

Steuart W. Weller Elementary School
PTO All Hands Meeting Minutes
September 24, 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: 47

Open and Welcome to the new school year – Jenn and Bob Shelton

- Introduction of the new PTO
- Welcome to the new school year
- Kick off meeting agenda

Welcome Amanda George, SWES Counselor

- Intro Mrs. Torres (Grades K, 1, and 2)
- Mrs. Hall – School Psychologist
- Bria Hicks – school counseling intern
- Mental health services
- Anti-bully campaign
- Resources Conflict vs. Bullying Curriculum – you can click on your grade level and see the material being used.
 - What’s the difference?
 - They will be covering with the students
 - Bullying Prevention Coordinator – Brittney Bryan
- Second Step Program & Kelso’s choices – being used in classrooms currently
 - 4 Lessons in a row
 - Any questions, please feel free to reach out to any counselor
- Contact Your SWES Counselors - <https://sites.google.com/lcps.org/weller-school-counseling/unified-mental-health-team?authuser=0>

COVID protocol and safety updates – Julia Burton

- Since school started, one 5th Grade class has been quarantined
- SWES received additional custodial hours for deeper cleaning. Primarily walls and washing walls in bathrooms stalls
- If a student has a cold and stays home, they need to pass a Covid test in order to return to school

Mrs. Jones, Librarian

- New program held this year – library donation program (previously called “birthday books”)
- Within 24 hours, \$1,000 were received in donations.

- Within 1 week, \$3,000 was received in donations
- “We are so gracious for you guys. Thank you so so much!” – Mrs. Jones
- This collection will be used to purchase new books for the SWES library.

PTO Fall Activity Update: Jenn and Bob

- Welcome back SWES staff breakfast (success)
- Welcome back SWES staff gifts (success)
- Back to school picnic (success)
- First day of school (success)
- Upcoming:
 - SWES spirit wear sales, let’s show our SWES pride
 - Every Friday is SWES spirit wear to show SWES pride
 - Fall photos
 - Sold out
 - Holiday Pie Sales
 - Coming up from Mom’s pies
 - We would love your support and appreciation
 - More to come
 - Fall Festival
 - Replacing spooky bingo due to the fact that we cannot host any events indoors
 - More to come
 - Riverside Homecoming parade
 - Annual parade and carnival will be held 10/22
 - Parade will be right after school and leading up to the Friday night lights!
 - Theme of homecoming this year is “Hollywood Blockbusters” décor of the floats and parade can correlate.
 - For elementary kid’s themes: “Hocus Pocus” or something G/PG
 - Watch our FB page
 - We have a volunteer mailbox for SWES – please let us know if you are able to volunteer

Annie Nichols –New Parent Liaison

- Open office – Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesday
- Also available at other times.
- All conversations are confidential, Mrs. Nichols can be reached by phone or email and an appointment is scheduled.
- SURVEY FOR PARENTS is currently open – click here to access:
<https://www.lcps.org/domain/9977>
- **VOLUNTEER NEEDED:**
 - We’d like to have a SWES float and a few kiddos in the parade to show our support for SWES and Riverside!
 - Theme can be selected
 - Looking for a volunteer or small team up to run point on this event.
 - Getting the vehicle secured; we have a sign for the parade ready

- Securing the details around vehicle decoration, parade walkers, etc.
 - Please let us know ASAP
- General Volunteer PSA
 - Please get involved and help us rally around our SWES spirit to make this the best year yet!
- **Budget review – 2021-2022 school year – Quan Tran**
 - Vote to pass the budget – Passed unanimously
 - We have taken a hit from some of our revenue generating activities
 - Fundraising Income – target total: \$25,900, current actual
 - Projecting Funding Total: \$21,990

PTO runs the Weller Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/steuartwellerelementary>

PTO website - <http://www.wellerpto.com/>

Motion to adjourn meeting: 2nd (Bob Shelton)

Meeting adjourned: (Jenn Shelton)