

Tualatin Elementary School PTA
General Membership Meeting • April 10, 2018
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

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

Call Meeting to Order and Welcome

A quorum was present at the meeting. This is a joint meeting with the PALA tonight.

REPORTS

Community Report

Hazelbrook PSO (Susan Gage)

Susan thanked the group for having her attend tonight. She spoke to those of us who will have 6th graders. Hazelbrook PSO meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:45 p.m. for one hour.

The time commitment for the middle school is much less than elementary school. At the middle school the kids do a lot of the fundraising and events that parents in elementary do. We have 1 big fundraiser per year, a Jog-a-Thon, which the kids arrange.

We support lots of events during the year and are always looking for parent volunteers to help.

We hope that those of you who are joining us next year, you'll consider joining the PSO. We also include topical issues within our meetings, recently we went over emergency protocols for weather issues (how we connect with kids, alerts etc.) and are currently planning social media use for parents/kids at the school.

There is a purple sheet on the table that include all the different opportunities. We have a Facebook page - Hazelbrook PSO, please join us there as well.

Foundation for Tigard-Tualatin Schools (Emily Gibson)

Emily thanked the group for letting her join tonight. FTTS has a few announcements to share with the parents/PTA members tonight around upcoming fundraising events.

Tee-Up fore School event (adults) and the Twilight Run (kids/adults) - both of being held during the weekend of June 22-23

If you have or know of a local businesses that might be interested in sponsoring either event, please reach out to Emily_Gibson@me.com or visit our website <http://the-ftts.org/>

Principal's Report (Mr. Kingery)

Great to see everyone tonight. Mr. Taylor is going to speak about the garden, but Mr. Kingery put another plug in for all to visit the garden, see how it has changed and what is growing. This is a community garden.

Welcome back from Spring Break! The school is happy to report that the day after Spring Break, we broke a record 95% school attendance - first time during the entire year! Please keep a look at from your children's teacher about the importance of your child being at school each day.

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This Friday is the end of the 3rd quarter and is a teacher work day to get report cards prepared. This is a great opportunity for you to ask questions of teachers and check in on progress.

For those with 3rd-5th students, they have state testing that start the coming Monday. Your teacher will be sending home notes. Make sure your kids get a lot of rested, so they are well prepared for the testing.

On the 19th we have the 4th grade musical. This is always a fun event. Lots of events this month, we have STREAM/Day of Child coming up later in the month too.

The superintendent selection is coming up - the listening sessions have ended, the process for applicants (an open search across the country) and screening interviews are this week. The current plan is for finalists to be selected next week and the wrap-up of the process is slated for Spring Break with an announcement in April.

3rd Grade Team (Miss LePore)

Miss LePore shared on behalf of the 3rd grade team. Wanted to catch us up on what is happening in 3rd grade in the coming month. This is a big year for 3rd graders, it's the first year they start State testing. We provide practice tests in the classroom as well as make the website available.

During the 4 weeks of testing, additional homework beyond reading won't be sent home. Teachers really want the kids to be rested.

Also in 3rd, teachers expect all kids to memorize the multiplication tables from 1 to 10, so they are fully versed in that when they enter the 4th grade in the fall. We have a celebration in the classrooms for all the kids, with a special recognition for the kids who get up to 100 before the end of the year.

The Portland Youth Philharmonic field trip is tomorrow, we go to downtown and visit the Schnitzer. Please ask your kids which instruments they heard and which was their favorite.

Co-Presidents Report (Sharell Lien)

Membership Update - Our unit has 53 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.

Oregon PTA Training - If you'd like to attend the Oregon PTA conference, you can join this event to learn more about the PTA. This is a great event if you are thinking about joining the board next year. There are workshops during the day with a wide range of topics about Equality, Inclusion, Innovation, Fundraising and working with your principal. The upcoming conference is April 14-15, if you'd like to attend we have a budget allocated to send representatives from our PTA. It'll be at the Holiday Inn at the Airport.

PaLa Committee - Wanted to share an idea from Elizabeth, PaLa Liaison, who asked about including PaLa as a committee within the PTA. The PaLa group is excited because this would mean more support. This is an evolution of the PaLa liaison which was added to the PTA a few years ago, we have already started working closer together on events over the recent year.

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As a PTA board, we thought it was a great idea to strength our community by added this committee to the PTA. We will continue with the dual language agendas and translations during the evening, as well as childcare. In order to do this, we need to make a change to standing rules to make this official.

