

**Tualatin Elementary School PTA**  
General Membership Meeting • December 5, 2017  
(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**

Approved previous meeting's minutes – John Warther motioned to approve the minutes and motion was seconded by Kate Heathcott. Minutes, as written, were approved unanimously by the membership.

A quorum was present at the meeting.

**REPORTS**

**Principal's Report** (Mr. Kingery)

Thank you for coming out tonight. As always happy to have you all here and want to wish all of you an enjoyable holiday season on behalf of the entire staff.

One key item to start out with, we need to elect site council members. For the site council parents elect parents and classified staff elect classified staff and teachers elect teachers. Our site council has covered items like how we operate day to day at Tualatin Elementary and how we use funds (like Intel Core Grant and Art in Burbs as examples).

The site council is an important place to understand how our school works, school improvements and how we can best represent the community we serve. Everyone should feel connected to our school. If you are interested, you can reach out Travis Hill (PE) or Sharell Lien (PTA Co-President) who are both site council members. The time commitment is once a month for an hour.

I am always happy and proud to brag a little about our music program, led by Ms. Hinkle. She is currently working with our BearTone choir, who have been at Washington Square Mall, the Tualatin Lights, and will be at the Oregon Zoo on 12/11. Always fun to see them out in the community. Coming up we have our 3rd grade holiday program and our 2nd graders had a fantastic night earlier this month. Many thanks to Ms. Hinkle for all her hard work and commitment to this program.

Coming up this week is our Winter Holiday event - we get a lot of families, kids and staff at the event. Jean is leading the charge for the event, thanks to her and the team working with her. 6:30 this Friday, please join us.

**School Board Representative** (Jill Zurschmeide)

Appreciate you all having me here. Wanted to start off with some news that you all might have heard, our superintendent is retiring at the end of this year, it was a bit unexpected so there might be questions.

Let me address how we will find a new superintendent - the first step is hiring a consultant that will led us through the executive search process that will be statewide and might be expanded across the nation. Starting in January, with the consultant in place, we will begin the public process with open houses for community input. We haven't established an official timeline, but want a named person in place by spring break. Please keep an eye on the website for more details.

Last August the board passed a Wellness policy that says the food served in the school at anytime must meet the federal standard for nutritional compliance. We know it is a shift in the way that we have operated in the past so we'd like this year to be a transition period on how we rewards kids, ways to have parties that aren't just food-related (crafts, games etc.). This policy applies to school day and one-hour after school, so it would apply to all TEAF programs.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 required USDA to establish nutrition standards for all foods sold in schools beyond the federally-supported school meals programs. Oregon proactively set nutrition standards for non-program foods sold in schools prior to this, starting with House Bill 2650 and put into law, ORS 336.423, first implemented in 2008-09 School Year. In July 2014, USDA implemented Interim Final Rule Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in School as Required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, also known as Smart Snacks.

In response, Oregon amended its Nutrition Standards to be more align with federal Smart Snacks in House Bill 2404 as of July 1, 2015. To assist Oregon Schools, participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or the School Breakfast Program (SBP), State Agency carefully blended the two sets of rules creating what is called, Oregon Smart Snacks Standards.

Understand that this will be a culture change, this is a federal government and state required change so we can maintain our school lunch subsidies. Sharrell has a series of links to the policies, Jill provided a hard copy for review and the Oregon Smart Snacks Standards (Competitive Foods) website has additional details <http://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/childnutrition/SNP/Pages/SmartSnacks.aspx>

Please be aware that an error was recently discovered in a newer version of the Smart Snacks reference materials the At a Glance resource, and Q&A's document. These materials state that fruit or vegetable juice may contain sugar. While juice may contain a sweetener under the Federal rules, in Oregon the state law does not allow 100% juice to have added sweeteners such as sugar, stevia or high- fructose corn syrup. These materials will be updated in the near future.

Ultimately this is a thoughtful evaluation of food that comes into the classroom. The TuES staff will be reviewing how this process will be managed and adhered to within our school.

