

Meeting Minutes

Shepardson PTO

Date: August 31, 2015

Location: School Library

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

In attendance: Cheri Clark, Mary Jackson, Martha Rehm, Alissa Paduska, Leslie Perry, Kathy McGrath, Kelly Kettler, Wayne Thomas, Becky Woodcox, Aisha Thomas, Sarah Coleman, Pam Rice, David Worford, Sarah Putman, Heather Casteñada, Vanessa Wilhelm, Joy Miller, Dixie Gormley, Julie Wenzel, Chelsea Hill, Sara Abernathy, Cintia Fitzgerald, Troy Gerhardt, Janelle McGill, Mary Laffey, and Kristin Beasley

The motion was made and seconded to approve the May 2015 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports

President: Vanessa announced the committee chairpersons. They are: Classified Brunch: Jayme Harper, Homeroom Coordinator: David Wolford, New Parent Social: Kathy McGrath, Ice Cream Social: Leslie Perry, Movie Nights: Kristin Kendall Beasley and Jackie Cole, School Directory: Sarah Putman, School Supply Kits: Aisha Thomas and Adriane Keen, Sock Hop: Sherelle Reed, STEM Liaison: Adam Perry, Teacher Appreciation: Lola Jacobsen, T-shirt Sales: Kelsey Rasmussen, Website Coordinator: Sara Abernathy, Winter Social: Lori Metz and Cori Hagan, Yearbook - Mary Laffey, ABC Fundraising: Chelsea Hill and Vanessa Wilhelm, Family Nights - Mary Jackson, Box Tops - Cheri Clark, Milk Caps - Colleen Worman, Read A Thon - Jayme Harper and Adriane Keen, Scholastic Book Fair - Janelle McGill, STEM Night Dinner - Lola Jacobson, Trivia Night - Aisha Thomas and Suzanne Hale

Principal's Report: Alissa Poduska welcomed parents to the PTO meeting. She noted that staff will be wearing orange safety vests when on the playground so they can be easily identified by students as a safe adult. Four new bike racks will be installed as well as the chain nets on the basketball hoops will be replaced with nylon nets. A community board will be installed in the flex hallway. The board can be used by students and staff to communicate activities and events. The next School Accountability Committee meeting will be discussing upgrades to the school for 2016. PSD facilities will address the humidity level in the school which will hopefully make the school more comfortable.

Treasurer: Chelsea Hill Financial statements were distributed and discussed. It was noted the 2014 tax penalty for an incorrect filing as been waived by the IRS. Chelsea stated that this school year, each teacher will receive \$200 for their classroom wish fund and \$2200 has been allocated towards the STEM lab.

Committee Reports

Read A Thon - Shepardson's largest fundraiser of the year is Read A Thon. Students are encouraged to ask family, friends and neighbors for pledges for the reading time. Pledges are due Oct 31. The committee received a \$500 grant from Otterbox. Volunteers are need to help with greeting guest readers, securing prize donations from community members and counting money the day of the event.

Family Nights - Shepharson Family Nights are a partnership between the school and local restaurants. Most restaurants give 20% of the evenings proceeds to the school and Chipolte give 50%. Last year Family Nights netted over \$2800 for the school. A calendar will be distributed to families with noting all of the upcoming family nights as well as reminder emails and phone calls to parents.

School Supply Kits - The kits were well received by parents and the contract was renewed for next year and included a 10% discount which will be passed on to families.

Ice Cream Social - The social will be held September 10 at 6:30 pm. Shepardson received a matching grant from Fruitful Bars for the event. Ice cream sandwiches will also be served. Volunteers are needed to help with the event.

Box Tops - The Box Tops/Labels for Education drive started today and ends Sept. 24. The class with the highest number of Box Tops/Labels for Education will win a pizza party. Over \$1800 was raised for PTO last year. It was noted that King Soopers will occasionally print Box Tops on their checkout coupons.

VIPS - Volunteers in Poudre Schools - It was noted that all new volunteers must register through the PSD website and complete a background check prior to working with students in the classroom or at school events. The district conducts random background checks of current volunteers throughout the year. It was noted that any time a volunteer enters the school they must check in at the kiosk located in the school entryway.

ABC Fundraiser - The fundraiser will begin on September 9 with a school assembly and ends on September 22. Families can also participate in the fundraiser with a direct donation or by purchasing a care package to be sent to a soldier overseas. Volunteers are need to assist with distributing items, counting money and helping the day of the assembly.

Directory - A flyer will be sent home to sign up for the directory. To have a listing in the directory, families must submit a new listing each year. It was noted that a student information will not be sold and previous year's information is not carried over each year.

Classified Brunch - A brunch honoring classified staff will be held the first week in Oct. A Sign Up Genius will be distributed for volunteers to sign up to bring a dish.

Family Movie Night - Family Movie Night will be held Oct 9 at 6:30 pm. This is a family event and all children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Popcorn can be purchased for 25 cents. Flyers and emails will be sent home with most information.

New Parent Social - New parent social will be held at 9 am on September 4 outside the K1 pod. Coffee and pastries will be served. All parents are welcome to attend.

Homeroom Coordinator - David Worford stated he is waiting for many of the teachers to submit the names of their homeroom helpers. Mrs. Poduska stated she would remind teachers to turn in their names at the next staff meeting.

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.

Book Fair - A mini-book fair will be held during Winter Social. Parents can shop for books and Christmas items while children make crafts. Volunteers are need to help with the event as well as co-chair the book fair in March.

Old Business

Budget - It was noted that PTO has an extra \$4000 to allocated towards a project or special need. Input and ideas on how to allocate the funds are welcome. Possible areas to spend the money are the STEM lab and Sock Hop.

Announcements

Becky Woodcox announced that Julie Monks will be teaching in the computer lab. Becky will be the new STEM Coordinator for Shepardson. Beck also noted that she submitted a grant to Ottercares for the STEM Lab and was awarded \$13,000. Congratulations Becky!

The next meeting will be October 5, 2015 at 7 pm at Shepardson.

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