A motion was brought by Katherine LePore and seconded by Amy Zuckerman. The voting was unanimous by the members presented. **Motion granted to add PaLa as a committee.**

A few outstanding questions about the transitions - budgeting for next year, expectations on commitments, translating agenda/minutes etc. which we'll address in the coming meetings as we work towards this change.

Lots of excitement and enthusiasm about this change.

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 2018-2019 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.

Financial Report/Treasurer (Sharell Lien)

The current financial report was shared on the table, any questions please reach out. We wrote large checks last month for OBOB and Music; a deposit for Read-a-thon and Memory book sales. We have reached out to individual teachers or programs to let them know and Sharell is also going to reach out to Jackie in the office about the amounts for Grade Enrichment and Field Trips.

Review of the 2018-2019 budget - we give money throughout the year to many areas from the garden to music programs and field trips to the library. We are proposing that we keep the funds generally at the same amount for next year with a few exceptions like have we ordered red folders already, a few small increases in certain areas. A vote on the proposed 2018-2019 budget will take place in June.

The special project of the Electronic Reader Board will roll over from this year and Mr. Kingery has also allocated some funds towards that effort as well. These are not restricted funds, but ones voted to set aside to try to change the corner sign to an electronic one.

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NEW BUSINESS

Auction (Amy Zuckerman)

We are in the final stretch. The auction will be on May 18th at the World of Speed in Wilsonville, it's \$35 for 1 person and \$60 for 2 people. There are still a few needs we have, which are:

Slide Show - If anyone can help with a slide show at the event, we are looking some assistance in getting those photos together that night. Alyse Rostamizadeh has offered.

Publicity - getting things into Black Bulletin, Tualatin Life and other place around town.

Wine Collection - There will also be a party at Kimberly Andress' house on April 28th to collect donations of wine. This is to fill up the Wine Wall/Blind Pull for the auction.

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

We will have 2 pinatas per grade that evening, which starts at 5:30 p.m. (free dinner) with the kindergarten at 6pm. There have been a few donations already made by Costco and Chipotle. This is a free event for all. There will be fun music provided by a DJ.

If you have wrapped individual candies, small items to for our raffle (which also includes a bike or TEAF classes for the year) or plastic eggs (for a maraca craft), please reach out to us or put them in the donation box which is located in rotunda.

There will be books, science experiments, rockets, teacher-led programs and more in stations throughout the gym, students will visit with a passport for stamps. Those passports can be turned in for prizes later in the evening. The Tualatin Mobile Makerspace will be here with robots and other cool things.

We still really need volunteers in 30 min blocks - parents needed for pinatas, serve food, sell raffle tickets, set-up/teardown and need book fair help too. We also have a book fair that night, students that earned certificates from the Read-A-Thon can use them that night.

Stuff the Bus (Emily Gibson)

Stuff the Bus is going to be on April 27th, which benefits the Caring Closet. This year's request for Tualatin Elementary students is new socks and new underwear.

You can bring them in all week long, the bus will be here on Friday. If you have donation outside of the evening event, there is a drop-off at the school and Tualatin Swim Center.

Garden (Paul Taylor)

Thanks again to Mr. Taylor's "hype man" Mr. Kingery who set him up well at the start of the night. Paul said welcome again. There were 25-30 people out for our last work party on March 17, the kids found GOLD during the event.

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The 5th graders wrapped up getting out all the compost over the past few weeks. It was donated by ProGrow, we buy one and they provided one to us. We also got started on the cool weather plants which were also a donation, this one from Portland Nursery.

The 4th graders had relay race throughout the garden and the younger groups working on their fine motor skills (folding gloves, lacing things up and putting them away).

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.

We also have a garden "meetup" aka work party on Saturday April 21st 9-11am. No special gardening skills are needed - there will be an Earth Day theme (which is the following day) and Aggi will be making dirt cups.

TEAF gardening is coming up with a full class of gardeners and Mr. Taylor is looking forward to it. Have Fun in the Garden!

Teacher Appreciation Week (Sharell Lien)

Week of May 7th, which is during the Coins for Kids drive week. Please help your student by writing thank you cards or bringing in a flower or giving high fives. From the PTA we supply staff at school with food for breakfast, lunch and some treats throughout the week.

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, May 1, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the school library - joint with PaLA

Co-President Sharell Lien adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Prepared by ~

Date presented: May 1, 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.