

Tualatin Elementary School PTA
General Membership Meeting • October 3, 2017
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Sharell Lien, PTA co-President of the 2017-2018 school year.

Call Meeting to Order and Welcome

Introduction of PTA Board – Sharell Lien – Co President; Prabha Senthil Kumar – Treasurer, Prasanna Raghupathi – VP Communications, Elizabeth Escobar – PaLa Liaison

Approved previous meeting's minutes – Amy Zuckerman motioned to approve the minutes and motion was seconded. Minutes, as written, were approved by the membership.

A quorum was present at the meeting.

REPORTS

Principal

Mr. Kingery was unable to attend...he's home sick and we wish him well. Sharell Lien provided an update from him. He thanks the Fun Run committee for all their hard work and he is looking forward to the event on Friday! Thank you to the Garden Committee for organizing the work party this past Sunday. Also, a thank you to Amanda Thorderson for doing a great job preparing TEAF for this coming term.

REMINDER: Tualatin Public Library is doing the "Library after Dark" – Saturday, October 7 (6:30-8p)

1st Grade (Pam Soderquist)

Thank you to the PTA for funding grade level enrichment and field trips.

In 2015-2016, iPads were purchased; over a few years there has been enough to purchase 6 for a small group. Last year – wobble seats and bands for active friends were also purchased. Clipboards for around the room activities and in the garden activities have been added. This year – we hope to purchase additional iPads.

Current technology quantities:

6 iPads in Sodersuist; 7-8 iPads in Yamanka; Fossati and Hagerman each have one and primarily use the iPad cart.

Field trips – in-house last year was the Audubon Society and a visit to the Oregon ZOO; curriculum connection

This year – in-house activities with next generation science standards (three main sciences -- physical investigate sound and light; life science to observe life cycles; and earth science.

Hope to see a play too – Children's Theater meets up with Journey's curriculum when we study Frog and Toad.

How are iPads used? Reflex math in small groups (rotate through); bridging literacy through technology programs. Sent videos to second grade class and they asked questions and sent feedback.

Co-Presidents (Sharell Lien)

Our unit has 41 members as of tonight (26 after last meeting).

Membership: Joining the PTA – cost is \$11.50 annually. If you join, you are able to vote on items like the budget, PTA funding decisions, board member elections, etc. If you handle money for events, we need for you to be a member.

Open Board Positions:

- * Secretary – have needs for this position – required position to operate a PTA. We very much need to fill this position.
- * VP of Fund raising position is also open currently.
- * President-elect position – allows for incoming presidents to train the new president. Jymn and Sharell are not able by by-laws to be president next year.
- * Treasurer elect-position – similar to the above, but for the Treasurer position.

Calendar of events (see reverse side of agenda)

Treasurer (Prabha Senthil Kumar)

The current financial report was shared.

Large checks were written for the TEAF funds from last year that were accumulated over the year, as well as the Garden money the PTA has budgeted to support that endeavor.

PaLa (Elizabeth Escobar)

3 for me! School-wide volunteer campaign was shared. Everyone can pledge to work 3 hours this school year.

Increasing parent involvement, shows that students are more successful.

It is a challenge – per classroom goal is to have the most hours – the tracking system will be displayed in the Rotunda on the walls.

Fill out Promise card tonight to pledge your volunteer hours!

First PaLa meeting this year is Tuesday, October 10, @ 7 p.m. [open to all families to attend]

Spirit Wear (Sharell Lien)

Sales are going well...sold some stock at Back to School Night.

Orders are being taken until October 13; hoping to have the apparel delivered to students the week of Thanksgiving.

Garden (Pam Soderquist)

Pam is the Garden Committee Chair. Paul Taylor is the gardener in residence. It would be great to have more involved! Garden Committee is working on grade competitions by inviting the teachers from two grade levels to participate in the work party and have them encourage the students to join in too.

We just had a garden work party last Sunday. Got the compost area worked and processed a bunch of incoming material. Lots of weeding done. Seeping and a litter patrol was done.

Next work party is Saturday 11/18/17 9-11am

Mr. Taylor completed Garden Orientations for all classes, even Head Start this year.

Some 5th grade folks have come to the Garden to harvest flower seeds for their scatter Gardens next Spring.

3rd graders are harvesting vegetable crops for Aggi (cafeteria) lunch program.

