

Sherman Elementary PTSA General Meeting

October 8, 2019, 6.30 pm

Call to Order at 6.36 pm

Introductions, 25 attended

Approval of September minutes, Jennifer T. moved and 2nd Celesta S.

Standing Order & Upcoming Business

Mindfulness Program & Committee

Celesta Smith

- 4th year of mindfulness program and switching formats a bit this year
- Would like teachers and kids take more of the lead and will visit each class once a month
- New staff being trained in Mindfulness and creating a team or committee to assist in development of the program
- Cost for two parents to be educated is being requested, \$62.50 each (\$125 total)
- PTSA voted yes to approve the spend, Karen Jaskar moves and Katie Meers 2nds

Treasurers Report

Samara & Dave

- Spirit wear dollars coming in as well as money for xcountry shirts
- Glee Club registrations for 60-70 kids
- Bingo Night net \$400+
- Sales and Use Tax explained

Cross Country Shirt Purchase

Dani Kessler

- PTSA had offered to purchase shirts for track but we only ordered 50 and they have 70 on team
- Ordered extra shirts so kids can purchase and keep if they choose
- These financials will be reflected next time

Sound System Update

Dani Kessler

- Raise the Paddle in Auction 2017 for new sound system, approx. \$5,000
- \$8,500 was what was needed and paid for (in full) and no work completed to date

- We have now authorized an attorney to act on our behalf, and unfortunately NW Stage has not responded so we plan to pursue legal paths
- In the meantime, Mr. Jordan has fixed the sound system!

Field Improvements

Christian Jordan
(Represented by Tara Edmond)

- Begin updating the field with the district, fencing delivered this week and will start on far side of the field/alley side
- Will scrape and level and bring in topsoil
- Will be seeding the field now to germinate and take root before going dormant
- Fencing request for \$900, Dave L. moves Earla R. 2nds

Principal Updates

Christian Jordan (Tara)

- Safety update #1; school will now keep the large, back gate unlocked at all times in the event of an evacuation
- Safety update #2; sometime this year the district will be installing cameras and an ID must be shown to gain entry through the front doors
- Timeline is this year, potentially by end of 2019
- Survey online regarding school safety and other issues; results come back to school and staff
- October 23rd is next late start day

Homeless Heroes Club

Karen Jaskar & HH

- Doing a clothing drive for Tacoma Rescue Mission
- Looking for new pillows and blankets
- #1 item needed by homeless is new socks

Volunteers for Hearing/Vision Screenings (10/29)

Nurse Sibbers / Dani Kessler

- In need of parent volunteers for the hearing and vision screening, all grades except 4th
- Stop in at front office or call if interested

After School Programs

Laura Hehr

- Would like to continue with our PTSA sponsored clubs
- 4 Week sessions at a cost of \$20 per session per kid
- Offer \$80 stipend to PTSA volunteer coordinator/teacher/supervisor
- Likely going to start Reading Club in November (Ginger/Judy), these are invitation only
- Starting another round of Finance Ed for Kids
- Yoga? Another coding class in spring?

- Other ideas we would like volunteers for include Cooking Cart, Jump Ropes and Hoops, Tag, Cheer, any dance, obstacle course, etc.
- Please contact Laura if interested in leading a club!
- French class to start next week (offered through external vendor) but still time to sign up! 25 weeks for \$289, Wednesday mornings from 8-8.40

Crayola ColorCycle Program

Dani Kessler

- Collection bin to keep used / dry markers out of the land fill
- Recycle!

Outdoor Learning Initiative

Tara Edmond

- New outdoor learning program for PBL for all grades
- Outdoor yard exploring, Field trips coming
- Outdoor packs with binoculars, thermometers, magnifying glass, pocket microscope
- Going to Pt Defiance Park on Tuesday and Thursday mornings using the SAMI bus at no cost
- Field trip forms coming for all events where kids leave school grounds
- Looking for parent volunteers to assist Tara Edmond on the Tuesday and Thursday outings
- Sherman was highlighted in Reinventing PBL and Sherman has presented at national conferences on PBL

Classroom Parents Needs

Dani Kessler

- Noonan, Best, Draggoo are all still in need of a classroom parent!
- Some only use parent helpers to do emails and others use more
- Not a huge time commitment

Auction Chair-people, Projects & Next Meeting

Tera Stocker

- Mina Zarreli and Kate Pearson are co-chairs
- March 14th is the date, at Star Center
- Classroom projects already getting a jump start now
- Next auction planning meeting is October 22nd at 6.30 at Tera's house

Read-a-Thon

Dani Kessler

- All flyers should have gone home
- Have raised \$2,700 already! And logged 800-900 minutes
- Can do online (vendor takes 20%) or just via the form with Sherman getting 100% donation

Masquerade Ball

Katie Meers/Jenny Gauger

- October 25th at 6 pm, volunteers needed to help serve food, take tickets, supervise kids, set up or clean up or both!
- Sign up Genius coming for volunteer sign ups

Round Table Takeover

Laura Hehr / Jamie Casey

- November 6th with volunteers needed from 5-8 pm in one hour shifts
- Sign up Genius coming soon for volunteer sign ups

“Screenagers” & “Screenagers: Next Chapter”

Dani Kessler

- Watch trailers to both movies to see if worth viewing
- Cost is \$950 for both, we can either collect donations or charge
- Could partner with another school as well

Questions! Comments! Feedback!

Open Floor

- Thank you for Walk to School Day, good turnout
- Year Book being taken over by Nicole Damiano

Upcoming Events

<i>Read-a-Thon Fundraiser</i>	<i>10/7-10/21</i>
<i>Late Start Wednesday</i>	<i>10/23</i>
<i>Masquerade Ball</i>	<i>10/25 @ 6pm, Gym</i>
<i>Coffee with the Principal</i>	<i>11/1 @ 9am, Makerspace</i>
<i>PTSA Exec Board Meeting</i>	<i>11/4 @ 6:30pm, Offsite</i>
<i>Round Table Takeover</i>	<i>11/6 @ Pearl St. Roundtable 5-8</i>
<i>PTSA General Meeting</i>	<i>11/12 @ 6:30pm. Library</i>
<i>Scholastic Book Fair</i>	<i>11/19 – 11/21 @ 3:30-6:30, Library</i>
<i>Late Start Wednesday</i>	<i>11/20</i>
<i>Grandparent Breakfast</i>	<i>11/20 @ 9-11:30am, Library</i>
<i>Theater Auditions</i>	<i>11/21 – 11/22 @ 3:45-6pm, Gym</i>
<i>Sherman Vendor Fair</i>	<i>11/23 @ 3-6pm, Gym</i>

Adjournment