

**Tualatin Elementary School PTA**  
**General Membership Meeting • February 6, 2018**  
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 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)

Thank you for coming out tonight. We recently had the end of the quarter so the first official report card of the year is due at the end of the week. If there are any questions please talk with your child's teacher or Mr. Kingery.

Kindergarten registration night is coming up - do you know of a new family in the neighborhood? Any 5 year olds? Our open house on February 15th - registration is open after that night. Help us get families all the information they need to get started in the fall.

**Literacy/DIBELS update** (Christy Shaver)

Title 1/Literacy specialist, has been here at TuES for over 15 years now. We use the DIBELS score to help us figure out where kids need help. Christy shared an example of how a DIBELS test runs that showed how we assess oral fluency to determine if intervention is needed.

We hold 100% data meetings with all the teachers to determine if core instruction is sufficiently meeting the needs of student at their specific grade level (at least 80%). If needed we refine core instruction to better meet the needs of ALL students at the grade level. DIBELS also helps us with screening for dyslexia to help with early intervention

DIBELS benchmarks are made of test from 20,000 students on a nation level and are also regionally set (most regional benchmarks are very similar to the national benchmarks). The benchmarks are predictive of where kids need help as well as future success of kids that score high too.

The objectives for meeting with the teachers is to engage in data-based, team problem solving process for reading - what is going well? Are their areas for improvement. The outcome of the meeting is to produce/revise a robust plan for the classroom.

1st thing that happens at the meeting is a review of the attendance. We look at this because there is strong research to support early attendance has an impact the likelihood of a successful educational career and graduation. 97% attendance rate is a good indicator of high school graduation, it also includes sick days and excused absences. We are an average of 95.5% at TuES.

2nd thing we focus on is Behaviors - proportion of school-wide referrals or disciplinary/action for that involves the parent for Winter 18' in the classroom. This is also looked at referrals by ethnicity as well to ensure that's well balanced. We aim for under 20% as a school. We just started in the district with empathy interviews from 100% attendance to kids that are chronically absent so we can better understand how to partner better with parents.

3rd we look at - How is the "School Train" doing. Are we meeting the big picture core goal? Are we identifying the core skill target? From there we craft strategies around the target skills and create a grade level or individual goals.

Christy shared the DIBELS composites by grade this Winter and how we look to the work within the grade as well as the likelihood for success in the next grade. Our goal is to have very functional readers by end of 4th grade.

**Tualatin Elementary School PTA**  
General Membership Meeting • February 6, 2018  
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

Then we share the Winter 17 to Winter 18 comparison - we were 6% up year over year. We also look at the DIBELS composite achievement gap comparison year over year too. This data is only valuable if we use the information to change the outcomes.

The last area of focus on catch up power - or how successful we are at giving reading support (intervention) and seeing improvement with those students.

**Co-Presidents Report** (Sharell Lien/Jymn Heathcott)

Our unit has 53 members as of tonight, we are above the goal set for this year.

Reviewed the calendar of events (see the reverse side of agenda) - please join us at the First Friday Social to meet with PTA members and have coffee with Mr. Kingery.

**Treasurer** (Prabha Senthil Kumar)

The current financial report was shared on the table, any questions please reach out. \$913 corporate matching funds came in from fun run and additional funds from Box Tops. We also wrote checks last month for library books and had an older check come in from a prior year.

**PALA** (Elizabeth Escobar)

Next PaLa meeting is the coming week on Tuesday. On the agenda for us is writing letters to the community to solicit donation for Day of the Child/STREAM night event, which was recently combined.

**Nominating Committee** (Elizabeth/Ana)

We have someone running for Secretary next year but we still have a lot of open positions. On the PTA website you can see all the descriptions for the roles along the time commitment (estimated hours outside the meetings etc.)

