

Tualatin Elementary School PTA
General Membership Meeting • November 7, 2017
(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

Approved previous meeting's minutes – Jean Buelna-Pastor motioned to approve the minutes and motion was seconded by Michelle Mikesell. Minutes, as written, were approved by the membership.

A quorum was present at the meeting.

REPORTS

Principal (Mr. Kingery)

We had a great deal of events over the past few weeks! An overview of all the programs since we have last got together include:

- Fun Run - have a wonderful picture of the whole school from this
- Book Fair (2 times!) - this was a big effort, set-up and tear-down twice
- Conferences - we meet with all the families, supporting children at home and in school is our highest priority, connect home and school, progress towards next year
- TEAF started our after school program (provides learning experiences for students there are 120-130 kids served each term for low/no cost which rounds out our. Largest after school program in the district, take a lot of work but with a lot of benefit.
- OBOB started (thanks Kathleen!)
- Fall Harvest raised a little over \$2,000 towards TEAF which runs solo on donations and grants
- Last night was our OMSI night which the PTA funds - 3 filled up 3 buses with 250+ family members. Over the past few years we have partnered with Bridgeport Elementary (Thanks for Jessica, Christy and Anna with everything).

The reason he was mentioning all these programs was because all of the amazing opportunities for the kids and this happens because of the PTA, volunteers here in the room and that have volunteered over the past few month. Thank you, Thank you for all the time and effort to ensure our students are supported and the staff

Tomorrow is the end of the first quarter. Teachers are working on progress reporting which will come home in about a week or so. Lots of tremendous growth from our students already this year.

Teacher Conferences - we had great attendance by parents, some teachers hit 100% and only a small number of parents that weren't able to attend.

REMINDER: we need to all ensure that regular attendance is a focus. Extra attention has been given to this over the past few years because it is key for college readiness, career and beyond. We have a giant bulletin board celebrating the attendance by grade - 97% school wide is our goal or missing only 1 day per month. 4 & 5 grade have both hit the goal in the past 2 months. 3rd grade reached the goal in October. The other grades are working towards hitting these goals in the future. Spread the word, help us, help the kids.

Kindergarten Report (Charissa Perry)

Kindergarten starts a week late so we can connect with each family and inform them about the kindergarten expectations and get to know each other. Give parents a binder of resources to use at home

Thank you to the PTA for funding grade level enrichment like OMSI in the classroom. Lots of excitement around bugs. We took a trip to the pumpkin patch field trip - incorporate science of pumpkins into the classroom as well.

Co-Presidents Report (Sharell Lien/Jymn Heathcott)

PTA provided breakfast to the teachers during the conferences - lots of thanks from the teachers on this PTA funded event.

Our unit has 53 members as of tonight - surpassed our goal of 52 as of this evening. 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:

* VP of Fundraising position is also open currently.

* President-elect position – allows for incoming presidents to train the new president. Jymn and Sharell are not able to be president next year due to the by-laws

* Treasurer elect-position – similar to the above, but for the Treasurer position.

Reviewed the calendar of events (see reverse side of agenda). Lots of good stuff.

Treasurer (Prabha Senthil Kumar)

The current financial report was shared on the table. \$21,700 raised this year so far.

Large checks are going to be written for Spirit Wear and still expecting additional funds from the Fun Run from corporate matching, Kohl's being one of them \$500 for 5 people volunteering

Volunteer (Michelle Mikesell)

Can send out any requests to a large list of people now and thanks for all the Need some 2-3 volunteers for picture re-takes 8:30-11:30am.

Have 2 events we don't have coverage yet - need Read-A-Thon and STREAM event in the fall

Board Member Position Vote

Need to vote on this position. Nominated by Sharell Lien, motioned by John Warther and seconded by Michelle Mikesell. Voted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mudpuddles (Alyse Rostamizadeh)

Unique toy store in Sherwood - over by Safari Sam's. Lots of great books, toys and interesting. Will donate 20% of all sales to the PTA if you use the coupon in the next week. Will add to the red folders in all classroom. Sale goes next week until Sunday.

Garden (Sharell Lien)

Paul Taylor is our gardener in residence. Second grade weeded the beds.

We are very busy in this season of plenty. Read on to find out what your students have been up to in and around the garden.