Kindergarten classes are coming out to the garden to meet their first native plant. Acer macrophyllum (Big leaf maple).

Plans are still being made for 1st, 2nd and 4th grade classes.

A Big Thank You to families that helped with daily garden care since school started.

Thursday TEAF gardening classes start 10/26/17. See Amanda if there are any open slots left.

Have Fun in the Garden!

Walk & Bike (Sharell Lien)

International Walk and Bike day is tomorrow (October 4). Another spirit and exercise event! Student who participate enter to win prizes, but all who participate receive a goodie sack.

Fun Run (Amy Pattison)

Fun Run is this Friday – turn-in the fundraising packets by this Friday to be included in prizes. A table is set-up in the Rotunda each morning. Ribbon sales are successful! Kids line up and are having a great time with them.

Close to \$1,000 has been raised already.

Day of the race still has openings to help – you can go watch your kids – no worries!

Prize Room (Fun Run HQ) will be in the Art Lit. Correction: \$10 minimum to receive prizes, but all students will get a Fun Run t-shirt (donated by Adidas) that will be on their desk for Friday (shhhh...don't let the kids know...it is a surprise!)

Spirit days remaining: Wacky Wednesday tomorrow, school colors on Thursday, and wear comfortable clothes and shoes for Fun Run day!

Book Fair/OBOB/Library (Kathleen Cunnington)

Wild West --- Saddle up and read!

10/25 – PJ kick off event 6-8 p.m. (set-up 1-3 pm.)

Open 10/26 from 8-5:30 p.m. with morning bagels and OJ (store bought donations accepted!)

10/27 from 8-noon

Set up the book fair again for 11/3 to be open during the Fall Harvest Dance Party.

Book Fair is another opportunity to help with literacy at school – this is one of the largest fund raisers for the school library. PTA members work the cash registers, decorate, and help can be used for set-up and tear-down. More to come soon!

Contact Kathleen Cunnington (503-720-3972 or kcrismor@yahoo.com) for any of these items above.

OBOB --- started up again and we are short on 5th grade parents (42 kids in one room) – 6 meetings left (lunch/recess time once a month) – please let Kathleen know if you can assist.

Library – Help needed for Monday morning book pick-up, checking-in, and shelving (about 45 minutes) – just after the bell rings on Monday. One other class needs a second volunteer – Ms. McConnell.

Winter Holiday Night (Jean Buelna-Pastor)

Friday, December 8 – co-chair would be greatly appreciated.

Help with the set-up and decorations (all grades make something and the artwork is put up) – 550 pieces!
Best time to decorate is the week of the event after school (maybe some before school can be arranged).

Help is needed for set-up for the night of, plus clean up at the end of the evening.

Teachers help prepare the graham cracker houses by putting them together with icing. Key club from the high school will also help.

Auction (Amy Zuckerman)

April 2018 – working on location, date/time

Donation letters are about to go out.

Artwork, theme, logo, catalog to come.

Help with Auction website and recording Auction items is a role we are looking to fill.

October 23 at 7 p.m. is the next planning meeting. Any interest? sign up with Amy Zuckerman!

TEAF/Fall Harvest (Amanda Thorderson)

Amanda is working on TEAF registrations and the letters will be going home by Friday.

Amanda is using a new spreadsheet to help with the draw for classes and each student will get at least one of the sessions they wish to do.

A few openings in 3rd-5th grade paper craft class (on Wednesday); OBOB – 2nd-5th grades; and Forensic Science 4th -5th.

Fall Harvest Dance 11/3

Help is needed with decorating, donating apple juice or donuts, and help with raffles.

Miss LePore is teaching the kids at a Dance Party (who achieved the \$125 level for the Fun Run) a dance for the event.. She'll also teach to parents, staff, grandparents, siblings – who can also learn for a dance off.

Fall Harvest Dance is a fundraiser for TEAF. Talk to Amanda Thorderson or Michelle Mikesell about volunteering.

QUESTIONS and COMMENTS

If you want to be on the agenda, please let Sharell Lien or Jymn Heathcott know.

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NEXT PTA MEETING:

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 7 p.m. – School Library

Co-President Sharell Lien adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Prepared by ~

Date presented: November 7, 2017

Sharell Lien, Co-President for Secretary

Approved as Written or Amended

Co-President for Secretary

Co-President

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