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

**Community Announcements** (Sharell Lien)

- o **Site Council elections** - looking for parents to fill roles here. It meets about once a month for an hour after school 2:45-3:45 and works with Mr. Kingery along with staff/teachers. The ballot/vote is in March. Really helps the classified staff help to balance our efforts and resources to meet needs with parent input.
- o **Oregon PTA Education** - The conference is happening in April. We have funds for education if you are interested in attending and we can help with registration
- o **FTTS Fund Drive** - Signs are available, we have 4 signs if you'd like to take home with you.
- o **Rebound event** - Monday, March 5 from <http://www.tualatintgether.com/> former NBA star who lost it all due to substance abuse.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Memory Book** (Amber)

If you are a 5th grade parent, you can include a tribute for \$10. The 60-page memory book is available for \$20. Pre-order by February 28th and they will be distributed the last week of school

**Tualatin Elementary School PTA**  
General Membership Meeting • February 6, 2018  
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

**Read-a-thon** (Prasanna Raghupathi)

We are excited to host our fourth annual Read-A-Thon. This is a fun event to encourage students to read and build literacy skills while also raising funds for our school. Students raise money by reading, logging the minutes read, and gathering pledges. The proceeds from the Read-A-Thon help fund programs for student enrichment such as Art Lit, technology, field trips, TEAF, library books, to name a few.

Students who don't want to participate in fundraising can still participate in the Read-A-Thon event by returning their reading log to earn individual prizes and also contribute their minutes to win the class prizes!

Help your child find an assortment of genres, choose a topic as a family to read about, create a cozy reading corner in your house, take a family trip to the library - so many ways to make reading fun! Mark your calendars and checkout the flyer for additional information.

This event happens over the week of February 14-26th. We want to increase participation this year. Most teachers have reading as part of homework - logs these hours, even if you don't want to raise funds. Our primary goal is encouraging our kids to read - fundraising is nice, but reading is better!!

**Auction** (Amy Zuckerman)

The auction will be on May 18th at the World of Speed in Wilsonville. We now have 54 silent items valued at \$3,800 and there are many teacher experiences, seats for musical programs, gift card for Mad Sciences and more.

Next meeting is Tuesday 13th at Amy's house at 7pm. Working on logo/theme elements now.

**Scrip** (Cris Gehmn)

Would love to get someone trained up for next year. It's a small time commitment and very flexible to run. Next date for orders are Feb. 20, Mar. 20, Apr. 17, May 15, June 5

**Book Fair** (Kathleen Cunnington)

We need someone to run the bookfair at the close of this year and be the volunteer for next year. Contact Kathleen Cunnington (503-720-3972 or [kcrismor@yahoo.com](mailto:kcrismor@yahoo.com)) if you want to walk through the fair this year and learn how to run this

**Garden** (Paul Taylor)

We had kindergarten scavenger hunt where the kindergarten's and their teachers came out to find 5 items throughout the garden. Very successful hunt.

The 4th graders after many years in the garden, know what we need. They write letters to ask local businesses for items - Mrs. Havens class asked ProGrow (compost provider) for a unit of compost, Ms Cook's class wrote to Portland Nursery to ask for plants, starts and seeds and Mrs Hole's class asked for wood chips.

The 3rd graders - they have spent years in the garden so we trust them to take care of this space. They worked in teams with shovels to do tilling, weeding and even uncover worms. Currently planting peas in the garden - do it yourself at home too. Peas fix nitrogen in the soil, which enhances the soil.

**Tualatin Elementary School PTA**  
General Membership Meeting • February 6, 2018  
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

Every 2nd grade class does a brainstorming around what vegetables they like to eat and make a list of those. Then we map them as *Cool* or *Warm* season vegetables for future planting and planning. We answer questions about direct sowing (like root vegetables) vs. starts that need to get transplanted.

If you have an interest in gardening come by on Monday February 12th 3-4pm to join the Garden Committee. We also have a garden "meetup" aka work party on February 24th 9-11am. No special gardening skills are needed - just compost spreading.

We did have some vandalism with the bike pump, so we are working to get that fixed.

Have Fun in the Garden!

**QUESTIONS and COMMENTS**

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

[www.tualatinelementarypta.org](http://www.tualatinelementarypta.org)

[tualatinpta@gmail.com](mailto:tualatinpta@gmail.com)

[www.facebook.com/groups/TualatinElementaryPTA](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TualatinElementaryPTA)

**NEXT PTA MEETING:**

**Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the school library - joint with PaLA**

Co-President Jymn Heathcott adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Prepared by ~

Date presented: March 6, 2018

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.***