

PSO General Meeting

11/17/16

Sherwood Elementary, Rm 18, 7:30pm

Pass 9/29 Minutes

Leslie Wilke moves to pass 9/29/16 minutes

Carrie Hulbert seconds the motion

Motion passes, minutes are approved

Walkathon Recap

- Raised \$30k
- Primary winner: Mrs. Liker
- Intermediate winner: Ms .Chase/Ms. Hanson's class
- Lap Winners announced
- Since we made our goal, we set aside \$3,000 for a special enrichment called "Space Odyssey" for all students
- Need 12 volunteers over the 2 days
- Thank you to all Walkathon volunteers and sponsors, committee and liaisons

By-Laws Approval for 2016-2017 School Year

Proposed changes:

Article VI Section 2: add option of "or electronic files"

Article VII Section 1: add "General" to second PSO meeting

Chad Wichers moves to approve the 2016-2017 By-Laws,

Sarah Lewis seconds

Motion approved, By-Laws approved

Approve Budget

Notable items for 2016-2017"

- Ended up higher than last year
- Higher expenses, primarily due to increasing t-shirt costs, though there were also more sales/sponsorships, which offset it
- 5th grade camp has had an overage the last couple of years that left a chunk of money; the board suggested we earmark that money for camp scholarships. This year's fundraiser may not have raised as much as year's past, so may need to dip into it this year.
- On track for usual PSO funding:
 - Support for our educators
 - Educational experiences & celebrations for the students
 - Support for those in need
 - Community-building and school-celebrating events
 - Appreciation of our parent volunteers
- Special Budget Items

- Special grants this year: early reader books, literacy assessment kits, full funding of square dance week, kindergarten reader event, buddy bench, playground supplies for chess games
- New recurring items: 6th grade musical, PE/recess fund, 5th grade trip to Olympia and water dispensers for the portables
- Been trying to spend down some of the surplus to get our account to approximately \$20k. End of year balance will be around \$22k
- Discussion about technology budget: last year only spent \$448, this year budgeted \$2k; why the difference? Last year we didn't spend what was budgeted because the district started provided more Chrome Books. The same amount is budgeted for this year.
- Is there a goal for when the district wants to have 1:1 Chrome Books? Ms. Kessler answered not at this point, discussing whether primary grades need to be 1:1. Approximate cost of a Chrome Books is \$400 (estimate), they cost less when the district buys them.
- Carrie Hulbert moves to approve the budget, Kristin Haverlock seconds the motion, motion passes, budget is approved
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Shop for Sherwood!

- Reminder to please shop Amazon via sherwoodpso.com, collect Box Tops, and donate via PayPal

Be Active

- LaCrosse starts 11/15
- Wheels Weekin PE: 11/28 – 12/2 students can bring in anything with wheels and their own helmets if they wish.
- Move 60: session #1 ends 12/15, session #2 signups start the first week of Dec, starts 1/9. Free program, 8:05-9:05 Mon-Thurs

Thank You Volunteers

- School Clean Up: Faith Community Church, Sarah Lewis, Melissa Johansson
- Comfort Kits: Melissa Johansson
- Picture Day: Nikki Wiley, Sue Snow, Michelle Murphy, Kathryn Weber, Elizabeth Fuller, Sharma Kollet
- Staff Lunch: Kelly Oliver, Denise Wechsler

Mrs. Kessler's Presentation on Growth Mindset (presentation available to review separately here: <http://www.sherwoodpso.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Growth-mindset-PSO-meeting.pdf>)

Sherwood won School of Distinction award (only school in Edmonds who won); they looked at past 5 years of data, determine the amount of growth.

School Board Video

Watched a video of kids talking about “grit”; once permission is received, the video will be posted on the Sherwood Elementary website.

Elementary/Middle/High School Start & End Times:

Ms. Kessler will send information about how to submit feedback to the district on different start/end times for schools.