3rd graders harvested for Aggi and the cafeteria on Mondays. Each class presented food from the garden at the end of their harvest session.

All 1st graders came out and weeded the brick pathway. They learned about what is a weed. A plant growing in the wrong place.

All 2nd graders planted spring bulbs in the garden entrance and along the "L" shaped bed. See video made by a parent from Sieveke's class.

All 4th graders came out and pulled up the spent sunflowers. They harvested seed heads for the birds, cut up stalks and brought parts to the composting system.

Meet with Head Start classes and talked about the fall season and what has been happening in and around the garden.

All kindergarten classes came out to the garden to check on the season. See crops and learn what has been growing in our garden and take note of the changes that are happening due to weather and older student activities. Dug up red leaf banana with students from Mrs. Wharff's class and taken to their room.

Have a video from class on the Facebook page, come take a look.

Garden Committee meet since the last PTA meeting. Came up with a challenge to have two grade levels to participate in the work party and have them encourage the students to join in too.

All school Garden Party on November 18th - 9am to 11am. Moving compost, mowing and a special event....making a scarecrow. There is a challenge to the 5th and kinder families to name and design the pumpkinhead for the first ever TuES scarecrow. Lots of work in putting the garden to bed

As always Ms. Aggi will have delicious food at the event.

Have Fun in the Garden!

Winter Holiday Night (Jean Buelna-Pastor)

Friday, December 8 - a little over a month away.

Key club students from the high school and 5th grade ambassadors will help too.

Found another teacher (Mrs. Livingston) to build the houses during the days - 250/300 houses are built that day. Teachers help prepare the graham cracker houses by putting them together with icing. 100 lbs of frosting day of the event - need 1-2 people to make that happen in the cafeteria

Going to need lots of help with the set-up and decorations (all grades make something and the artwork is put up) - 550 pieces! Mon-Weds designated for setup time

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.

Will post a sign-up sheet for donation of baked goodies. Also need donation of bags of candies (M&M's, gumdrops etc.) which will be for sale at the event which we need earlier in the week. Nut-free for all of these please.

Auction (Amy Zuckerman)

Many thanks again to our chair Amy - who is awesome and organized.

We are well underway, still looking at April 2018 - fine tuning on location, date/time

Donation letters are all out and donations are pouring - Pittock Mansion, Willamette Valley Vineyards and Wildlife Safari

Post-Christmas is when we start needed more help - selling tickets, pick-ups etc.

Amy motioned that we consider we earmark some of the funds being raised that night to specific programs, Jean seconded. This will require a PTA member vote to ensure all funds go to the specific program. Voted unanimously.

These programs are....

- Paddle Raise - in support of TEAF
- Golden Ticket (25) for live auction items - in support of Art LIT
- Front row seats at grade-level music concerts - in support of music programs

November 20th at 7 p.m. is the next planning meeting. Any interest? sign up with Amy Zuckerman!

Fun Run (Amy Pattison)

Thank you Thank you. Lots of fun had by all and everyone loved the T-Shirts

Close to \$22,000 was raised - still a few stragglers.

Have a really cool picture of the entire school in their sea of red shirts

Walk & Bike Recap (Sharell Lien)

170 kids participated. Lots of walking and bike. Parents and kids all came out. Resource officers and Mr. Kingery were out all morning on this crisp autumn morning.

Need a volunteer for next year if you are interested

Book Fair/OBOB/Library (Kathleen Cunnington)

Book Fair ---Very successful!

\$622 through the coin drive
\$1,500 through Scholastic

Thank you for the support with set-up, tear-down and

Need a chair for this next year

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

OBOB --- Need a chair for next year. And thank you to all the people helping out with this.

Library – Girl Scouts painted the picnic benches/chairs. Thanks from Mr. Kingery on this work, including the one that was vandalized last year too.

The troop spent about \$250 to repair these, asked if the PTA could support paying \$119.73 towards this for what the troop couldn't cover. John Warther made the motion pay that and Amy Zuckerman seconded it, it was passed.

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, December 5, 2017 at 7 p.m. – School Library

Co-President Sharell Lien adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Prepared by ~

Date presented: November 7, 2017

Michele Warther, Secretary

Approved as Written or Amended

Secretary

Co-President

PTA MISSION: To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.