

Summary of the Sherman PTSA General Membership Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: January 8, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: In-Person @ the Library; Virtual on Zoom, Link at ShermanPTSA.com

Meeting member notification: Posted on website, school bulletin board, social media and around the building

Quorum:

Call to order: Meeting called to order by Sam Griffin at 6:35pm

Housekeeping:

- Attendees: In-Person and Zoom
- Approval of December 2024 Minutes
 - Member Motion to approve, Member 2nd, unanimous approval

Standing Order

- December 2024 Financial Review
Unable to get on the online banking information but not much action with membership since the last meeting so will not be a large shift.
Checking:
Savings:

Membership

94 as of 1.8.2025

Past Event Debrief

- Night Market
 - Received a lot of positive feedback. Shout out to those who helped keep the Makerspace moving and operating with the TK-1st. Students were really proud of what they produced.
 - The Totes are in! There are 175 left, looking at setting up a QR Code so people can buy them. \$15 apiece. Suggested we bring them out at various events. Discussed including in a night market auction basket. The branding was great.
 - The teachers have expressed this event was a great fit for our Sherman Students. Kids collected data from staff on price points.
 - Ideas for next year: Lighting in the under-cover area for lights so folks can see what they are going, the hallway was a hard entrance, print more \$\$\$\$. Consider having a runner in each room to run the money more often, this could be supported by creating more time for the students who had booths having more time for them to shop. Consider those who have booths and can be "First Shoppers". Would it be possible for the kids to identify ways the money could go to support the community? Discussed the kids researching where it could go.
 - NUMBERS: Netted- \$2,075
- Mascot debut
 - Their name is Stripes
 - Big hit!

Upcoming Events

- Coffee with the Principal: Thursday 1/16 in the Library
 - Will focus on Equity and Inclusion: will be using last year's data collected as part of the climate survey.
 - The Principal is trying to vary times of these before and after school to support families with different schedules being able to attend. Discussed doing themes or more informal.
 - The hope for this one would focus on gathering feedback
- Spirit Month: School Spirit days Fridays during January.
- Talent Show: Auditions 1/14 and 1/16 (3:10-5 after school)
 - Rehearsal: 2/6 (3:10-5)
 - Performance: 2/7 at 6pm
 - Forms due this Friday 1/10

- Discussed opportunities for improving sounds
- TTK & Kindergarten Open House
 - Thursday January 23rd from 5 to 6.

Theatre Updates

- It is running smoothly!

Inclusion and Belonging

- The committee has met twice
- Working on opportunities to create access to events
- Creating a document the PTSA can use as a lens for supporting events to ensure that the events have used an equity lens.
 - First Question: Is this event to raise money or for community?
- Want to use data already available so will be looking over CEE (Often called a climate survey) - Done every other year (3rd-12th)
 - 96% participation last year
 - Asks around sense of belonging, safety, support, communication etc. completed by parents, students and teachers.
 - Creating more opportunities for communication to the Sherman Community to join.

Principal Updates

- Key dates during the school year around enrollment that drive budgets and staffing. Currently have 438 students. Highest in last few years 451. Recently there were 5 new students, and 4 more coming in soon. Focusing on classes that are over capacity to see how this may impact staffing and space in the year to come.
- Doing collaborative meetings with afterschool programs to discuss opportunities for after school care to reflect Sherman values.

Counselor's Corner

- Students in the Climate Survey last year indicated needing support on problem solving. Mrs. Jaskar will be using the Second Step curriculum and shared a poster on it.
- There are songs that go with it.
- Will be using Kelsos Choice as a tool to help problem solving
- Clubs
 - 4-5: Mindfulness- Student Lead
 - Idea Club
 - Some asks on the table:
 - Tiger Times- Student News Letter
 - Chess Club
 - Art Club
- Peace Makers have been working very hard! The biggest complaint/area of joy the younger kids really look up to them and really enjoy them and follow them around. The PeaceMakers are taking ownership and the Schedule is self-managed. Over 60 kids involved.
 - Are there opportunities for them to bring back these skills with their peers? Because the older kids will benefit from this as well.

STEAM Updates

- January STEAM Term: digging into STEAM learning and PBL. Thinking outside the box and trying new things.
- TK-working with Steam buddies club, Peace Makers and staff "What can we do during recess when it rains?"
- K and 3rd grade "Birds can fly why can't I"
- 1st grade light and sound
- 2nd grade are doing art focus
- 4th grade and Sale "How is the struggle for freedom part of story in WA state" and learning stop motion
- 4-5 multiage class doing an innovation journey

- 5th grad teaming up with Mrs. Ross to do American Folk life and 3rd construction
- Steam Fair is coming up! Feb 12th 4:30-6:30 for TTK-5, not mandatory but highly encouraged. Kids work on it at home and bring it in.
- February Steam Assembly: DATE TBA

Volunteer Opportunities

Spring Auction: 3/22

- Theme: midnight jazz
- Slavonian Hall
- Goal: Bring people back! Sell out the space. Focusing on making it more financially doable. Early bird \$35, tickets afterwards will be \$45.
- Need extra volunteers:
 - Desert Dash
 - Wine Grab
 - Set up
 - During Event support
 - Clean up next day
 - Need good or services for auction baskets
- Jan Parker Catering
- Live piano
- There will be a silent and live auction

Staff Appreciation Week: 5/5-5/9

Tiger Trot: 5/30

Carnival: 6/13

- End of the year event. Decided to move forward and put the deposit down. Also discussed opportunities to reduce waste and single use prizes/products.

Questions! Comments! Feedback!

Adjournment 7:29pm

Minutes take by Abi McLane