

Welcome!

Present: Katie Christensen, Karla Humbert, Megan Cegla, Michele, Deanna Asbury, Katie Holt, Sheri Tessier, Lindsey Dewitt, Stacy Bruckheimer, Erin Selor, Nicole DeWert, Carrie Martinson, Kristy Hicks, Elizabeth Christian, Tracy Hvezda, Molly Hagen, Scott Eidsness, Scott Lhotka, Carie Kliehenstein, Melissa Whitney, Nicole Wemand, Michaela Mattson, Tami Decker, Jane Crear, Jess Blemberg, Jess

Special Guest Speaker-Kevin Borg, Operating Levy Referendum

Selected notes from Mr. Borg's presentation:

April 30 board meeting-presented a choice between budget cuts or an operating levy. As a district, we work to spend wisely, and make annual budget adjustments. Enrollment projections help us estimate costs and funding. Enrollment has been rising but is projected to level off in the next several years. In general, our expenses rise with inflation, but funding dollars coming in per pupil do not rise accordingly. Westonka is committed to keeping a balanced budget, and challenging ourselves each year to stay within budget. Similar districts (Orono, Minnetonka) to whom we are often compared spend about \$700 more per pupil currently. The levy will allow us to stay competitive with neighboring districts, maintain status as one of the districts with the lowest school taxes in the area (the levy is specific and well-researched), accelerate progress, and secure long-term funding. If levy does not pass, Mr. Borg pledges to minimize the impact of a \$750,000 budget reduction. Look for more info on the tiered levy increase in district mailings.

How to respond to questions about why we are asking for money after just asking for some a few years ago? The previous levy was for the WAC/PAC (structures), this levy is for operating budget (last levy for operating budget was 2007)

Early voting available? Yes, at ESC building 8-4:30! It started on Monday. Only 30% of parents of school agers vote, so this is a really good option for families! Want to do more? Search yeswestonka on social media.

Questions? Concerns? Call Kevin Borg: 612.685.4601

Approval of Minutes

Approved (Katie move, Megan 2nd)

Vote in New Board Members

Jess-New president (Katie move, Betsy 2nd), has 2 Kindergarteners at SH

Betsy-New secretary (Katie move, Mr. Lhotka 2nd), first grader at SH and a 4 year old at home

Introduction from Megan-Treasurer with 3 kids in the district

Share our Success

- Back to School BBQ: the food was great, and it was fun!

Principal Report

- Mr. Eidsness shared kind words about the work our PTA has done in the past!
- School Updates:

Team Shirley Hills PTA Meeting Agenda

9/23/2019

6:30 pm Shirley Hills Media Center

- Beginning of year is going great! Classes are already using the outdoor classroom and enjoying it.
 - Homecoming is this week, lots of kids in PJs today. Invitation to join in the parade this Friday.
- Mr. Lhotka-character education classes started this week, talking about bullying. October is National Bullying Prevention Month, October 23 is Unity Day-wear orange!
- Carla-senior community members have come into the school as helpers, and its been really fun. Breakfast buddies, classroom helpers, etc.

Board Reports

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer: we've already had donations, color run dollars, spirit wear dollars from open house, and some Amazon smile dollars. Megan has already purchased snacks for classroom parties. We went with Jubilee for BBQ supplies; they donated a \$25 gift card for our silent auction and worked with us for some great deals. They like to support the schools in the community, if the relationship is mutual (i.e.: we give them our business, they will help us out as well).

Chairperson Reports

- NOTE DATE CHANGE: Imagination Fair date will be on December 5 (not Oct 24 as previously advertised).
- Tirisha-order yearbooks by Sept 30 and you get 30% off! You can keep editing pages all year. Tirisha also needs photographers for the year.
- Mr. Lhotka-the 4th grade kindness retreat is coming up on Nov 6. Thankful that PTA is willing to fund it, last year was the first year and it was a success! Mr. Lhotka is looking for high school volunteers first, then may be asking for parent volunteers if needed.
- What has our PTA done in the past (for anyone new to the group): outdoor classroom, desk and furniture in media center, ipads for the entire school, and the playground are just a few examples.

Old Business

New Business

- Board Introductions
- Member Introductions
- Open Volunteer Positions
 - Several open positions for carnival, Culver's night, ice skating night, Evereve night, Pastries for Parents, etc. Side-kick Katie passed around the sign up sheet.
 - Katie passed around a sheet where people can name speakers they are interested in hearing from this year.
- Update on Spirit Wear
- Homecoming Parade Info 9/27/2019

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- Homecoming Parade: if you want to walk in the parade, meet at Hilltop at 4:45pm. Look for the Shirley Hills sign. You can walk with your kids or meet them at the high school.
- Imagination Fair 10/24/2019-DATE CHANGED!
- Family Roller Skating Night 11/3/2019

Next Meeting: Monday, October 28, 6:30pm @ SH Media Center

2019-2020 PTA Sponsored Events & Announcements

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| • 9/27 Homecoming Parade | • 1/16 Pastries for Parents |
| • 10/31 Halloween Parties | • TBD Family Ice Skating Night |
| • 11/3 Family Roller Skating Night | • 2/18 Book Fair |
| • 11/4 Book Fair | • 2/20 Teacher Conference Buffet/Potluck |
| • 11/6 Grade 4 Kindness Retreat | • 2/20 Book Fair |
| • 11/7 Teacher Conferences Buffet/Potluck | • 3/6 Winter Carnival |
| • 11/7 Book Fair | • 4/7 Readathon Author Visit (K & 1 st) |
| • 11/15 Grandfriends Day & Book Fair | • 4/8 Readathon Author Visit (2 nd -4 th) |
| • 12/5 NOTE DATE CHANGE-Imagination Fair | • 4/10 Readathon Mystery Readers |
| • 12/20 Winter Parties | • 4/17 Deadline to order yearbooks |
| | • 5/?? Teacher Appreciation Breakfast |
| | • 5/22 Super Team Day & Book Fair |