

# Board Meeting Minutes

**Monday September 11, 2023 6:30 pm Location: Shepardson Media Center**

**Meeting called to order: pm**

**In attendance:** Travis Hitt, Wayne Thornes, Britt Mactavish, Marisa Williams, Becky Woodcox, Nicole Booker, Sarah Waible, David Worford, Chelsea Hill, Heidi Habbinga

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## Welcome

**Approval of May 2023 Meeting Minutes** - Nicole Booker motioned to approve the May meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Marisa Williams. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously. Minutes approved.

## Officers' Reports

**Principal's Report—** Wayne Thornes

### ★ **Shade structures**

- Came in and were in place at the perfect time
- Working well for the students at recess
- Great Picture shared of the students using them
  - Adding to the newsletter and posting to the community
- Thank you!

★ **The heat** – hopefully more manageable now with cooler nights

### ★ **430 students enrolled**

- 20% school of choice

### ★ **CMAS and State Testing Scores**

- Shepardson is one of 4 schools to achieve pre-pandemic scores
- Not at our goal yet for scores

★ **Scheduling PBL** and setting up with the grades early

**President's Report—** Travis Hitt

### ★ **Beginning of the year Celebrations recap**

- **Ice cream social** – Movie in the gym (good numbers for the gym)
  - Move movie night to a couple of weeks into the school semester?
- **Pool party** – successful
  - Scheduling is limited by the end of season staffing at City Park
  - Pizza went smoothly
  - Difficulties for families and planning since the pool party and the movie night were on the same weekend

*The Shepardson PTO mission is to promote the welfare of the students in the home, school, and community and to help build a close relationship between the student, parents and school staff/faculty.*

- Both ended up net over what was budgeted
- Pool funds motioned to fund a **coffee cart**
- Proposed for **Wednesday, November 1** – Will be proposed at the General meeting. Over \$250 needs to go to the General Meeting for vote.
- **Parent social** – good turn out
  - Had interested from parents and families to participate in PTO

## ★ Fundraising Initiative

- **New furniture**
  - Idea to advertise with pictures with former students and their children
  - Will send out request for participants in Friday email
- **Sponsors and participants**
  - Putting together the list of past and possible sponsors
- **Additional Fundraising Request**
  - New soundsystem in the gym - Wayne Thornes
    - Mr. Thornes met with facilities to budget
    - Dream system vs portable (portable is not immediately useful for rock band)
    - School will also contribute to funding of the system with the PTO
    - Possibility to tie fundraising into furniture goal
    - Current system is big and older, cost is prohibitive for replacing needed cables and it takes a long time to set up and move around the school

## Treasurer's Report— Marissa Williams

- ★ Working on taxes in the near future
- ★ More updates in the General Meeting

## Staff Report— Becky Woodcox

- ★ **See General Meeting Notes**

## Upcoming Events

- ★ **Back to School - Family Nights** - Kelli Wallace for John Wallace
  - Modern Market Eatery 9/13 @ 11am - 9 pm
  - Place your order togo: <https://modernmarket.com/> use promo code: "giveback034"
  - 30% of the meals price comes to Shepardson PTO
- ★ **Read-A-Thon update** - October - Heidi Habbinga
  - Fundraising and Planning well underway

**New Business**

- ★ Recruiting
  - **Committee Chair positions open**
    - Vice President
    - Caroling Night
    - Conference Dinner
    - Spirit Wear
    - Morning Fresh
    - Star Stampede
    - STEM Night
    - Yearbook - tentative
- ★ **Calendar review**
  - Up-to-date with exceptions
  - Mrs. Beese is adding concert dates
- ★ **Bulletin board** – Multipurpose and entry
  - Permission to use for PTO events
  - Add pictures of shade structures
  - Add Read-A-Thon information

**Open Discussion**

- ★ Moved to General Meeting

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:26pm**