Shenandoah PTO

Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2022

Present
Stephanie Parkkila, Desiree Houghton, Megan O'Dell, Jennifer Sharpe, Crystal Wiseman, Alison Asbury, Alyson Mischel, Kimberly Triplett, Sarah Ashby, Amanda James, Amy Dannemiller, Ilona Grommlich, Karen Flood

Opening
The regular meeting of the Shenandoah PTO was called to order at 6:04pm on October 20, 2022 by Stephanie Parkkila.

Principal's Report
Principal Houghton gave the principal's report.

- iReady Beginning of Year data for math and reading were referenced, as well as the School Improvement Plan, new hires, and vacancies.
- Opening the morning computer lab by the end of October/beginning of November. Purchasing a separate reading program (not iReady) based on the student's reading level. The new instructional coach is purchasing the instructional program and will be running the lab, probably twice a week.
- Ilona Grommlich will be running science labs for 4th and 5th grades. Looking to have parents come in and help with labeling and minor organizing. The first lab will be October 21, and then there will be designated days. Talked about importance of science in education. May request support of PTO for items needed in the lab (salt, sugar, cups).
- Typing club is going once a week on Mondays at 7:45am. Thursday is Chess Club at 7:45am. Both are for third through fifth grades. Battle of the Books will be starting Wednesdays at 7:45am, questions relating to Sunshine State Books and students will go "battle" other schools. Amy Dannemiller gave additional information.
- Sign-up for Additions. Need to be Addition-approved just to be on campus. Ilona Grommlich gave more details.
- October 27, 2022 – Student of the Month lunches, parents are welcome to join for lunch that day for a little celebration. This month is for September and October Students of the Month, then each will have lunch on their special month. Certificates will be given to students after they are taken off the wall. Ilona Grommlich mentioned that lunch is not provided for parents, kids may have school lunch or lunch brought from home.
- Vocabulary Parade – October 31st at 9am. The parade was explained by Amy Dannemiller. Decisions on how parent attendance can be done with the parade route are being discussed.

Treasurer's Report
The October 2022 Treasurer's Report was presented by Stephanie Parkkila. The opening balance was $22,326, then had an income of $9,487.09 and expenses of $8,334.82. The Book Balance was $23,478, with a Bank account amount of $23,790.00. The difference was due to a pending school pay fee of $311.73. Revenue and expenses were discussed in detail. Approximately $800-900 more revenue is expected, pending payments for Silent Auction items. Motion for approval by Alison Asbury, seconded by Amy Dannemiller. Unanimously approved.

A big thank you was given to those who helped with the school carnival and how much it meant to teachers, staff, and students.

New Business

- **P.E. Grant:** Ms. Sharpe presented on the state of P.E. equipment. Has some things already, looking at other avenues of getting equipment and money, and is getting quotes, but would like to get a grant from PTO so can start accumulating needed equipment. Have 8 scooters, need 20. Need cones, some basic things are needed every day that the school just doesn't have. Other specific items discussed. Gave estimates of quotes, discussed the need of specialized PE equipment due to long-life durability and large quantities that can't be

bought at normal stores. Amy Dannemiller made a motion for $1500, Crystal Wiseman seconded. Unanimous approval.

Approval of Minutes
September 2022 meeting minutes were presented. Name spellings were noted that needed to be corrected. Kim Triplett moved to approve. Crystal Wiseman seconded. Unanimously approved.

Communications Report
Amy Dannemiller gave the communications report.

- **5th Grade:** Selling snacks in the carloop on Friday, October 21.
- **Red Ribbon Week**: Next Week
- **Vocabulary Parade:** October 31
- **Bobcat Den:** Friday, October 28. Moved, as was the 21st but two grades will be on a field trip.
- **Painted Pumpkins:** October 26 they will be on display at the Holiday Inn at the airport for voting.
- **Spirit Night:** October 26 at Chuy's

Committee Updates – Stephanie Parkkila went through the committee updates.

- **T-Shirts:** No updates
- **Bobcat Den:** Moved from 21st to 28th as two grades would be on field trips. Volunteers needed.
- **Hospitality:** No update.
- **5th Grade:** Selling snacks in the car loop.
- **Carnival/Silent Auction/Class Baskets:** Commendations again given to people who worked on all of that and the excellent work was done.
- **Fundraising:** Crystal Wiseman said that the school would do a fundraiser in the spring.

New Business/Open Forum

- **School Houses:** Alison Asbury presented on House parties the prior week, and stated that Houses who have the highest points will get lunch on the stage. Buttons are also being sold for the different houses if they don't have a shirt to wear of that color.
- Thanks were given to the school staff and teachers for all the little and big things they are doing.

Partners in Education (PIE)
On October 26, the painted pumpkins will be on display at Holiday Inn by the airport, and Spirit Night will be at the Chuy's on Semoran.

Upcoming Dates

- October 24-27: Red Ribbon Week
- October 26: Spirit Night at Chuy's
- October 26: Pumpkins on Display at Holiday Inn Airport
- October 28: Picture Make-up Day
- October 31: Vocabulary Parade
- November 17: SAC/PTO Meetings

Adjournment
Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm by Stephanie Parkkila. The next general meeting will be at 6:00PM on November 17, 2020 in the Shenandoah Media Center.