

Tualatin Elementary School PTA
General Membership Meeting • May 1, 2018
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jymn Heathcott, PTA co-President of the 2017-2018 school year.

Call Meeting to Order and Welcome

A quorum was present at the meeting.

REPORTS

Principal's Report (Mr. Kingery)

Mr. Kingery provided an update on what is happening in and around the school.

He reported that the recent STREAM Night/Day of the Child event was a success.

Mr. Kingery reported that we have a new superintendent for the Tigard Tualatin School District. It was recently published that Dr. Susan Rieke-Smith has been named in the role. She will replace Ernie Brown who is retiring June 30th. We are excited to learn more about this new leader. She comes with a great deal of experience in the schools.

April attendance is the highest that we have had yet this year. All 6 grade levels were over 95% full attendance for April. We are now at 95%+ for the year. Kindergarten attendance is one our challenges and they reported 96% for April! In comparison, Kindergarten has had months this year that have been as low as 92%.

Univ. of Oregon had been collecting attendance data for a research study that they were doing. This is now closed and they are sharing best practices. This could feed into the district's strategic planning.

Mr. Kingery shared that grades 3-5 will be starting state testing.

May 7-11 is Teacher Appreciation week and so we will be celebrating and acknowledging the teachers this week.

4th/5th Grade Report (Ms. Cook and Mr. Michaels)

Ms. Cook shared that the 4th grade is working hard on math. They are working on fractions and decimals. They are also working on Opinion writing for their writing lessons. Teachers recently went to the Apple store for training on an application called Clips where kids can put together writing with pictures, video etc. The children are now having fun using this application. She shared that for Pioneer Day, they are going to the Tualatin Historical Society. June 6-7 they will be doing their Portland bridges field trip.

Mr. Michaels shared that the 5th grade is doing their Division Unit in Math and working on decimals in time for State testing. They are also working on Opinion writing and to prepare for ELA are performing tasks and took tests. The 5th grade has 3 field trips – 1 to the Oregon

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Symphony with Mrs. Hinkle; 2) Oregon Garden and 3) OMSI

Co-Presidents Report (Jymn Heathcott)

Membership Update - Our unit has 56 members as of tonight, we are above the goal set for this year and holding steady. Anyone wishing to run for a position on the Board that isn't a member yet, please let Sharell know and she'll be happy to get you signed up via a scholarship.

Nominating Committee (Elizabeth/Ana)

We have one person running for Secretary (Alyse Rostamizadeh). We still have a lot of open positions which are on the sheet on the tables and it is also on the PTA website you can see all the descriptions for the roles along the time commitment (estimated hours outside the meetings etc.)

Ask to all the PTA members to please reach out to your fellow parents in your classrooms that are here next year, neighbors or other interested parties about the open positions. Reach out to Elizabeth or Ana if you have names of people interested.

At the next PTA meeting, we will vote for the 2018-2018 PTA board members. Please remember we do need at least 4 members (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary) on the board to operate next year, we can make adjustments to fit the best makeup for the incoming board. The past-presidents are here and very available next year to provide support, but can't run themselves due to term limits.

We also announced that Luz will be our VP of PALA for next year.

Ana motioned to vote in both Luz and Alyse. Michele Mikesell seconded. This was put to a group vote and was unanimous. Thank you Luz and Alyse!

James also covered all open positions and offered printouts that included descriptions for all open positions.

Financial Report/Treasurer (Prahba)

The current financial report was shared on the table, any questions please reach out. We wrote large checks last month for field trips and deposits for catering for the Auction; The budget was also distributed to all on the tables. James shared that in April and May we discuss the proposed budget and in June we will approve the budget for the next school year. There were a few line items that were reviewed. These items received no questions from the group. All of the line items remained the same with the exception of an extra \$100 in the next year's budget for Art Lit. Spirit Wear went down \$500 because we had a surplus.

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NEW BUSINESS

Auction (Amy Zuckerman)

No update

Day of the Child-- STREAM night (Elizabeth/Amanda)

There was a great turnout for Day of the Child/STREAM Night as Mr. Kingery referenced. There was lots of positive feedback. 227 students turned in their STREAM Night "passport's". There were approximately 500 people in attendance. We had food donations from PizzaHut, Chipotle and some stores donated 11 beautiful pinatas. Costco donated Pizzas. The Art Lit exhibit was great. The raffle raised \$195!

Garden (Paul Taylor)

The summer grade sign-up sheet is out!! We have a physical sign-up available in the gym and also on Facebook, where you can access the Google Doc that was created again this year by Kathleen C - thank you thank you. We need at least 2 families a week over the summer, the garden needs our attention each and every day. Great way to meet new people and get your hands dirty...or not.

Mr. Taylor provided a great overview of all of the recent activity in the garden.

There are artichokes, pea foliage which is edible. The 3rd graders recently planted peas and there will be a pea tasting session as there are many varieties that they can taste. There are beets that have been dug up. There is baby lettuce from March plantings. There is delicious tender spinach, chard and mustard greens. Aggie in our kitchen is wonderful support to the garden as she will make something great from all of this. This way kids have a part in making food.

The 1st graders are working on weather and so have spent time outside talking about all of the different types of rain. They have been using the rain gauges. They have learned about the two cisterns that we have. Both the 55 gallon and the 2500 gallon are both full!

Currently there is a TEAF garden class with 10 students, including one 2nd grader who is visually impaired and this has helped Mr. Taylor think about the different ways to teach about the garden.

There was a garden work party on April 21, which had a good turnout. The group pruned native bushes, helped along the apple tree, did some weeding and edging and Aggie served a light snack which was great.

Library/Book Fair (Kathleen Crismor)

We made \$1500 in Scholastic Dollars at the Book Fair that was held during STREAM/Day of the Child. The library team is looking for a new coordinator for next year and OBOB coordinator.

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Please see Kathleen if you are interested or know someone who might be interested.

5th Grade Promotion Event (Kathleen Crismor)

Kathleen also shared that the 5th Grade Promotion event is going well and that they have a photographer and food chosen for the event.

Jymn re-iterated that May 7-11 is Teacher Appreciation Week and also the Coin Drive which will happen in the Rotunda each morning.

Jymn also reviewed the Calendar of Events on the back of the Agenda. He referenced that we have an Auction every other year as a significant fundraiser and hopes that parents will join us. Tickets are available online.

QUESTIONS and COMMENTS

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

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NEXT PTA MEETING:

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the school library - joint with PaLA

Co-President James Heathcott adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Prepared by ~

Date presented: May 1, 2018

Kate Heathcott, VP of Programs

Approved as Written or Amended

Secretary

Co-President

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