

Tualatin Elementary School PTA
General Membership Meeting • February 4, 2014
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by co-president Amie MacDonald. A quorum of members as stated in the standing rules was present. Cindy Krahnke is the timekeeper for the meeting.

The membership reviewed the January 7, 2014, meeting minutes. Jill Armstrong motioned to approve and the motion was seconded by Cindy Krahnke. Minutes, as written, were approved by the membership.

REPORTS

Principal report

Jamie was unable to attend the meeting this month. He is in California receiving the Title 1 Distinguished School Award. Tualatin is one of two schools in Oregon to receive this honor.

Co-presidents' report (Amie MacDonald)

Adrenaline Fundraising activity went well and raised \$7,541. The two new computers for the Library are already ordered through the District (approx. \$2,000 total). These are search computers for the students to use and will be supported by the IT team within the District (why purchased via TTSD).

Treasurer's report (Elena Molau)

The 3rd graders field trip was over budget by a small amount. There are funds to cover this overage.

Vice President's report (Courtney Kozak)

Volunteers are needed for the TTSD Foundation call night on February 27 at 4 p.m. Ideally, one parent per grade level. Thank you, Jean, for signing up at the meeting!

The online Spirit Wear store will be available again. We have tentatively picked two weeks in the Spring (March 7 -21) to have the store available.

Membership report (Sharell Lien)

No new members to report. Although an application was taken and it is encouraging that a new member or two will sign up.

BUSINESS

Jersey Mike's Fundraiser (Jersey Mike's rep)

The school is participating in a fundraiser next week (Feb. 12-16). The card – get a regular sub for \$2 donation...2,500 cards are available – per card redeemed Jersey Mike's donates \$2 to school TuES will have 2,000 cards to distribute and Jersey Mike's will pass out 500. A fundraiser broke records a few weeks ago when \$1,900 was raised for the Tigard Girls Basketball team.

Please don't pass them out during the sale or within the week at the store. If you take them to an office building, just give some if you can't pass them out individually. It is best to make individual contact.

Find different ways to promote the fundraiser...Jersey Mikes uses social media. Have teachers, parents, and the PTA use social media and email. Start passing them out this weekend until the 12th...closer to the fundraiser to hand them out the better. Point out \$2 donation for a sub, map on back, and dates.

Foundation of Tigard Tualatin Schools (Margie, Executive Director)

The Foundation is volunteer based except for Margie. Community members, district staff, past parents help chip in on this effort. All 15 schools benefit. The Foundation helps make up for the budget and PTA fund raising gaps; benefiting the entire community with feeder schools and additional programs (IB and robotics, TAG field trips).

Month of February is the biggest fund drive month. Targeted posters will tell how our school has benefited. Being familiar with what we are doing helps you be an advocate for the school...help us draw in businesses to support the schools. The sign-up sheet for lawn signs is available now.

Last year, the Foundation gave two grants (per school). Just under \$7,000 to each school – money helped with the Amp it Up program. Also, Art Literacy was given \$1,000 grant to each school due to Art in the Burbs.

Tualatin Together (Cindy Hillier)

Cindy Hillier is the Community Coalition Coordinator for Tualatin Together. She offered her congratulations about the award the school received. Cindy is also involved with the PSO at Hazelbrook.

TT is a community coalition established in 1991 as a grass roots group of parents concerned about youth drug and alcohol abuse. Over the past two years, the coalition received funding from a Washington County grant to collect information from the community to learn people's perception of drug and alcohol use. They also have a newsletter to share their information.

Parent/staff groups are welcome to come to monthly meetings for the coalition on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

Cindy asked the group questions...example, what percent of Tualatin youth (middle to high school) have used alcohol in the past 30 days? Marijuana? Prescription drugs? Cocaine in neighboring areas?

Cindy asked if we felt school and community policies about alcohol and drugs being enforced consistently? Comments were that the high school was doing a good job enforcing. There were summer camps, Youth Councils, some schools still have DARE (Metzger), and there is a summer program for incoming 6th and 7th graders.

The coalition has a grant proposal out that would look at life of an athlete.

Where are young kids getting alcohol?

* Garages, kitchen, liquor store, high school kids (not related to them), older siblings, older friends or friends with fake ID, parents or family of age.

Marijuana? Friends, school/sports activities, drug houses, family. Within 1 hour, a young person could come back with marijuana.

