

## **Tualatin Elementary PTA Meeting**

**April 9, 2019 – 7:00-8:30 pm**

**Location: Tualatin Elementary Library**

### **1. Call meeting to order and welcome**

### **2. Approve previous meeting's minutes – motioned by Greg Young – unanimously passed**

### **3. ELL Report – Tamara Harris**

- i. English Language Learners - number of students are dropping. Used to have 120 and currently down to 70. Despite this, Tamara remains an advocate for this population and still wants to maintain presence/representation in the community. Enrollment is completed upon registration, followed by an assessment and a state test is taken in the spring which measures english language growth over the year. Upon testing, if they reach a certain benchmark, they exit the program. Technological integration component being piloted - a blend of both a language and digital program.
- ii. Tamara is one of 2 equity coordinators of the building, joining Katherine Binford. Eager for next year as this year has been a big learning curve and equity issues - race, gender. Team to work through issues and make things more equitable for a variety of groups.
- iii. Taught STEAM - Limited to Kinder/first grade this year. Cooperative learning, social/emotional skills blended with science and technology. Not sure of that program will look like next year but hoping to expand it to additional grades.

### **4. Tualatin Pre-K - Adam Harris**

- i. Teaching the Pre-K program (AM and PM) through Tualatin Elementary, based at TECH. Focuses on social/emotional learning. 25-40% come from early childhood education. Program is going very well this year.

### **5. Dental3 - Amber Hansen - not present**

### **6. 4th Grade Field Trip – Mr. Kingery**

- i. Presenting on behalf of Larry McClure, Heritage Center Director. Larry and the Tualatin Historical Society have a strong partnership with TES and provides ongoing support of pioneer day by hosting a walking field trip each year for the 4th graders. Time is spent learning about the oregon trail and history of Oregon and the Tualatin area. This hands on experience has been donated to our school in the past, but Larry requests potential funding support from PTA beginning this year and going forward. Costs associated with field trip are food, volunteers, lost income for rentals - tent (rain/sun protection), presenting a challenge for them to continue supporting this. Field trips generally range from free to \$7/kid. Mr. Kingery recommends adding a budget line item to support price per kid for the Tualatin Historical Society to facilitate an ongoing partnership with our 4th graders. Sharrel indicated it is possible to use funds from the field trip budget, and could be supported by PTA/enrichment fund or field trip money. Plan for conversation with 4th grade team to add estimated budget for the current and future years. Donation for field trip this year would be helpful. Will need check request from 4th grade team to facilitate.

### **7. Reports**

- i. Principal's report - Mr. Kingery
  - a) On behalf of the entire staff, thank you to the PTA for continued support of staff appreciation. Teacher appreciation week and nurse appreciation day are coming up. TES nurse is here on Thursdays. Much appreciation and gratitude shared among staff.
  - b) State testing begins Monday, April 15 for grades 3-5. Same test as before but under a brand new name, OSAS (Oregon State Assessment System). Encourage 3,4,5 graders to get good sleep and eat healthy breakfasts to start day off right and do their best on tests.
  - c) Human growth and Development has been scheduled by 5th grade team. Parent preview time will be May 7. Focuses on hygiene and developmental stages of pre-adolescence.
  - d) Mark your calendars - April 16 TEAF fundraiser at McMenamins old church in Wilsonville. 50% of everything goes to TEAF. 5:00 - closing. Gift cards are only exclusion. Please attend!
  - e) Currently hiring for playground supervision. Temporary position available now until the end of the year. Likely not to be posted due to short time frame so help spread the word. 10:30 - 1:15 on school days only. Will post on PTA website.
- ii. President's report - Andrew Wyse / Treasurer's report - Greg
  - a) Open Board Positions - President is currently the only open board position. All remaining positions currently occupied will plan to run again. Co-presidents have worked well in the past. Kim turns out can not be on nominating committee. Sharrell offered to replace her. If there are other regular parent volunteers please let kim know. Michelle Mikesell and Katie Strong joining Sharrell on nominating committee.
  - b) Plan to vote on next year's finalized budget at the first PTA meeting of the next school year.

