

**Tualatin Elementary School PTA**  
**General Membership Meeting • January 6, 2015**  
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Amanda Thorderson. A quorum of members as stated in the standing rules was present.

The membership reviewed the November 4, 2014, meeting minutes. Robert Ferring motioned to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded. Minutes, as written, were approved by the membership.

**REPORTS**

**Principal report** (Jamie Kingery)

Thank you to the crew who organized the Winter Holiday Night. The decorations were amazing. It is a great annual event.

Site Council elections are coming up. It is a decision making body for the school. Principal, staff, and parents provide input to the school about resource use and professional development. This group offers a checks and balances system for school operation.

If you are interested in getting on the ballot, please get your name to Jamie through the office by Friday, January 9. The parents elect the parents, the staff (classified and certified) elect staff from their respective group.

Jamie introduced Jodi Platt, who is also a former chair person of the Site Council, and she is here tonight to share 2<sup>nd</sup> grade happenings.

Jamie shared a handout about Getting to the Core of the Matter related to Common Core and the Smarter Balance Assessments (replacing OAKS test). The new assessments look at the progression/growth for each grade as they journey through school.

Oregon Department of Education website has the report cards for each district and school. Visit: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/data/reportcard/reports.aspx>

Common Core – Upcoming TTSD meetings for Parents, more info at: [http://www.ttsdschools.org/pages/ttsd/District/Curriculum\\_Instruction/Common\\_Core](http://www.ttsdschools.org/pages/ttsd/District/Curriculum_Instruction/Common_Core)

February 5th, 2015 6:30-8pm Twality Middle School	Supporting Students through the CCSS Transition
April 21st, 2015 6:30-8pm Hazelbrook Middle School	Looking Into the Future

**President's report** (Amanda Thorderson)

Looking ahead, we would like to have a nominating committee to help with the elections of next year's board. April is the month for the annual Oregon PTA Convention and it would be good to have incoming officers attend.

Nancy Otterson and Amie MacDonald did a wonderful pencil name hanger for each teacher as a holiday gift. Thank you Nancy and Amie for your work on this project!  
The PTA meeting in February (3<sup>rd</sup>) will be a volunteer thank you...an ice cream sundae social will be provided.

Robert Ferring will be coordinating the funding for the Marimbas (instrument request from Melissa Myers). He is also doing the Spring fundraiser in March.

### **Membership report** (Sharell Lien)

Membership applications are available tonight. Dues for the 2014-2015 school year are \$11.50 per person. Currently, there are 47 members, with two new ones to process – total of 49 members! Thank you to everyone who has signed up.

### **Treasurer's report** (Wendy O'Riley)

Report be given at the end of the meeting.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Winter Holiday** (Jean) – December 12, 2014

Great turnout and wonderful help from the teachers to make the houses. Key Club was a fantastic help this year. The TuES families stepped up again to donate candy to decorate the houses. Cindy thanked Amanda for bagging all the candy for sale at the event.

Jean and Cindy are always thankful for the outpouring of help from the TuES community.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade report** (Jodi Platt)

This meeting, Jodi Platt attended to represent the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers and give a report of the goings on for the students.

\*\* Week of Jan. 12 – DIBELS testing (second reading fluency test for the year) – school-wide testing

\*\* Jan. 26 is the end of the quarter (NO SCHOOL) – teacher workday to complete report cards

\*\* Jan. 19 is Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

Part of the social studies introduction in the 2nd grade discussed why he was considered a great leader. Students will do writing around why we observe the day and they will write about their personal heroes.

There are two big events in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade this month:

\*\* Jan. 29 – Winter Music program at 6:30 p.m. Performance for parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students  
[Dress rehearsal at the school assembly at 1:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade perform)]

The other event is a field trip. Animal habitats are being studied, specifically the ocean.

The kids will visit the Portland Aquarium. This is a new field trip. The two second grade classes go on 1/29 and two go on 1/30. Learn more about the aquarium at [www.portlandaquarium.net](http://www.portlandaquarium.net) .

## BUSINESS

### **Library** (Kathleen Cunnington)

Thank you to whomever left the books wrapped up as a gift for the Library.

OBOB has been educational and it is exciting to see kids give up their lunch time to prepare for the competition. Participants start “battling” on January 13 and 14 and February 11 and 18. If you wish to help, contact Kathleen. Help is needed starting at 11:45 a.m. for a few hours (of most need is a time keeper.)

