

Tualatin Elementary School PTA
General Membership Meeting • November 1, 2016
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by co-President Jymn Heathcott.

The membership reviewed the October 4, 2016, meeting minutes. Cindy Krahne motioned to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded. Minutes, as written, were approved by the membership. A quorum was present at the meeting.

REPORTS

Principal's Report (Mr. Kingery)

An important school-wide goal this year is to increase overall attendance of students; figuring ways to connect with families and build community (as a school and school district) is the path forward – building relationship before task – connecting with families and working on outreach (meet with every single family). Attendance goal is 98% – when kids are present they learn and we want students and families to feel welcome. Close to meeting goal in September – 97% (highest percent in recent years for attendance across the board)...96.8% in October. Will continue to work hard through middle of December to keep attendance up. It is founded that literacy/reading as an early foundation is the best we can do to help kids succeed during their school career. In the near future, the school-wide attendance score will be posted

Mr. Kingery offered a "Thank you" to Cara McClung and all the Fun Run organizers – thank you for arranging the event and Timber Joey be our mystery Runner.

A big "Thank you" for the Book Fair team – it was the largest offering of books in recent years.

Conferences week has occurred and many families attended...considering it a successful week and some teachers are still connecting with a few families who were unable to attend (want to meet with 100%).

We are looking forward to first concert of the year on Thursday and Friday is the Fall Harvest Dance.

Mr. Kingery introduced Mrs. Melissa Hinkle who attended the meeting to share about the school's music program. Mrs. Hinkle started by sharing appreciation (on behalf of the staff) for how the PTA spoiled the teachers with the breakfast during Conferences.

The 2nd grade concert is this week on Thursday. The first graders had their performances during the week of conferences where family members could attend a specific day/time and experience what the kids are learning (and how they learn) in music class.

On December 8th – the 3rd grade musical will take place.

TEAF choir is performing on 11/30 at Washington Square and at the Tualatin Commons on 12/2. The final performance will be at Oregon Zoo Lights on December 6. Help is need from families who have memberships attending that night who can donate admission tickets; using any guest passes you might have available. TEAF choir families have been notified of the specific times.

Marimba update – there is money in the PTA budget designated for marimbas. There has been a delay in the creation and delivery of the marimba, but the instrument should still be here this school year.

4th graders will start learning Recorders. When the recorder order comes out, please consider purchasing an additional recorder to help another student. Cost per recorder is \$5.

An exciting things to share --- 5th graders are going to experience a district-wide Carnegie Hall event this Spring at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. This event is a partnership with Carnegie Hall and the Oregon Symphony; students will play with the Symphony. This could become a multi-year partnership.

There is a need for a platform to be built to help younger students to reach the large Marimba.

Want to learn more Tualatin Elementary's music program? Visit – tualatink5music.weebly.com

Presidents' report (Jymn Heathcott and Sharell Lien)

Jymn reported the District has requested that we post a notice anytime there is an event where food is served or sold that was not made commercially. Sharell will bring copies of the notice to post for Winter Holiday.

Sharell reported federal taxes and the report to the State of Oregon (and \$25) have been completed and will go in the mail. Thank you to Amanda Thorderson for her help with the taxes again this year. The Unit in Good Standing paperwork/information to OPTA is due by Nov. 30 and is on target to be completed in time.

Calendar – November dates were shared.

The OMSI Night for families is November 14. Thank you to Mr. Kingery for working to change this event date so it isn't in the Spring when OMSI field trips occur.

The next BBB deadline is 11/9.

CORRECTION on Calendar (reverse side of agenda) – Days of Nov. 10/11 are non-school days.

VP of Fundraising report (Amy Zuckerman)

Nov. 15 will be a restaurant night at Sharky's Grill. More information to be sent home and the team is working on a few others nights and Sky High (over winter break).

Treasurer's report (Robert Ferring)

Budget was presented and bank account balance shared – \$82,846.33

There was a "Thank you" to Robert for helping with the new budget format that is easy to read and to digest the information.

Membership (Sharell Lien)

There are 38 members to date. Thank you to all who have chosen to be members. When you attend the PTA meeting, please sign in on the member sign-in page. If you wish to become a member, applications are available at the meeting and online at www.tualatinelementarypta.org – dues are \$11.50. To vote at meetings or to handle money at PTA events, you must be a member.

Vacant Positions on the Board

We have had two brave people to come forward to help us fill the remaining positions on the board.

Jean nominated:

Secretary – Danielle Aldinger

VP of Programs – Brooke Estavillo

There was an enthusiastic second from many and the membership voted to approve these two candidates.

