

**Meeting assembles at 6:45 – begins at 7:00p.m. Ends at 8:40 p.m.**

## **Sherwood Elementary PSO General Meeting | Sherwood Library - Edmonds, WA**

*November 6, 2017*

**Principal** Christi Kessler

**Board Members** Leslie Wilke, Co-President; Suzanne Campbell, Co-President; Liz Morgan, VP of Volunteers; Jessica Allende, Co-Treasurer; Molly Reeves, Co-Treasurer; Sarah Lewis, Co-VP of Hospitality;

*Unable to Attend:* Kelly Jain, VP of Family & Community Relations; Diana Gray, Auditor; Vanessa Knowles, VP of Fundraising; Melissa Johansson, Co-VP of Hospitality; Lauren Tempe, VP of Communications; Heather Alschuler, Secretary; Carrie Hulbert, VP of Events

**Attendees – 4**

### **Intro to Agenda by Leslie**

1. **Approval of last general meeting minutes** - Suzanne motioned to approve, all were in favor. The motion passes.
2. **Approval of the Bylaws** – Libby LeCompte in attendance asked a few questions regarding any changes we were making to the bylaws. We discussed the change of term year for Fundraising and Treasurer went from 2 to 3 years. We changed the requirement for documents to be now electronic vs. kept in paper. We made a differentiation between the timing on General meetings vs. the Board meetings. This was to clarify when we pass the budget which is at the second general meeting, not the second board meeting of the year. We motioned to approve and all were in favor. The motion to approve Bylaws passes.
3. **Walkathon Update – We raised \$32,900! (Last year was \$30,200 for 2016-2017)**  
We raised enough money this year to put towards our next Art Enrichment program. We have an Art Docent program in Snohomish County we'd like to work with to identify a program we can do for all classrooms to participate in. We are in the process of narrowing the scope of what we can do with the money we have allocated for this project. We will be looking for an Art Chair as well as volunteers to help assist with putting this program on.
4. **Thank you to our Sponsors for Walkathon!** There was a lot of work that went into putting this on. We are grateful for all volunteers, in particular the efforts of our Walkathon Committee to put this event on. This was our 9<sup>th</sup> year doing the Walkathon and it is a really special part of our community involving so many people and students.
5. **Budget Discussion** – Jessica Allende led the discussion and we ran through the budget income and expenses planned. We have set the budget that we propose for the current year 2017 – 2018. We are in good shape to fund everything we did last year and have been able to add a few increases to spending.

Details on income - Walkathon expenses were higher but that is expected with more children (more tshirts and more waterbottles). We did not receive as much this year in the Box Top drive as we have in previous years but we expect we'll do ok for Cookie Dough as an income source. We are trying out a Holiday Wreath program to support the Sherwood community during the holidays to assist with the community line. Many of our events pay for themselves - ex movie night, skate night and these accounts are essentially pass through accounts.

Details on expenses - We have earmarked funds for scholarships for those who need to participate in field trips. We support many community building events detailed out in the budget line items as expenses such as the Welcome

Back BBQ, Craft Night, Family Dance, End of Year BBQ, the Talent Show. We have a higher need this year for the Emergency line – blankets, lights for classrooms so this has been increased from last year. Every year we wear out the PE/Recess equipment and we've tried to increase the line to make sure there is more for them to work from. With more children we need more buses and that is increasing for expected field trips. We have increased scholarships and community service line. We are looking to also include funds to enhance recess.

Christi discussed her wishes for Curriculum enhancement – the things that come up the most this year have come up around robotics and a need for more comprehension books and assessment kits for literacy. We are doing well with chromebooks and so now our next need is to improve the technology with the PA system in the gym. We are doing research on a sound system and hope to make some minor upgrades. Christi would like to increase professional development and she has a few ideas she'd like to do with the staff to support the work they are doing with kids.

Liz moved to pass the budget. Molly second it. All were in favor. The motion passes and the budget is set.

## **6. Events scheduled to date – Leslie**

7. **Christi Kessler Topic-** We are going to postpone our discussion about Growth Mindset until we have more time to talk about it. As a brief overview of what I'd like to delve into -

Growth mindset is about intelligence not being fixed. Our brain changes when we learn things. Fixed mindset – “I can't do math”. Growth mindset “I don't know, I'm going to figure it out.” This is different from mindfulness – which is a topic we are discussing in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Mindfulness is about taking a moment to step back and think about the moment and quiet it. Ten Mindful Minutes (Goldie Hawn) is a great book based on this concept that has gained a lot of popularity. People don't sit still anymore – this is an art form and we want to make sure children are aware of it. We often say “you did a good job” which indicates there is a bad job. We need to praise when people have worked hard regardless of the outcome. We should praise towards describing the action – “you really worked hard to solve that problem”. If your child did not work hard at something, talk to them about why.

4/3 – 4/7 Spring Break  
4/18 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Recorder Concert  
4/21 – PSO Movie Night  
5/1 – 5/5 Box Tops Competition  
5/8 – 10 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp  
5/17 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music Concert  
5/19 PSO Movie Night  
5/25 Orchestra Spring Concert  
May – TBD Talent Show  
6/1 – PSO General Meeting

## **8. Thank you to all the volunteers so far this year!**

9. **Next PSO meeting** will likely be in March.
10. **Questions?** [SherwoodPSO@gmail.com](mailto:SherwoodPSO@gmail.com) or check out the Sherwood PSO website: [www.sherwoodpsso.com](http://www.sherwoodpsso.com)

Questions asked – Libby LeCompte began a discussion about the attendance and format of the general board meetings. She felt the format of the meeting is more of a Sit and Get versus an interactive sharing of information. We participated in a discussion of how can the community add more to the discussions and efforts that the board discusses. The response at the general meetings are so low – who is this for and why are we doing these meetings. How do we involve more people in the process? Why don't more people come? What is the benefit and what is in it for them. Let's figure out what we need to do to switch up the format. We would like to hear from the community any issues or concerns. The board members are up on our website with all contact info listed. Please let anyone know if there is a topic that we should address in our board meetings and the board will discuss ways we can invite more conversation from the community. We take seriously our responsibility to report on our work but want to know how to make this happen more naturally.

