

Tualatin Elementary PTA Meeting
October 2, 2018 – 7:00-8:30 pm
Location: Tualatin Elementary Library

1. **Call meeting to order and welcome**
2. **Approve previous meeting's minutes** – motioned by Jonathan Glasscock and
 - i. Jymn Heathcott asked about availability of lawn signs for the Option Levy campaign
3. **Fun Run – Amy Pattison**
 - i. Fun Run is coming up this Friday. Keep fundraising. Envelopes are due Friday in the rotunda or teacher or front office
 - ii. Ribbon sales have been going last week and this week and the kids are really enjoying them. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered for ribbon sales.
 - iii. Spirit week has been going on all week and it has been a major success. We still have Wacky Wednesday and Spirit Wear on Thursday
 - iv. We still need volunteers in the money counting and prize room. You must be a PTA member to handle money.
 - v. We are watching the weather which is supposed to be rainy and we will have a backup plan either in the gym or under the covered area
 - vi. We will be able to use our new sound system which has a BlueTooth connection so one of the volunteers is planning to create a playlist of music
4. **SCRIP – Anna Booth**
 - i. The Scrip program is a fundraising effort that sells gift cards for face value, but the school gets a percentage of the sale from the company. Amounts vary from 2.5% to 50%. Anna is still figuring out the program, and we are trying to make it more accessible and trying to overcome some roadblocks
 - a) Underutilized because people don't know what it is or how it is used. Alyse is going to support Anna getting out a flyer to inform families about the program.
 - b) Orders are collected every other week and distributed on the opposing weeks
5. **Winter Holiday – Jean Buelna-Pastor**
 - i. Friday, December 14 is the night of the Winter Holiday Party. It is a family night where teachers build graham cracker houses and PTA does the frosting. Families bring their own cardboard covered in tin foil as well as candy to decorate their houses. Jean asks for donations of baked goods as refreshments and candy to sell at the event in the case that families do not bring it.
 - ii. Jean is getting volunteers from the high school Key Club, and may need a few more volunteers especially with set up and clean up
 - iii. She also needs volunteers to hang decorations in the rotunda the week of the event. Every class also does a project that needs to be hung.
6. **Principal's Report – Mr. Kingery**
 - i. The sound system is delivered and we are grateful to have it.
 - ii. Fun Run is Friday and we are looking forward to it, rain or shine. We have loved spirit week.
 - iii. Monday, October 8th – Family OMSI night where all students and families are able to attend OMSI free of charge. Bussing is available to and from OMSI, but is not required. We share the evening with Bridgeport Elementary.
 - iv. Art in the Burbs is next weekend. Find more information on the Foundation website.
 - v. Conferences are at the end of the month and all teachers used online sign-ups. If you know or someone you know is having difficulty with that, please let us know
 - vi. The teachers all have Amazon Business accounts through the school and they can take care of their own ordering.
 - vii. So far, one of the biggest celebrations of the year. For the last three years, we've really pushed the importance of attendance and what it means to be on time every day at school. We have identified some challenges about attendance and have made every effort to support families with resources or

identifying children that aren't connecting to the school community. It affects the social and emotional development. Our goal is always 97% for every single student in the school. It is a lofty goal, but it means that every student will miss no more than 1 day per month throughout the year. Three grade levels had above 97% this month!

- a) Kindergarten 98.7% - This was the highest and we've given some thought about the efforts we put in place that supported this. We did a kindergarten social, we used kinder connect to stress the importance of attendance
- b) 1st grade 97.0%, 2nd grade 97.8%, 3rd grade 95.5%, 4th grade 96.2%, 5th grade 96.7%
- c) We are ahead of the average for similar schools in the district and it really helps make Tualatin Elementary a special school. It makes a difference for our kids.
- d) Tardies do not play into these attendance reports, however it is another statistic that we watch, but our main focus is on attendance.