## **Garden** (Paul Taylor)

Right now is all about the Winter Garden! In November and December, the installation of the brick layout under the new shelter was completed. Troy Javernick was a huge supporter...thank you, Troy.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade made pine cone bird feeders. The kids spread Crisco and then adhered the nuts.
- TEAF students made gifts for the teachers...planted rooted cuttings and made gift packets of scatter garden seeds from the TuES garden. Weeding was done by the older students.
- Washing the school gloves was a big project. Many of the gloves were set free and new gloves were purchased...11 new pairs!
- Winter Holiday Night was busy with the activity of making swags. Families brought in greens and The Key Club members helped prepare the greens.

Jennifer Nelson with the Tualatin Soil and Water District met with Jamie. She is visiting school gardens and looking to be sure we are doing well with soil care. The garden passed the review.

The garden glass for TEAF during winter term will be one class on Wednesdays for all ages.

**Next Garden work party – March 15 from 1-3 p.m.**

## **Scrip** (Kim Eldridge)

Kim reported there is a total of \$1,456 profit for the year [\$528 is staff profit, the remaining is the PTA profit]. This is about \$250 less in profits at this time than last year. Kim reviewed the books that Angela passed on to see what incentive drives and communication Angela used. Most of the orders are from staff, which was surprising. Kim would love suggestions, comments as to why this might be.

Kim has a list of promotion ideas to review with Amanda.

## **TEAF** (Heather Roberts)

Heather reported it was a great first round of TEAF, which finished up in December.

The next term starts Jan. 19 through the week of March 11. There are eight new classes – Cooking, Krafty Kids Clay, Intro to Drama, Poetry Workshop, Singing class, Basic piano, and indoor sports.

Work being done by TEAF Committee to save or get money:

- Four classes were volunteered this time....no stipend needed.
- Instructors are paid for their time, not for each class. This allows for payment of substitutes.
- Applied for 5-6 grants. Blazers/Wells Fargo grant for \$10,000 is one of them.
- Corporate campaign materials are being created...Heather could use some help creating the collateral (flyer, etc.)
- What can we give to Corporate donors? In the past, a brick out front was provided (Heather found some old campaign information).
- Benefit concert was held at the school...anyone know of a band that is available?
- Website is being worked on too with the ability to donate on the site.

Thursday, Jan. 8 by 2:30 p.m. the registration forms are due.

Concerns were expressed about the bus transportation, not just for TEAF (several late drop offs), but before and after school transportation too. There has been significant driver turn-over at the First Student company. The school and District are working with First Student to make improvements.

REPORTS (cont.)

**Treasurer's report** (Wendy O'Riley)

The budget layout has been adjusted to grouped line items by sections that put grade items together, operation expenses together, etc.

Average closing of the school year is \$20-28K to help fund next year. The minimum is \$12,000 to cover the early/first expenses of the PTA year. It is important to have the money in the budget before you make commitments to spend the money.

At this time, there is at least \$14,000 available in funding that has not been allocated via the budget approval process and this amount excludes \$12,000 set aside to start next year.

**ACTION ITEM**

TEAF made a request in November for \$7,500-10,000 to fund the remaining of the school year.

A motion for a one-time TEAF donation this year of \$7,500 was made and seconded by Katie Fercking. Discussion...

TEAF has been solely run on grants and donations, as registrations are minimal funding. TEAF has been going for 14 years and was started to provide a way to enrich the learning of the student population. Several years ago there was a Pepsi Refresh grant giving \$25,000, which helped keep the program alive, but the funds had to be used in an 18-month period.

The new TEAF Committee that Heather Roberts established is working on grants and corporate donations. The Ellen DeGeneres Show was suggested as Ellen gives grant funding to projects like this across the country.

There is money from the Fun Run that has not been allocated to specific budget line items.

After discussion, the motion was amended to have the \$7,500 come from the Fun Run surplus to cover the TEAF request; seconded...motion passed by a vote of the group. Heather thanked the group for the funding...the program will now make it through the school year and the committee is actively working on sources for sustainable funding.

A motion was made to adjourn, it was seconded and approved by a vote of the membership. President Amanda Thorderson adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

**QUESTIONS and COMMENTS**

If you want to be on the agenda, please let Amanda Thorderson know.

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**NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 7 p.m. – School Library**

Prepared by ~  
Sharell Lien, Secretary

Date presented: February 3, 2015

Approved as    Written    or    Amended

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President

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Secretary