Prescription drugs? Medicine cabinets and online sources.

Stats about youth and alcohol – data comes from ER, Police, student surveys, other data sources.

- 35% drink alcohol (over half binge drink). A common source – unsecured liquor cabinets.
- Kids perception of harm is higher with alcohol than marijuana.
- 20% of 11th graders (used in the last 30 days)
- 10% of 8th graders (used in the last 30 days)

Carnival (Wendy O'Riley)

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 30!

Key Club members will be paired with Ambassadors to help with activity stations. This will free-up the parents to join in with with kids.

Inflatables, carnival games, food vendors (some giving back food from sales), face painting, photo station and community tables are part of the event.

Bracelets and food tickets will be available for pre-order, as well as on-site purchase. Pre-purchased bracelets and tickets will be available at the event for pick-up, not sent home with students. Prize bags handed out to kids – turn in your bracelet when you leave and get a prize bag

Cost is \$5 for unlimited play bracelet (only needed if you are playing games and using inflatables); \$1 for each food ticket (prices for food items will vary from \$1-4). Some bracelets will be set aside for families who need assistance. Mrs. Gillam will help with this.

- Looking into a raffle for an iPad.
- Community tables being recruited (City Library Summer Reading Program, City of Tualatin Summer Camps and other activities, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Garden, Police, Fire)
- Decoration help is needed.
- Need cakes, treats for cake walk.
- Need a painter for the Black Bear cut out in the photo opp area.

Auction – April 5 (Jenn Hachmeister)

The Auction plans are going great. Donations are going well and being entered into the online system. An Auctioneer and MC have been found. Event flyers are coming out soon. There will be childcare available (for a fee - \$16/kid for 4 hours – 5:30-9:30 p.m.).

Nominating Committee (Amie MacDonald)

We need three people to volunteer to be on the Nominating Committee to find officers for the 2014-2015. Amie MacDonald offered to be one of the committee members. Sharell Lien offered to run again for Secretary.

Scrip (Angela Tyler)

Valentine's Day is around the corner. Scrip cards are good for everyday grocery needs. Great selection of cards and dining out options. Next order dates – Feb. 11, 18, and 25.

Angela will be leaving the school after this school year...she needs a replacement. Please consider filling this need. Tuesday and Thursdays are key days for help. Teachers really use the program and benefit with dollars for school needs.

Memory books (Cindy Krahnke)

There are 60 books left for purchase. Photo deadline is March 7. March 21 the book will be done and they will arrive the first week of June. Don't forget the 5th grade tributes are due too.

Garden (Paul Taylor)

Work Party on 2nd Sunday coming up... February 9 and on March 9.

Ms. Emken's class wrote convincing notes to Pro Gro and there will be two units of mushroom compost delivered. This will be spread during the work party. Wheel barrows are needed.

Paul attended a day-long summit/conference for school gardens. There are 500 school gardens in the state and 200 people attended. Conversations centered around curriculum resources – lots online and at no-cost to engage all learners in the school garden. It was a great opportunity to network. Other schools districts have difficulty with the production of garden food going to the cafeteria. Aggi is so accepting of the garden harvest. Farm to table is an important lesson.

Classroom updates:

- Mrs. Soderquist and Bjork's 1st grade classes planted garlic (cleaned and planted) – How to writing assignment; 9 month cycle to grow, will be 2nd graders when the garlic is harvested.
- Kinder – F was their letter – flower, farmer, frogs, fork (pitch)
- 3rd graders measured beds and plots...working on “area”
- Fossoti's class was working on “how to” – they planted 4 inch plants to gallon size containers
- Native plant talk with Amano's class (tagged plants)
- Platt's – brainstormed what to grow in the garden...what we have grown...what might not grow well here – pineapple, bananas, peanuts

TEAF started up (Tues/WEd) – made own name tags; sawed wood

Flower arrangement for the meeting showed forcing dormant branches to bloom. Thanks, Paul!

School Directory (Wendy O'Riley)

Flyers have been sent to the office for huge update before end of school.

QUESTIONS and COMMENTS

If you want to be on the agenda, please let Jill McCarty or Amie MacDonald know.

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NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 – School Library
7 p.m. PTA meeting begins

Co-president Amie MacDonald adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Prepared by ~

Date presented: March 11, 2014

Sharell Lien, Secretary

Approved as Written or Amended

Co-president

Secretary