

# Steuart W. Weller Elementary School

## PTO All Hands Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2021

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: 34

### Open and Welcome – Jenn and Bob Shelton

- Thank you for joining
- Fall Festival recap
- Upcoming SWES HOCO parade Friday 4:30pm
- Kick off meeting agenda

### October is Anti-Bullying month (Amanda George – school counselor)

- Anti-Bully campaign efforts
- Discussion points with your kids
- How can you identify bullying event when your kids don't tell you
- How often should you talk to your kids about it?

#### **Link to Bullying Prevention at Home:**

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/16Y1oSGFFsQtEFxTLNRq3miElnRPx6cz7CsypXdBdOSE/edit#slide=id.g8b238304a6\\_0\\_105](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/16Y1oSGFFsQtEFxTLNRq3miElnRPx6cz7CsypXdBdOSE/edit#slide=id.g8b238304a6_0_105)

Three R's – Respect, Responsible, Ready to Learn

- Tik Toks – talking about “roasting” – finding a social model through tik tok, not realizing it can be harming to others and this can become problematic when another student is harmed
- Bullying prevention starts at home
- Parents can teach along from home
- Recognize – curriculum teaches some clues
  - 5 Clues to help Recognize bullying
    - Repeated Behavior, is it on purpose?
    - Is someone getting hurt?
      - If student isn't being harmed then it's not a bullying situation
    - Is it unfair (or difference in power)?

- Is it one-sided?
  - This is the one that comes up the most often in school
- Recognizing Signs in Your Student
  - Physical, Academic, or Social/Emotional Symptoms
- Report
  - Who do report to?
    - Adults at Home
    - Adults in the Community (Team Sports, after school care)
    - Adults at School
- Refuse
  - Help your student rehearse
    - Assertively telling someone to stop
    - Standing up for someone else who is being bullied
    - Inviting someone who is being bullied to play with them
- Bullying Prevention Home Links – click here to access: <https://sites.google.com/lcps.org/weller-school-counseling/bullying-prevention-home-links>

### Principal Update

- Thank you everyone for the fabulous fall festival support and turn out, what an event!
- Reminder for the week 11/1-11/5 (off/asynchronous learning days)
- Current enrollment
- Projected enrollment
- School improvement (November)

### Fall Festival

- While Spooky Bingo was a lot of fun, a lot of people had a really good time
- Stu will be making an appearance at the homecoming parade
- Asynchronous will be taking place in November
  - Initially when the calendar committee passed their calendar the past January
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Asynchronous

### Enrollment

- County Wide is down about 6K students
- Funding is dependent on per students, for this year we received funding based on last years enrollment
- Funding starts July 1, 2022, will be based on enrollment on September 30, 2021
  - SWES is part of this decrease
  - Prior to Covid we had over 800 students
  - Now we have 600 students
  - Many have moved out of state
  - Whenever there is a dramatic change, this year we are staffed for 800 students but we currently have 610.
  - Next year we will experience a reduction in staff
    - Ie. Cap on 1<sup>st</sup> grade of students is 27 students, this year it is about 15 students

- They are anticipating a reduction of about 500 people in the district (people moving, retirement,
- Final budget isn't voted on until Spring

#### Virtual Veterans Day Celebration – 4<sup>th</sup> grade music classes

- A request will be sent out to families for photographs along with a brief explanation of the connection
- Photos will be streamed during the concert

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

- Update on community needs and outreach
- Role: providing families that may be going through some struggles with resources (food, backpack buddies program, etc.)
- Currently working on:
  - Thanksgiving Baskets (items included in basket - cleaning supplies, hygiene supplies, detergent, dish washing soap)
    - Amazon Link for the program: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3RVDOKUSDJHU5?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3RVDOKUSDJHU5?ref=wl_share)
  - Holiday Assistance Program - \$50 gift card to a grocery store so that they can buy their holiday meal.
    - \$25 or \$50 gift card to buy a gift for their kids
      - A link will be going out to everyone if they would like to donate
    - Currently there are about 25 families that are need and many have smaller siblings
  - In the next 2 weeks, the backpack buddy will roll out
    - Snacks are given for the weekend
    - Applied for a grant so that it can be used for this program, if this grant gets denied then we will be asking the Weller community for donations
  - Winter Coats – planning a donation program
    - Due to Covid-19, this will need to be new coats.

If you need assistance or if you see a Weller Family that is in need, please reach out to Annie Nichols (email: or call the school and leave a message and she will call back)

### **Caring and Sharing Committee update**

- Update on what is coming  
Caring and Sharing Committee
- Just finished 1<sup>st</sup> lucky lunch for the teacher
- The next one will be in December
  - We will probably ask for gift cards or set up a venmo account.

### **Spirit Nights (Melanie/Krisi)**

- Update on what is coming

**Thank you Melanie/Krisi for setting this up for us.**

- October 26<sup>th</sup> at Chipotle at Belmont Chase
- Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – Mod Pizza 1
- Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> – Chin Chin Café

### **Upcoming in November:**

Fire Safety and Prevention

Share school improvement plan (3 year plan)

- Ties into the surveys that parents complete annually

PTO Events: ***We would like to collect some more ideas as we move into the cooler months.***

- Does anyone have any questions or topics that we did not discuss?
  - Please email: [jennifershelton09@gmail.com](mailto:jennifershelton09@gmail.com)

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

- Any additional topics not yet discussed?

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

**Meeting adjourned: (8:45 AM)**