

## **PTO General Body Meeting Minutes (2.16.22)**

### **Welcome & Call to Order; Taryn Beridon**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm

### **Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- Minutes from PTO general body meeting (1/2022) approved with verbal motion

### **Teacher Wish List Reminder; Taryn Beridon**

- \$300 allocated per teacher to use for classroom needs
- Funds must be used by April 1, 2022
- Unused funds will be pooled/reallocated for general use after deadline

### **TAP Award Announcement; Alexis Hill White**

- Each recipient receives a \$100 teacher wish list bonus
- January 2022 recipient: Ms. Avani Mack (IB Coordinator)
- Nominate a teacher by [filling out online form](#) or sending an email to the PTO at [pto@shepherd-elementary.org](mailto:pto@shepherd-elementary.org)

### **Gear Sales; Ayana McIntosh**

- New gear will be sold after February break; date TBA

### **Black History Month Staff Lunch; Andrea Smith**

- Lunch will be provided to all staff in appreciation of efforts contributing to a successful black history month. Lunch will be purchased from "Creole on 14<sup>th</sup>."

### **Principal Updates; Phyllis Hedlund**

- Thank you to first grade parents for a successful "Coffee & Convo."
- Thank you to staff for working hard to ensure a successful black history month
- Two ECE/CES classrooms will be implemented for the 2022- 2023 school year after budget increase
- Ms. Montgomery will be returning to Shepherd
- ANET 2 & MOY data presented (35 slides available on school website)
  - ELA/ Math assessment for grades 3,4,5)
  - DIEBELS Performance
  - Text Reading & Comprehension
  - Reading literacy
  - I-Ready
- Clubs to resume after Winter Break; Sign-up Genius TBA

### **Treasurer Update: Andrea Smith**

- \$10,000 target for 180-Fund met
- Start of month balance \$68,767. End of month balance \$68,221

Full budget available at [shepherd-elementary.org](http://shepherd-elementary.org)

**Upcoming Initiatives/ Events: Liz Bradley**

- Black History Month (BHM) All School Morning Mtg; 2/18/22 @9:15am, Encore 2/28/22 @12:15pm
- Spring Gala to be held Saturday 4/30/22 /planning sessions every Tue @7pm; email [SESGala@shepherd-elementary.org](mailto:SESGala@shepherd-elementary.org) to join
- Restaurant Nights
  - ❖ Ledo's Pizza; 2/28
  - ❖ Potomac Pizza; 3/14
  - ❖ Blue 44; April TBD
  - ❖ Mamma Lucia; 5/12
- Health & Wellness Fair; 5/12/22
- Overnight Camping Trip to Cunningham Falls State Park; 5/21/22

## **Committee Updates:**

- **Communication & Advocacy**

- > Budget hearing pending

- **Fundraising & Grants**

- > Whole Kids Garden grant received (\$3000)

- > Monthly restaurant nights

- **Family Engagement (Avani Mack/ Sarah Zepeda)**

- > Flamboyant Foundation "back to school with joy" grant received

- **Curriculum & Staff Support**

- > Goal of the committee is to support education quality

- > Send TAP (Teacher Appreciation Program) letters to [pto@shepherd-elementary.org](mailto:pto@shepherd-elementary.org); \$100 wish list bonus to be given to teacher recognized by nomination.

- > Congratulations to Ms. Avani Mack, as the January 2022 TAP award recipient

- **Health & Wellness**

- > Health & Wellness Fair (5/12/22)

- **Facilities Improvement**

- > No updates

- **Community Engagement & Public Relations**

- > No updates

**Other Updates:**

- **Ward 3 Education Network**
  
- **LSAT –**
  - ❖ monthly meetings to be held on the third Wednesday of each month from 4:30-5:30pm.
  - ❖ Meetings are open to the public.
  
- **PAVE – No updates**
  
- **Call for volunteers**

**Next meeting 3/16/22 at 6:30pm**

**Meeting closed at 7:52pm**