

Meeting Minutes

Shepardson PTO

Date: April 4, 2016

Location: School Library

Meeting Called to Order By: Vanessa Wilhelm, President

Time: 7 p.m.

In attendance: Mary Jackson, Eryn Burge, Pam Rice, Janelle Gill, Martha Rehm, Kelsey Rasmussen, Matt Putman, Dixie Gormley, Angela Hanson, Barbie Engstrom, Bev Addington, Shari Lemesany, Sharon Aberegg, Dawnell Meyer, Aisha Thomas, Sarah Hufnagel, Patti Young, Ryan Unangst, Heidi Hanson, Cathy Sularski, Lesley Hawkes, Andie Kirkwood, Jayme Harper, Julie Monks, Alison Schutt, Kirsten Wood, Jen West, Lynn Backhaus, Genevieve Steensma, Erin Sullivan, Heather Morrison, Stacy Schauerhamer, Kathy McGraith, Aisha Thomas, Julie Wenzel, David Worford, Becky Woodcox, 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 March 2016 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports

President's Report: Nominees for the PTO Board of Directors were announced. The slate for the 2016-2017 school year is: President - Sarah Putman and Heather Castenada. Secretary - Pam Rice. Member at Large - Dixie Gormley Member at Large - Mary Laffey. Staff Representative - Becky Woodcox. Treasurer - Chelsea Hill. VIPS - Mary Jackson. School Accountability Representative - David Wolford. It was noted that the position of Vice-President has not be filled. The slate will be voted on at the May meeting along with the 2016-2017 PTO budget. The PTO calendar for the next school year will also be presented at the May meeting.

Sherelle Reed was thanked chairing the Sock Hop and Becky Woodcox was thanked for organizing the Science Fair.

Principal's Report: Principal Poduska reported that CMAS testing will begin next week. Testing and reporting has been going well at the district level. Shepardson is finalizing it's budget for next year and the final budget will be presented to SAC. Shepardson has three openings for teachers for the next school year. She thanked Sherelle Reed for chairing the Sock Hop and Becky Woodcox for organizing the Science Fair. Becky Woodcox was also recognized as being named an ACE Classified Employee. Ms. Poduska also stated that Poudre Fire Authority is considering becoming a community partner. PFA will be asking students to utilize their problem solving skills to offer solutions for fighting wildfires.

Treasurer's Report: Financial statements were distributed and discussed as well as the 2016-2017 budget. It was noted that the budget will be revised based on the

outcome of the the vote to reallocate of funds to the Maker Space and Innovation Centers. The final budget will be presented and voted on at the May meeting.

SAC Report: SAC did not meet since the March PTO meeting so no report was given.

Committee Reports

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

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. Mary was thanked for her efforts with registering the Science Fair and Engineering Week volunteers with the district.

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 and a check from King Soopers in the amount of \$276. For every \$5000 spent using the cards, King Soopers will allocate 5% the school.

Sock Hop - Sherelle Reed thanked the Sock Hop volunteers as well as Culver's for donating the frozen custard and Coopersmith's for donating the root beer. It was noted that the DJ did a great job with the games and keeping the event under control.

Yearbook - Mary Laffey reported that yearbook sales are going well and she is waiting for a few more pictures from teachers before the book can be sent to the printer.

Old Business

Bylaws and Standing Rules - The bylaws and standing rule are being revised and will be presented for a vote at the May meeting.

New Business

Hydration Stations - Jen Durkin presented a proposal from the Student Council to place water bottle dispenser stations in each pod. The benefits of the hydration stations include less water bottles in the landfill and fewer sugar drinks consumed as well as the stations are more sanitary than drinking fountains. It was noted that the wellness committee will contribute \$400 to the stations as well as the Student Council will contribute \$50-90 toward the stations. Vanessa Wilhelm made the motion for the PTO to allocate \$2000 towards the purchase and installation of the water stations. Motion was seconded by Dixie Gormley. Paper ballots were distributed and the votes were tabulated. Motion carried in favor of allocating \$2000 towards the water stations.

Innovation Station/Maker space Funding Proposal - Principal Poduska presented a proposal for remodeling the pods and media center into the Innovation Stations and a Maker Space. The total cost of the project is \$68,000 and \$5000 in donations have

been received. Discussion ensued regarding traffic flow, building growth and budget concerns. Concerns regarding depleting the PTO's reserves as well as allocating the majority of the PTO reserves to a single project were expressed. Positive comments included the benefits of the Innovation Centers and Maker Space as well as the students who fundraised the money that is in the reserve account will be the ones to benefit next year from the project. It was noted that the PTO Board of Directors has voted in favor of the proposal. Vanessa Wilhelm motioned to approve \$32,000 for construction of the the Innovation Centers and Maker Space. Motion seconded by Martha Rehm. Paper ballots were distributed and the voted tabulated. Motion carried.

School Bond Issue - It was noted that if the school bond issue passes, the district will be remodeling the front office as well as replacing the furniture in the media center.

Announcements

The next meeting will be May 2, 2016 at 7 pm at Shepardson.

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