

General 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, Heidi Habbinga, Hailey Steiner, Katie Brayden, Corinne Disterhoft, Caryn Gillman, Chelsea Hill, Whitney DeMercurio, Kyle Clanney, Whitney Evig, Jenna Harvey, Stacy Hale, Julie Pignataro

Welcome

Approval of May 2023 Meeting Minutes - Britt Mactavish 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

- ★ Thank you for the shade structures!
 - Students have loved them
 - Helped students regulate their temperatures
 - Came at the perfect time of the year
- ★ 430 students enrolled – projected at 388
 - 69 kindergarteners – 20% school of choice
 - Largest class is 4th grade!
- ★ School year is off to a good start
- ★ Incidence on the school bus was not a Shepardson para hire
 - District is taking big steps to make sure it doesn't happen again
- ★ Shepardson achieved pre-pandemic scores in spring CMAS testing
 - Still not at goals for achievement
- ★ New literacy curriculum is in place
- ★ Looking into the possibility to fund a new gym sound system
 - School is asking PTO for partial funding
- ★ Shepardson is a PBL school – Project Based Learning
 - The community and schools interact together
 - Teacher teams are meeting already to talk about their plans

President's Report— Travis Hitt

★ Beginning of the School Year Celebration & recap

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.

- **Ice cream social and movie night** - Travis Hitt and the Karrs
 - Note: Shade structures are tensioned and will no longer dump water
 - Proposal to keeping one movie night a year and holding it in the summer or at the beginning of the school year OR later date for movie night and only one
- **Pool party** – it was fun! - Nicole Booker
 - Pizza pre-order worked well
 - Thank you Nicole!
- **Parent social** – Britt Mactavish
 - Good school community turnout and lots of left-overs for the teachers
 - Lots of interest in volunteering for small tasks - will create a space on the website to find small volunteer job requests

★ **Friday email** – discussion

- Change in formatting to increase information that community is getting about PTO possibilities?
- Put in opportunities for quick volunteer opportunities – on an as needed basis

★ **PTO Website** was displayed on the library screen showing the PTO website and how to navigate

- Becky Woodcox crossposts (links and posts) from the PTO Website to the Shepardson website
- PTO webmaster, Kelli Wallace, will update the video on the Shepardson PTO front page
- Question was asked: How are newer families getting their information about goings on at Shepardson?
- Recommendation to break information being sent out in the Friday emails up into “bite size” pieces

★ **Fundraising**

- Initiative: new furniture (and possible gym sound system)
- Review of what PTO funds in the past presented
- Story shared of past Shepardson students who now have students at Shepardson who are using the same furniture they did.
- **Sponsors and participants resource**
 - pulling together to get connections and localized resource

Treasurer’s Report— Marissa Williams

★ **Pool party** made extra money above their net goal.

★ **Movie night** expenses higher than expected

★ **Teacher Classroom Fund** -

- They now have \$125 towards their classroom – one submitted

★ **Direct Donations** -

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- Erich's Coffee
- Siri Foods
- ★ **Expenses** - Kindergarten Information Packets
- ★ **Fall Grant** – Category B gives specifics to what it supports
 - Eco Week funding – PTO pays \$75 for each students' fee
 - School Field Trips funded
 - All PTO Money raised is reinvested in the school
- ★ Marisa Williams is looking for an additional **auditor**
 - Katie Brayden has volunteered again this year – Thank you!

Staff Report— Becky Woodcox

- ★ **Shade Structures**
 - They were a PBL research and solution for 1st grade years ago!
- ★ Teachers Appreciate the **Teacher's Classroom Fund**
- ★ **STEM NIGHT**
 - November 9th – rebuilding presenters
 - Question asked if there should be Food Trucks at STEM night
 - Consensus was yes
- ★ **PBL** - Problem Based Learning
 - Students are presented with a problem by community and business partners and they are tasked with finding solutions and presenting their solutions
 - partner organizations/businesses needed
- ★ **STEM plus** – Science special's new name
- ★ **ENT** – Engineering and Technology – new name for Technology
- ★ **1st Day of School Supplies** - Do we want to commit for 24/25 school year to offering the classroom kits? Will be decided at the October meeting.
- ★ Open invitation to the **SAC meeting** - School Accountability Committee
 - Monday, September 18 at 4 pm at Shepardson
 - 1.5 hours long
 - More parents/community members than teachers on the committee required by PSD

Committee Highlights

- ★ **Family Nights** – John Wallace has line up set for the Fall semester
 - Modern Market this Wednesday, September 13th
 - Urban Air Spirit Day
 - Chipotle night - October
 - Events will be added to the website calendar and Friday Folder flyers sent home

- ★ **Read-A-Thon** - Heidi Habbinga
 - Month of October reading and tracking and fundraising
 - October 31 – parade and guest readers
 - Heidi Habbinga will be sending out a request for day off volunteers in October
- ★ **Trivia Night** - Nicole Booker
 - Adult only event hosted at a special venue. (CSU stadium in the past. New venue being researched.)
 - Trivia and Silent Auction

Upcoming Events

- ★ Modern Market Eatery 9/13 @ 11am - 9pm
- ★ 4k Fun Run/Walk - 9/17 @ 10:00 am
- ★ Fall Enrichment begins - 9/18
- ★ No School - 9/22
- ★ Read-A-Thon - October

New Business

- ★ **PTO Member and Committee Chair Recruiting**
 - Committee Chair positions open
 - Vice President
 - Caroling Night
 - Conference Dinner
 - Spirit Wear – Heidi Habbinga gave an explanation of the 1st Day Spiritwear opportunity
 - It was well received and will be voted on next month
 - Morning Fresh
 - Star Stampede
 - STEM Night

Open Discussion

Meeting Adjourned at 7:39pm