

Having a mini book fair in December was discussed. Scholastic offers an increase to their rewards program if two book fairs are held in the same year. It was suggested that a small one day book fair be held at Winter Social.

Committee Reports

Family Nights - Mary Jackson stated that Garlic Knot will continue to sponsor the last Thursday of each month with 20% of proceeds going to Shepardson. Chipotle night is April 14 with 50% of the proceeds going to Shepardson. The location on Timberline and Harmony is the only participating restaurant and families must show the flyer sent home in Friday folders.

Sock Hop - Alisha Duncan reported that 170 students attended the Sock Hop. The event went smoothly and families had a fantastic time. Alisha was thanked for organizing the event. The leftover glow bracelets will be given to the 5th Grade Bash. Having a separate area for the hula hoops was suggested.

Yearbook - Mary Laffey: Yearbooks have been ordered. 176 were sold and 195 were ordered.

Old Business

School Kits - Aisha Thomas: The teachers are in the process of turning in their supply lists to the School Kit company. Once the supply lists have been completed, parents will receive forms to order next year's school supply kits.

Learning Bridge Books - The final order form is going out in Friday folders this week.

New Business

Becky Woodcox presented the upcoming transformation of the Media Center into an environment that encourages students to develop skills in the disciplines of STEM. Hands on activities, guest experts, school wide events, and a maker space environment designed for students to use before, during and after school were among the many ideas for the STEM Learning Center. A wish list of items for the Learning Center has been given to the PTO for consideration as well as partnerships with local businesses and grants will be sought to fund the Center. STEM Discover Week will be held April 24 - 30. A goal of the Learning Center is to host 4 school events a year for all students to participate in.

Announcements

The next meeting will be May 5, 2015 at 6 pm at Shepardson.

Meeting Adjourned At: 7:05 pm **Minutes Compiled By:** Kristin Beasley