

# **PTA Virtual Meeting: 10/8/24**

## **Attending Board Members:**

Nicole Roth, Co-President Elect  
Charles Gravis, Treasurer Elect  
Karrie Spencer, Treasurer  
Kimberly Address, VP of Volunteers & Recruitment  
Jen Mann, Teacher Liaison  
Lindsay Kinzer, VP of Communications  
Melissa Hinkle, Teacher Liaison

## **Not in attendance:**

Anna Booth, President  
Stephanie Milstien, Co-President Elect  
Nikki Coleman, Secretary

## **Dr. Bobbie Brown, Principal**

### **Fall Scholastic Book Fair**

- Very successful, raised a lot of money for our school library
- Money raised supports the library and allows us to purchase new library books, replacement books and library supplies
- PJ Family Reading Night - really well attended by families this year

### **New Monthly All-School Assemblies**

- Focusing on celebrating excellent behavior by students and in the classrooms
- Awards are given each month
- Each class recognizes two students working towards life skills and two PAX leaders
- Teachers present awards during class
- Every month they rotate so every student has the opportunity to be recognized
- Golden Awards - K-2 and 3-5: Golden Shoe, Golden Whistle, Golden Chef, Golden Ball, Golden Music Note, Black Bear Pride Golden Award
- Parents can attend the assemblies, encouraged to attend if your child is being recognized
- Student's photos on the TV screen in the rotunda rotating through the month

### **Opt-out Photos/Videos**

- No families have opted out so far
- Good news for PTA, we are able to use photos and videos showing student in our social media, flyers and on website

## **Karen Emerson, TTSD**

### **Upcoming levy for schools in November**

- On the November, 2024 ballot - renew local option levy for school district
- Source of income from property taxes
- Levy lasts for 5 years
- 5th renewal is this year
- Funds teaching positions
- \$13 million per year for 5 years = 100 teaching positions
- Critical to district's budget
- Vote yes
- Yard signs - 10 available to be placed at homes/businesses within the school's boundaries, we can bring more if needed
- Only 25% of voters are parents in the district
- Nicole Roth to capture addresses of people wanting a sign and they will be delivered to them

## **Alex Pulaski - TTSD**

- 1 of every 6 teaching positions are funded by option levy
- General obligation bond for May, 2025
- Bonds are for capital projects - school renovations, technology, etc.
- Parents and community members can visit with new Superintendent at upcoming community meetings
- Great chance for parents to provide input on the district's priorities
- Next meetings: October 23rd at Tualatin HS and October 30th at Tigard HS

## **Karrie Spencer, Treasurer**

- Pizza Hut restaurant night - \$150 raised for the PTA

## **Pam Soderquist, School Garden**

- All classes have made it to the garden for orientation and to collect a flower bouquet
- Vegetables are doing great - Tomatoes, figs, broccoli, cauliflower, zucchini, tomatillos and more
- Thank you to our garden volunteers for watering and harvesting
- During October, 5th graders will be doing the Legacy Seed Collection - collect seeds to be replanted in the spring

- September and October garden work parties were great and got a lot of work done
- 1st graders will be doing leaf rubbings this month and harvesting beets
- Kindergarten will be meeting the big maple leaf
- Cistern water tank (donated by Whole Foods) captures 2500 gallons of water which will be released back into the native plants - recharges aquifer - happening soon
- Next Garden Work Party - 10/26 from 8am-10am, all are welcome

### **Nichole George, Fun Run**

- Fun Run was huge success - our goal was to raise \$10,000 and we ended up with \$13,467 profit
- Plus company matching dollars coming soon - up to \$1000 more
- Boosters held a drawing for teachers for Dutch Bros. Gift card, Mrs Yamanaka won the gift card
- Prizes from the Boosters are being distributed now to students
- Used new email system this year - kids were rewarded by how many emails were sent, not money raised - more equitable way of fundraising
- Craft and LePore win pizza lunch day
- Things to think about for next year - email vs. money, quality of prizes
- Emails out for next year's mystery runner - Blazers
- Portland Pickles Baseball, Dillon T. Pickle was a hit!
- Mrs. Hinkle created video of the fun run, available to view in the Black Bear Bits
- All students received Dri-Fit Black Bear shirts
- Looking for deals for next year's shirts - contact Nichole if you have any connections

### **Kimberly Andress - Portland Pickles Baseball**

- Offers Literacy Program for schools
- Kids read and get free ticket to a game
- Read-a-thon tie in - spring break time
- Kimberly to coordinate with Elizabeth Garber

### **Charles Gravis, Treasurer Elect**

#### **October Restaurant Night**

- Killer Burger in Sherwood on 10/23 from 5-9pm
- Donating 20% of sales back to the PTA
- Look for flyers coming home with students soon

## **Bridgett Villanueva**

### **Trunk or Treat**

- October 30th, 5-7pm in school's rear parking lot
- First year hosting this event
- 7 parking spots are filled so far to host trunk
- Need 8 more volunteers to host trunk
- Spread the word, share link to sign up form
- Student resource officers will be hosting a trunk
- El Mas Chignon food truck will be onsite - check out our event food menu
- Checking to see if sports teams have practice that night? Ask Amanda
- Teachers will need to move cars before 4pm - Bobbie to communicate with staff
- Trunks can start setup by 4:00pm

### **Art Lit**

- class to learn about new artist each month
- Parent volunteers go into classrooms and teach
- Let us know if you have grandparents, friends, etc. who want to get involved

### **Nichole George - Memory Book**

- Price will be increased to \$25 this year to offset rising costs
- PTA Board voted yes for price increase
- Helps us provide every 5th grader with a book
- Order forms coming soon from Dorian
- Need volunteers to help with book design and photo layouts
- No theme selected yet
- Join committee - contact Nichole

### **2025 Auction Planning Meeting**

- 10/9 at 6pm at Kimberly's house
- More casual auction theme this year
- Let us know you want to get involved with auction planning and fundraising

**Next Virtual PTA Meeting:** November 12th at 7pm - GoogleMeet link coming soon