

**Steuart W. Weller Elementary School**  
**PTO All Hands Meeting Minutes**  
**March 18, 2022, 8am**

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

Meeting Venue: Our meeting will be conducted virtually via Google Meets. Link provided.

<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: 45

**Open and Welcome – Jenn and Bob Shelton**

- **Thank you** for joining us

**Reading Specialist, Erica Cohen and Jennifer Scanlon**

- Discussion on strategies parents can implement at home to strengthen reading
- Reading Tips for Parents:  
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QotLkZcEbk4F3ROV36VYUVOEznRh5TQnG77yXuk0j64/edit?usp=sharing>
- Celebrate Reading
- Writing Ideas
- Make it fun!

**Spring Bookfair, Kadie Jones**

- Information on the spring bookfair
  - Digital Flyer coming home soon: the week before spring break – April 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Parents can shop: Wed., April 6<sup>th</sup> -at 3-6:30 PM (Closing sharply at 6:30.
  - Teachers can set up an eWallet, this is for books for the classroom
  - Online Shopping (shipping costs for under \$25)
- Call for volunteers
  - Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> before the fair
    - Set up: 12:30 – 2:00 PM (typically takes 1 ½)
    - Need 4 volunteers
  - Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>
    - Breakdown: 12:30 – 1:30 PM (typically one hour)
    - Need 3-4 volunteers

**Principal Update (5 min)**

- Outdoor classroom design and how it will be used
  - Meeting with Representative on Monday morning
  - Receiving quotes for re-doing surfacing
- Other topics

- Variety Show – a flyer will be going home electronically.
  - Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (hard stop at 90 minutes)
    - One element will be done virtual (ie. Short video clip - in case they have something to showcase a talent that can only done outdoors).
      - Ie. Agility dog tricks
  - Auditions will be done through virtual submissions – due April 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Parents will need to provide permission – due April 19<sup>th</sup>
- In April, some 5<sup>th</sup> graders will join the PTO meeting to present some ideas.
- Do not forget to register for school, if you have a *new student* joining the school.

#### **Teacher Lounge Project: Heidi/Kate/Jenn/Bob**

- Review current design and future requests for the space
- Budget
- Corporate sponsors
- Timing
- Photo of current lounge included (last page)

#### **After School Program: Jeremy Beck/PTO**

- Jeremy Beck, Program Sponsor
- Registration is open NOW for session two  
<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/steuart-weller-elementary-ptu-after-school-activities-program>
- **Registration closes 4/1 at midnight**
- Check your schedule prior to registration
- NEW classes added: Cheer, Basketball, Scooter Hockey
- Questions reach out to Jeremy Beck –
- Session 2 Dates: April 27<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>

##### **Tuesday:**

3D Sculpting K-2: Cantor

Basketball: Aidoo

Cheer: Pereyra

##### **Wednesday:**

Kickball: Beck

Painting: Burger

Yoga/Dance K-2: Friedenbergr, Fredrikson

Golf: Grys

##### **Thursday:**

3D Sculpting 3-5: Burger

Spanish: Sandoval

Orff Percussion: Colosimo

All about Science: King

Scooter Hockey: Beck

### **No Frills Campaign, Heidi/Karyn**

- SWES goal \$6,000
- Currently at \$1,800
- Sponsoring indoor and outdoor educational spaces and teacher workspaces
- We are live and collecting through March 25
  - [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=BG4UP4SCVH8J6&source=qr](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=BG4UP4SCVH8J6&source=qr)
- Give if you can – if we meet our goal PTO will sponsor a school wide treat!
- Thank you for your continued support

### **Community Liaison (Annie Nichols)**

- Update on community needs
- Spring Backpack Buddies
  - Donations needed:
    - Non-perishables: chef boy cup, ez mac in packages instead of cup, shelf milk (individual milks), snacks.
  - If items are brought in by kids, they can be dropped off in the Main Office.

### **Caring and Sharing Committee, Darla and Kate**

- March, Lucky Luncheon will be catered + Cake Donated by Wegmans
- Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

### **Spirit Night(s) Upcoming: Welcome Rachel Adams!**

- Rachel is a SWES substitute and a mom to a 3<sup>rd</sup> and a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Weller.
- She is subbing today at Weller which is why she is unable to be here live!
- She has been gracious in taking over this role and has really dug in!
- She is working on partnerships with Crumble Cookies, Texas Roadhouse, Zoe's Kitchen, Ford's Fish Shack, Chik-Fil-A and others
- We will let everyone know the next spirit night, we are excited to get everyone out and about!
- Send suggestions to [rachel@dadams.net](mailto:rachel@dadams.net)

### **MSAAC Update, Kasonya Blevens SWES PTO VP**

- No update this month

### **NEXT Meeting: April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8am**

- We will have Rachel Bailey join us!! To talk to us about effective strategies to help manage kid's BIG emotions.
  - Rachel is a Parenting Specialist
  - She shares her best practices with parents through social media, Podcasts, and her website
  - Rachel will join us to talk about practical tips for parents in how we can deal with the BIG emotions our kids may be experiencing in the world climate today

- Want to hear about something specific, send me your suggestions for the next session!
- Message me at [Jennifer.shelton@hitachivantarafederal.com](mailto:Jennifer.shelton@hitachivantarafederal.com)

**Open Floor Q&A (parents and attendees)**

- Any additional topics not yet discussed?
- Thank you all for your time!

**Motion to adjourn meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Shelton**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:44 AM**

**Current Teacher Lounge:**



**Outdoor Classroom/Play Inspiration:**

