

## PTO Monthly Meeting Notes (9/8/21)

### 1. Sherman School Administrative Report

- Jeff Melendez stated that the school is waiting for guidance on how to move forward with offering virtual learning for kids who need to quarantine at home.
- **Meet & Greet and Building Tour** is being planned for interested parents and new families in late September or early October. Parents who attend will join Grade level cohorts and receive a guided tour of key areas of the school, have an opportunity to mingle with other grade-level parents and receive updates from Administration and PTO. More details to come!
- School Field Trips, mainly local options, are being discussed and hopefully offered this year.

### 2. BOE Report

- Roof replacement in various sections of school has started
- Additional siding repairs to the building will begin soon
- Reminder that if you attend Sherman Town Meetings, you have an opportunity to be part of in-person voting on agenda items occurring in real time.
- There is no threshold dollar amount impacting agenda items that go to Referendum.

### 3. PTO Treasurer Report

- Current budget - **\$10,000**
- Teacher Committee chose to acknowledge one Sherman School teacher or staff member each week for the entire school year. PTO donated \$400 toward this effort and \$10 gift cards will be given to each recipient to show appreciation.
- On an ongoing basis, **PTO will fund author visits and requests for supplies from teachers**
- The PTO will offer the teacher tailored supply kits in late May 2021 to offer parents a chance to plan ahead for 2022-2023 school year and reduce cost and last-minute back-to-school shopping

### 4. New Business

- The PTO is currently holding our **Annual Membership Drive** with opportunities to **join at two different levels of \$30 and \$60**. Regardless of the enrollment contribution you choose, all good standing members will have the opportunity to vote on the leadership and distribution of funds used to support the school's students and teachers.
- Throughout the year, we are always looking for **Parent Volunteers** at all our events. If one parent signs up as a volunteer, his/her entire family will receive free access to our event and \$5.00 Book Fair or food voucher. Please note that volunteer opportunities are extended to interested grandparents, as well.
- A total of 10 half days are scheduled for this school year and the **PTO will offer childcare coverage for at least 3 of those days**. We will offer sign-up opportunities far in advance and there will be no last-minute sign-ups. J.P. Gifford Marketing and Catering Company will be offering free lunch for all children, including gluten-free and vegetarian options. Stay tuned for dates and sign-up opportunities!
- **Annual Book Fair, Sept. 26 – Oct. 1, Volunteers Needed!**
- Students who receive weekly Sherman School shields will receive Book Fair coupon.
- **Save the Date: Thursday, Sept. 30, 6:00pm, PJ's and Popcorn with 3 Mystery Readers**
- **Save the Date: Harvest Fest on Friday, Oct. 15 and Saturday, Oct. 16 to be held at Sherman School, not Veteran's Field this year.** Activities will include pumpkin painting, bouncy house and movie night. **Volunteers needed in two-hour increments!**

5. **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Carnival of Knights to be held in June 2022.** PTO will get more involved with planning and help spread the word re: parent volunteer sign-ups in advance of event.

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