"All in favor of electing Danielle Aldinger for Secretary – motion seconded and passed"

"All in favor of electing Brooke Estavillo for VP Programs – motion seconded and passed"

BUSINESS

Fun Run (Cara McClung)

Thank you to all who helped in anyway to make this Fun Run successful.

Approximately \$23,825 was raised, including corporate matching.

250 students turned in an envelopes.

Expenses totaled about \$1000; most items donated.

Students who raised \$75 or more earned t-shirts; printer is running behind hope to have them out early next week.

Friday is the dance party right after school for those who raised \$100 or more. Students will learn Thriller for the dance off against the Dads.

Book Fair (Danielle Aldinger for Heather Roberts)

Thank you everyone who volunteered to help with the Book Fair.

Raised a little over \$1,700 for the Library.

It was asked if Online orders were open, but it closed Oct 29.

Fall Harvest Dance (Amanda Thorderson)

Tickets on sale now are \$10 for parent/child duo; \$20 for family.

Discount tickets available for those who need it – contact Amanda Thorderson, Heather Roberts, or Tualatinpta@gmail.com .

Flash Mob w/ kids v. Dad's club will be to Michael Jackson's Thriller

Photo Booth will offer photos at \$5 each w/ hard and digital copies.

Need adult volunteers to sell tickets at the door, raffle table, and help Jean at Photo Booth.

Raffle baskets to include a Spirit Wear book; memory book and child featured on Fall Harvest Page; and Teachers are offering Teacher experiences (per grade level).

There is an extra recess raffle as well.

Buy admission tickets early receive an entry for a prizes; dressing in western wear gets you a raffle ticket. Cold Cider and donuts will be offered for refreshments.

Come out to the Parent/Dad's Flash Mob teaching tomorrow night, Wednesday Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. in the gym. Need pumpkins for Fall Harvest Dance – please bring Friday after school or drop off at Amanda Thorderson's house, or get them to Heather Roberts or Kathleen Cunnington's home as well.

Amanda shared there are committee/events who need someone to lead next year as there are parents who are leaving the school for middle school.

- Scrip, Art Lit, Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear (Amanda Thorderson)

Order going in for Spirit Wear after Fall Harvest Dance. In the last few days, \$1,000 of wear purchased.

Art Lit (Danielle Aldinger)

Van Gogh rolling out on Monday, Nov. 7

Grant Wood finishing up this week with Grant Wood artwork hanging at New Seasons and at the District Office this month.

HELP!! Need more volunteers for several classes; Danielle will send the info to Kate H. for email.

Garden (Paul Taylor)

October was really busy month in the garden.

Met w/ SPED students and their teachers.

Put word out to the 3rd and 4th grade staff about harvesting tomatoes.

Red tomatoes went to Aggie, green went to classroom to watch turn ripe. (No report of fruit flies this year unlike last year!)

Tomatoes were in the rotunda for parents to take home with them during Conferences. Harvested all pumpkins and squash at the same time, hang them in the shed and TEAF kids took them to Aggie.

Historically, Kindergarteners plant the pumpkins.

Sunday October 16th was first Garden Party to clean up the garden – Thank you to the families who came and helped. Harvested bean pods and gave to Aggie, planted violas for salad, tested bicycle pump for cistern.

Two classes of TEAF gardeners; experiencing the garden as seasonally appropriate.

Kindergarteners came out to the garden and put on and took off gloves; practicing the proper care of the gardening gloves. Got to watch Mr. Seward explain it wonderfully to his students. They got to meet the Big-Leaf Maple (**Acer macrophyllum**) in the children's area. Children's nature area is the place to hang.

Mrs. Wharff's class dug up the banana plant to winter it. She's had it for a year wintering went well.

5th graders are working on compost. Bin 3 is ready for garden, Bin 2 is almost ready, Bin 1 is fresh from the garden.

Nov 15th at 2:45 is the Garden meeting in Mrs. Soderquist's class; Ambassador coming to see how they can work together.

Nov 20th is last garden work party of this year from 1pm-3pm rain or shine. Have Fun in the Garden!

Winter Holiday – December 9 (Cindy Krahne)

Biggest need is week-of help and day-of set-up/clean-up; hanging artwork/decorations from the kids (week of Dec. 4).

Very organized on where to put it up and how it goes. Can the Art Lit volunteers help? We'd love all help we can get.

QUESTIONS and COMMENTS

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

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NEXT MEETING with PALA:

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 – School Library
7 p.m. PTA meeting with PALA begins

– note date change

Co-President Jymn Heathcott adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Prepared by ~

Date presented: December 13, 2016

Danielle Aldinger (Secretary) and Sharell Lien

Approved as Written or Amended

Secretary

Co-President