



Sharon Center School PTO

Meeting Minutes

Draft to be approved at next regular meeting

Meeting Date: April 3, 2025

Call to order: at 6:30PM with the following members in attendance via Zoom: Anna Crews Camphouse (President), Karen Rios (Vice President), Nikki Blass (Secretary), Lisa Pedersen (Co-Secretary), Carol Tomkalski (Principal), Christa Bailey, Emmalee Wolf, Carolyn Klocker, Mike Nolan, Alice Theobald, and Andrea Salazar.

Approval of Minutes: No minutes were taken at the March 5th meeting as there was no quorum.

Treasurer's Report: None given.

Principal's Report:

- School Culture survey emailed to parents in January and offered at Student Led Conferences in March resulted in a good response rate. Unofficial results were shared with official results to be published and sent out to parents soon.
- The Wingman Program is a leadership program for students first started at Sandy Hook school in honor of one of the lost students. Carol is looking into getting the program started at Sharon Center School
- A proposed school budget has been developed however the Sharon Board of Finance is looking to reduce it. They are looking to compare it to other small Region One elementary schools because at present Sharon has the highest per pupil cost. Carol noted that reducing the budget any further will likely result in loss of faculty and/or staff. All parents are encouraged to attend the April 25, 2025 Town Meeting where the budget will be discussed. Anyone who would like to offer an opinion but is unable to attend may submit a letter to the Board of Finance prior to the meeting.

Committee & Project Reports:

- Middle School Dance
 - Postponed to the fall for scheduling purposes. Previously scheduled school activities and the 8th Grade trip to Washington, DC make it difficult to schedule a spring dance.

- We will need 15 or more adult chaperons to volunteer. Intent is to coordinate with other schools to collaborate on chaperoning.
- Field Day T-Shirt Contest
 - Submission deadline for designs was extended to April 4th.
 - Meghan Kenny will be setting up a table in the cafeteria on Friday, April 11th for students to vote for their favorite design.

Old Business:

- Chocolate Fundraiser
 - The chocolate fundraiser was a rousing success with over \$3,000 of products sold, despite a low participation rate.
 - Congratulations to Gunnar Theobald for having the highest sales.
- Square One Art fundraiser
 - There were only 6 participants in the Square One Art fundraiser.
 - Congratulations to Daesea Rooney for having the highest sales.

New Business:

- Teacher Appreciation Week (May 5-9)
 - Karen Rios has organized a group to provide an authentic taco lunch for teachers and staff. A date was set for Friday, May 9th.
- New PTO Officers for 2025-26 School Year
 - Karen Rios was nominated for the office of President by Anna, seconded by Lisa, and was approved by unanimous vote.
 - The role of Vice President remains open. Anyone interested in the position is encouraged to attend the May 1st meeting for nominations and voting.
 - The role of Treasurer is currently held by Meghan Kenny who is in the first year of a two year term.
 - The role of Secretary is currently held by Lisa Pedersen with one year of a two year term remaining.
- PTO Meeting Dates
 - It was discussed, and a motion was made by Nikki to move future PTO meetings to the first Thursday of the month to encourage higher attendance. The motion was seconded by Karen and passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Next meeting to be Thursday, May 1st at 6:30PM via Zoom, the link for access will be sent to all parents prior to the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Pedersen