7. **President's Report – Andrew Wyse**

- i. Membership is at 16 or 17 members. Memberships from last year are valid until the end of the month. We are hoping many members will renew
- ii. Tootles from Mrs. Hinkle's class – a Tootle is a PAX system acknowledgement that the school uses to encourage teachers and students to recognize positive behavior. Mrs. Hinkle had her students write thank you notes to the PTA for purchasing the sound system for the school last month.
- iii. **Upcoming Events**
 - a) Spirit Week – October 2-5
 - M – neon, Tu – pajama, W – wacky, Th – school colors, F – Fun Run
 - b) Fun Run – October 5
 - c) OMSI Night – October 8
 - d) Picture Day – Wed. October 10
 - e) No School – Fri, October 12 – Statewide in-service
 - f) Art in the Burbs – Sat/Sun October 13 and 14
 - g) Vision Screening – Mon. October 15
 - h) Garden Work Party – Saturday, October 20
 - i) TEAF classes begin for Fall – Mon, October 22
 - j) 1st Grade Music "Informances" –
 - October 22 – Mrs. Fossati
 - October 23 – Mrs. Yamanaka
 - October 24 – Mrs. Soderquist
 - k) Book Fair – Wednesday evening, October 24, Thur-Fri, October 25-26 during conferences
 - l) Conferences – Thur-Fri, October 25 and 26 (NO SCHOOL)
 - m) Art Lit Teach the Teacher – Thursday, November 1 @ 1 pm-2:30 pm OR 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
 - n) Fall Harvest Dance – Friday, November 2 @ 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
 - o) NO SCHOOL Teacher Workday – Monday, November 5
- iv. **Volunteer Opportunities**
 - a) Vision Screening – October 15 @ 8:00-10:30 am (need 3-5 more)
- v. **Candy Buy-back program**
 - a) Wilson Orthodontics is sponsoring a program that pays \$1/lb for candy on November 10th from 10 am-1 pm for weighing. They will provide the collection bins and have attached a poster and flyer we can print and distribute. They also give a \$100 bonus for schools who donate over 50 lbs...as well as \$300 for 1st place school, \$200 for 2nd

place. We just need someone to lead the program. Jamie Mansfield will head this up and work with Jean Buelna-Pastor to take out any candy that could be used for the Winter Holiday event.

8. Garden Update – Paul Taylor email

- i. All garden orientations were completed in September. The garden is producing well.
- ii. Please "like" the Facebook Garden page to get continued updates.
- iii. Classes are being scheduled out in the garden for October.
 - a) Kinders – big leaf maples
 - b) 1st grade – ABC garden scavenger hunt
 - c) 2nd grade – TBD
 - d) 3rd grade – planting garlic crop
 - e) 4th grade – harvesting on Mondays
 - f) 5th grade – harvest seeds for scatter garden project next spring
- iv. Garden work party is 10/20/2018 @ 9-11 am. We need everyone who can make it as well as 2 pick-ups to take woody trimmings to Grimm's for recycling. Thanks so much!

9. TEAF – Amanda Thorderson

- i. Trying to figure out who is in Black Bear TV group and then confirmations will be sent home for classes. Probably Monday. Classes start October 22.
- ii. TEAF provides one hour after school classes Monday through Thursday enrichment classes in art, STEM, physical education, academic enrichment. Teachers for TEAF are parents, teachers, staff. This term includes art, drama, chemistry, etc.
- iii. Refunds are provided from the district the 2nd week of classes. The money can also be donated back into the TEAF program
- iv. Snack is provided right after school and busses are available to take the kids home, or parents can pick up, or kids can walk home.

10. Harvest Dance – Amanda Thorderson

- i. A fundraiser for the TEAF program, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Admission donation of \$5/person or \$20/family.
- ii. Amanda will be contacting Jamie about volunteers
- iii. Mrs. LePore teaches a dance party as a prize for the Fun Run that they then perform at the Harvest Dance.
- iv. Photo Booth is available and they take the picture, give them a print, and a digital copy.
- v. There will be a raffle for a ukulele, kids cooking basket, kids STEM basket, art basket, SPIRIT basket (with a feature in the memory book). Families can also make donations for these baskets.
- vi. The theme is western. There will be a drawing for everyone who is wearing western clothing.
- vii. Families donate donuts and apple juice and apple cider...ask to send them the day of the event.
- viii. Need help with decorating, taking money at the raffle table, and supporting the photographer.

11. Art in the Burbs – Amanda Thorderson

- i. Art in the Burbs puts on a big art show this year at Tualatin High School. It is an art fair to raise money and 100% of proceeds goes back to art in the district. All the elementary schools get a flat portion and middle schools get a little more and high schools get a little more. The school personnel can write grants to use the money. The show is coming up October 13th and 14th. You see so many amazing things and there are many great gift ideas.
- ii. We are looking for board members. Most of the board members have children who have grown or graduated. We need artist liasons, school liasons, chair of the entire event. Let Amanda know

if you are interested in any involvement. It is pretty low-key most of the year with the exception of September and October.

12. Other Business

i. Book Fair – Michele Mikesell and Shelley Williams

- a) October 24 is the kick-off 2:30-8:00 pm
 - PJ party from 6-8 pm
- b) October 25 @ 8-5 (bagels and juice for Thursday am)
- c) October 26 @ 8-12 pm
- d) Donations on Wednesday for cookies and milk
- e) Ways people can help include setting up with decoration, and blocks of time to work the cash registers (at least two at a time)

ii. Financial – Sharell Lein

- a) All the financials are up to date
- b) Two deposits from SQUARE are not included from Back to School Night – Spirit Wear and Memory book

iii. Spirit Wear orders will go out after the Fun Run so parents can purchase more spirit wear but they will be aware that their child received a free T-shirt at the fun run.

13. Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 6, 2018 @ 7 pm in the Tualatin Elementary Library

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