**7. TTEA - Scott Herron, TTEA (Tigard Tualatin Education Association) and current TuHS teacher**

- i. Handouts providing re: the crisis in funding Oregon edu for past 30 years. In 1990 when measure 5 cut property taxes, 3 public services - roads, sewage/water, public education have not been properly funded. Current K12 budget falls \$2 billion short. Asking for parent/PTA support to keep putting pressure to legislators to pass legislation will make funding education a priority and elevate the professional practice of education. Activities planned: Join TTEA, TTSD and parents for walk in for schools 4/24. Asking teachers to show up early, PTA asked to provide coffee/donuts. Virtual walk in - photos to be shared via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter with hashtags, as well as live streaming. WEAR RED (Red4Ed). Expected 10 min duration for rally and chanting. When first bus shows up with students those gathered outside will walk back into the building for the walk in.
- ii. Another event sponsored by 3 Valley Education Associates will take place Saturday, May 4 from 1-4 PM. "Our Students Matter" at Stella Olsen Park will have STEAM activity at several booths, wear red, show up and have fun 1-4 with your family.

## **8. Day of the Child/Stream Night - Jessica Taylor**

- i. Hard time getting donations for food, have 11 of 12 needed pinatas, still looking for a lot of single, wrapped candy or small prizes to go in pinata. Take prizes/donations to the office.
- ii. Stream night will be combined with Day of the Child, coordinated by Amanda.

## **9. Book Fair - Michelle Mikesell**

- i. Dinosaur theme, open at end of school day and until Stream Night is over.
  - a) Need volunteers for before/middle/after. Check out register and put things away. 30-60 min increments. Reminder to volunteer with money must be PTA member. Will need cash, will be in touch with Sharrell and Greg for specifics.

## **10. 5th Grade Promotion - Katie Strong**

- i. Chairing 5th grade promotion.
- ii. Behind schedule this year likely due to lack of chairperson. Scheduled for June 12. In the past, the 5th graders have walked to Ibach park, but unfortunately the playground is under construction this year. Snacks and cupcakes typically served, Mr. Hill provides PE equipment and kids have been able to play on the baseball field and basketball court. A lot of last minute help is needed from 5th grade parents to come up with an alternative plan for the celebration. If any PTA funds are leftover and/or if food can be donated, Katie requests \$200 for 2 hours open swim for up to 100 students at Tigard High School pool. Swimming would be outside of school event, on a Sunday. Open swim reservations are available on Sundays. She will look into more details re: liability and provide more info at the next meeting.

## **11. Garden Update - Paul Taylor (email from Paul read by Kimberley)**

- i. Before spring break he met with all 2nd grade classes to brainstorm what their favorite vegetables are to eat. The teachers will then decide what each class will grow so there will be a diverse offering. Paul will be seeding with each of the classes this month. 3rd graders plant 4 different kinds of peas. They have germinated and many are about 4" tall already. Thank you to ProGro for compost donation. Please purchase from ProGro and mention their thoughtful donation.
- ii. After spring break he will meet with 1st grade classes to discuss habitats, which ties in with what they will be learning in the classroom. They will look at insects in the compost pile and around the garden.
- iii. Met with all 5th grade classes and talked about his career as a Garden Designer. Encouraged each student to learn and develop their many skills and gifts. Talked about how our school garden is a designed space that was started 9 years ago.
- iv. Work party 4/20/10 9 - 11AM. Please join! There will be special treats and lots to do.
- v. Special flowers in the office from the garden. Enjoy!

## **12. Other Business**

- i. Mr. Kingery - Retrofitting basketball hoops to be adjustable. Funds compiled and building use funds also available. Final bid was received. Next steps are to approve bid, schedule project to have the work completed. Estimated \$8000 total cost, have \$7424 now.

- ii. National PTA meeting in 2 weeks in Wilsonville. 4/27-28 at Holiday Inn Hotel. Funds available under PTA education that should not go to waste. Great educational opportunity.

### 13. Adjourn

#### Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 4, 2019 @ 7 pm in the Tualatin Elementary Library

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