

Steuart W. Weller Elementary School
PTO All Hands Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2022

Called to order by: Jenn Shelton and Bob Shelton, President(s), 8:00 AM

Meeting Venue: Due to COVID-19 restrictions implemented by state and local authorities, meeting is conducted virtually via Google Meets. <https://meet.google.com/krt-wrtj-mck>

Board Members in attendance: Jenn Shelton, Bob Shelton, Kasonya Blevins, Quan Tran, Carolina Pardo

General Membership in attendance count: 30

Open and Welcome – Jenn and Bob Shelton

Thank you for joining us we have a robust agenda

Welcome Madelaine Burger, SWES Art Instructor

- **What are we up to?**
 - Focusing on
 - K/1: Exploratory, line, shape color. Just finished a unit on Arctic and Antarctic Animals. Painting techniques, collage, and fractions. Taking a shape and cutting it up to make more shapes.
 - 2nd/3rd: Just finished a paper sculpture project. Laurel Burch art work, looked at her artwork to focus on perseverance. Gustav Klimt Tree of Life. Focused on Artists who overcame obstacles.
 - 4th/5th: Still a lot of experimentation. Tints, shades, Line variety, shapes and shades. 5th Grade finished up their Auroras – chalk pastel techniques
- **The value of creativity and developing brains. The importance of creative arts!**
- Sampling of student work
 - Art Work at the Senior Center of Leesburg Art Exhibit 2021 – coming down soon
- What's ahead
 - Kindergarten: Owls
 - 1st Grade: Cityscapes
 - 2nd Grade: Collage birds
 - 3rd Grade: Clay Snowmen
 - 4th Grade: Lunar New Year
 - 5th Grade: Dragon/Animal Eyes
- **Yearbook** – presales will begin soon. We need photos!
 - <https://buytheyearbook.pictavo.com/login?returnUrl=%2Fphotos%2Fload%2F2022-01-09>
- Art After School Program
 - Will reach out to students to find out what they would be interested to work on.

**As warmer weather returns, we will be utilizing outdoor space for more art class

Community Liaison (Annie Nichols)

- 2/4 next Backpack Buddies: starts next Friday
 - 20 families signed up
- Want to help? Donate? Here are the items we need.
 - **Gift cards:** Grocery Stores, Target, Costco, Sam's, Wal-Mart
 - **Items:** Non-Perishable Items – Chew bars, fruit cups, mac & cheese, goldfish, juice boxes, shelf milk, crackers (dry good and snacks), soup, shelf milk,
- **Each Friday, these bags will be packs. This will go through the end of the year.**
 - Contain – breakfast, lunch, dinner
- The program is completely anonymous. The teacher's will pick up the bags during lunch time and discreetly put them in the child's backpack.
- If you want to sign up, please reach out to Annie Nichols (annie.nichols@lcps.org)

Principal Update

- **Enrollment:** Is increasing, new families moving in and/or students are returning from private/online school.
 - Projected Enrollment: 602 (based on September 30th enrollment).
 - Currently at 655
 - Budgeting will be based on September 30th
 - Kindergarten Enrollment – applications will start in March
 - We are excited to welcome some additional
- **Next School Year Start Times:** will start 20 minutes earlier and will end 20 minutes earlier
 - Doors Open at 7:10 AM and school will end at 2:15 PM

Spirit Wear, final update Karyn/Heidi/Jenn

- All apparel has been delivered
- Sales update: \$675 (135 pieces sold)
- Feedback from purchases – excellent quality, love designs, would like more from this brand
- We will be coordinating a spring/summer campaign that will likely include tees, athletic shorts, zip hoodies, etc.
- Have suggestions for pieces? Let us know.

Teacher Lounge Remodel: Heidi/Mia/Kate/Jenn/Bob

- Teachers have provided feedback – this will help us scope the work
- We will kick off a “no frills” campaign to initiate funds for the new lounge
 - All proceeds will go to the school and many of the proceeds will go to update the teacher lounge remodel
- PTO will sponsorship in part financially + time and volunteers
- We will reach out for parent/corporate sponsorship as well and will make requests for specific items
- Timing will be planning phase (now) and active update phase (early summer)

Fundraising/Community Ideas:

- **Valentine candy grams**
 - Initiate candy gram sales 2/1 on social and through flyer home with kids
 - Candy grams will be for staff recognition and thank you
 - Each candy gram will be \$5
 - All will be delivered to staff – 2/14 (Monday)

Caring and Sharing Committee, Darla, and Kate

- Sweet Treats Dessert Bar will be provided to staff on Thursday, 2/10
 - Anything that you can donate: Homemade Goodies, bring in donuts, cookies, anything you'd like to share.
- Please look for a volunteer sign up – thank you in advance for your help!

NEXT Meeting: February 25th, 8am

- Join us! We will have a guest speaker talk to us about Computer Science at SWES so we can learn what students are doing regarding **computational thinking, coding, and other computer science related topics.**
- Want to hear more about something specific? Message the PTO direct at Jennifer.shelton@hitachivantarafederal.com

Open Floor Q&A (parents and attendees)

- Just wanted to make sure everyone knows that Weller has a Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/steuartweller elementary>
- I would love to know if the art program has a virtual art gallery of the students work?
 - This is a great idea, we will look into this.

Motion to adjourn meeting: 2nd Bob Shelton

Meeting adjourned: 8:28 AM