

Tualatin Elementary School PTA
General Membership Meeting • June 5, 2018
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 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)

Great to see everyone tonight. Auction was successful, thanks for hard work. This is an amazing fundraiser for our school.

Final rounds of interviews for the pre-school teacher going on this week. Will be a flyer coming home soon. Need to be 4 by September 1st to be eligible.

State testing ends this Friday - we are only 3 more kids that need to finish a single test for us to be at completion. Reading has mostly been scored, we are on level at 3rd grade, 7% over average in 4th and well ahead of average in 5th grade. About 14% over the average for our 5th grade science classes.

Big week next week..

- Field day is coming up on Monday 11th, it's a really fun event if you'd like to come out
- Wednesday the 13th is the 5th grade promotion
- Last day is Thursday the 14th at 12:05 release - no lunch, but there will be breakfast.

Few staffing announcements - Mr. Steward is leaving for an extended stay at home, Mrs. Waibel (with us for more than 30 years) and Jenny Gellinger (over 10 years) from our office staff are both retiring.

Now we have a direct link with the library and the garden - Cassidy (3rd grader/Mrs Heath's) decided she wanted to set-up a "Little Free Library". Together with her family they worked to get it set-up. The post is set and the library shelves were created by our Hazelbrook shop class.

Co-Presidents Report (Jymn Heathcott)

Membership Update - Our unit has 56 members as of tonight, we are above the goal set for this year and holding steady. We'll look at membership levels to maintain at this level for the coming school year.

Coins for Kids - We raised approx. \$1,415 this year, on par with what we raised last year. Had a great time sorting through the coins this year looking for the "special coin" - FYI coin sorter will catch this, if we ever need to again.

Teacher Appreciation Week - Loved by all, felt very appreciated. We served breakfast, lunch (a bit late, looking for new options next year), popcorn snacks, and freezer treats. There was an overage for the year's worth of expenses and we need to shift funds to \$83.25 cover the remaining expenses.

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A motion was brought by Jean Buelna-Pastor and seconded by Kate Heathcott. The voting was unanimous by the members presented. **Motion granted.**

Special Project Funds for Reader Board - Would like to shift the funds from this project to adjustable basketball hoops. The longer term goal would be 4, but would be happy for 2 to get started. Project may be able to be completed over the summer.

A motion was brought by Kimberley Andress and seconded by Andrew Wyse. The voting was unanimous by the members presented. **Motion granted.**

Nominating Committee (Elizabeth/Ana)

Next year's board...

- PALA Liaison - Luz Rivas (already voted in)
- Secretary - Alyse Rostamizadeh (already voted in)

Nominations for positions next year...

- President - Andrew Wyse
- Treasurer-elect - Greg Young
- VP Communications - Natalie Hess
- VP Volunteers - Michelle Mikesell
- Treasurer - Prabha Senthil-Kumar
- VP Fundraising and Programs - Kimberley Andress

A motion for to vote in these nominees was brought by Elizabeth Escobar and seconded by Michele Warther. The voting was unanimous by the members presented. **Motion granted.**

Still need to fill a few program leadership positions for next year..

- Scrip is a light commitment, with a lot of benefit to you and the school
- Spirit Wear
- Walk+Bike (Michelle Mikesell)
- Memory Book/Fun Run - might need some additional support

Financial Report/Treasurer (Jymn Heathcott for Prabha)

Please be aware all reimbursements from the PTA must be completed by June 30th

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 so the amount will be less for next year, a few small increases in certain areas.

A motion for to vote in the budget was brought by Kimberly Andress and seconded by Jean. The voting was unanimous by the members presented. **Motion granted.**

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NEW BUSINESS

Auction (Amy Zuckerman)

Thank you, great time had by all. We raised ~\$22,500 overall at auction - there was \$12,000 in the live auction and \$7,000 in the paddle raise for TEAF (biggest ever).

Auction items are already being taken advantage by the winners, Blaze has already come to visit to school. There are a few items still available - Front row at Music Concert and Ladies Night is on July 7th, couple of tickets still available.

Kindergarten Play Date (Elizabeth Davidson)

We will be hosting a summer meet-up on Sunday, August 26 from 3-5 pm here at Tualatin Elementary's playground. It's a great opportunity to meet with new parents and introduce kids to each other, makes the first day of school go a lot smoother. Keep an eye out for a flyer that'll be coming home soon.

Memory Book (Jymn Heathcott for Amber Nickle)

Monday June 11th is the day that the memory books are coming home with the kids. Limited number are available for \$20 on Monday and you must get them from the office, it's the only location they'll be available.

Presented a copy for Mr Kingery from the Tualatin Elementary PTA.

5th Grade Promotion (Jean Buelna-Pastor)

Going smoothly and kids are going to have a fun day. They'll have lunch at the park - pizza and snow cones. Lots of fun activities, it's going to be a great event.

Garden (Jymn Heathcott for Paul Taylor)

Garden sign-ups are going well. We are at a critical stage for finishing to complete the calendar. Our kids have put a lot of effort into getting crops growing and there will be lots to harvest and take home.

The 1st graders talked about living/non-living things and weeding the brick path. The 2nd graders are transplanting. The 3rd graders used push movers and learned about simple machines. TEAF gardeners - made a garden mat for auction

The 4th graders measure area - perimeter. Spacing each part of the area for planting. Math in the garden...who knew? The 5th graders scatter gardens, legacy of being here at TuES.

Huge turn out for the OSU Day of Service. 37 people. Aggi made a wonderful lunch for us. We got so much done.

The Garden Committee appreciates the continued support from the PTA. Our sustainable garden is such a vital resource for our school, and the PTA's financial support is key to ensuring we have someone like Paul Taylor to help us maintain and guide education.

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Highlights of this year:

- Mulch and plants obtained through solicitation by classrooms to our local vendors
- Adding Red Shed to our storage to keep new equipment safe: replacement bicycle pump will be stored there (kid sized!), utility cart/wagon, teaching supplies
- Addition of Little Free Library by Wilfong family

Next year we hope to focus on:

- Increased use of garden by the classrooms
- Cistern water quality studies and possible use as an emergency supply for the community
- Increased committee membership to ensure health of the garden and related program offerings

Over the summer Mr Taylor on Monday to create a list for what is needed each week. 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. We are a bit light in September. Great way to meet new people and get your hands dirty.

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.

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NEXT PTA MEETING:

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the garden

Co-President Jymn Heathcott adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Prepared by ~

Date presented: August 21, 2018

Michele Warther, Secretary

Approved as Written or Amended

Secretary

Co-President

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