## **Second Grade Report** (Karen Waibel)

Thank you for having me here tonight. I am, and always have been, a second grade teacher here at Tualatin Elementary.

Right now in second grade we are focused on multi-digit addition which is the second unit of the school year. Some kids are jumping right in and a few are still "getting started" so we are always working.

We are doing a field trip later in the year, likely to the Tualatin River Wildlife Refuge. We like to take kids to a place they can always return later with their families at no cost. Currently, we are working on gingerbread house in prep for our Winter Holiday event this coming Friday.

## **Co-Presidents Report** (Sharell Lien/Jymn Heathcott)

Our unit has 53 members as of tonight - surpassed our goal by 1 for the year. Membership: Joining the PTA - cost is \$11.50 annually. If you join, you are able to vote on items like the budget, PTA funding decisions, board member elections, etc. If you handle money for any of the upcoming events, we need for you to be a member.

Open Board Positions:

- \* VP of Fundraising position is still open
- \* President-elect position - allows for incoming presidents to train the new president.
- \* Treasurer elect-position - similar to the above, but for the Treasurer position.

Elect position are great opportunity to see how the position is run with lots of tips and tricks. Please remember Jymn and Sharell are not able to be president next year due to the by-laws/term limits.

Reviewed the calendar of events (see the reverse side of agenda) - please join us at the First Friday Social to meet with PTA members and have coffee with Mr. Kingery

## **Treasurer** (Prabha Senthil Kumar)

The current financial report was shared on the table. Large checks were written for Spirit Wear and still expecting additional funds from the Fun Run from corporate matching, the Kohl's check for \$500 came in.

## **PaLA** (Elizabeth Escobar)

Last Tuesday we had a potluck for PaLA and gain a few new members, had about 14 attendees at the event. We covered what PaLA and PTA do for the school, students and teachers through our efforts.

Our goal was to gain new volunteers, get additional commitments for 3 for me and let attendees know about the upcoming PaLA event in January which is combined with the PTA. We will get more into the Day of the Children event in the next meeting on January 9th.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Winter Holiday Night** (Jean Buelna-Pastor)

Event is this Friday, December 8 - no snow! no snow!! 6:30 to 8:30 bring the family.

Key club students from the high school and 5th grade ambassadors have been helping with decorations which are partially up now.

Biggest need at this point are baked goods for that evening and PTA members who can handle money for the bases/candy sales.

We will be keeping the gym closed this year to limit the amount of chaos. Still need lots of help with the set-up that day of the event, plus clean up at the end of the evening.

### **Auction** (Amy Zuckerman)

We have secured a location and a date - the auction will be on May 18th at the World of Speed in Wilsonville. The STREAM night event will be rescheduled so the auction can happen and we need to submit all the PTA-related events to the school board, so we'll need to provide an update to them with the new date.

We re-licensed the website and getting started with the set-up. Donation letters are all out and donations are pouring in - about \$1500 in donations so far. A few of the donations might be repurposed (OCT, Amago etc.) so people can take full advantage of the play tickets.

Post-Christmas is when we start needed more help - selling tickets, pick-ups etc. The next planning meeting is in January, will update on Facebook. Any interest? sign up with Amy Zuckerman!

### **Garden** (Karen Waibel for Paul Taylor)

Paul Taylor is our gardener in residence, Karen Waibel read an update on his behalf. TEAF gardeners haven been learning and taking home herbs from the garden to cook with their families. Planted up pots of bulbs for Spring.

We have certificates that were not sold at the Fall Harvest Festival. \$10 for original kids art and the ability to take a future bouquet home from the garden. It is a Fundraiser for TEAF. (Certificates are in my box in the Teacher work room)

We had a Fantastic work party in the garden on 11/18/17. We had 43 people come. *We Got So Much Work Done!* Compost pulled out and put in the garden. We sheet mulched with cardboard. Setup the scarecrow with straw and clothes. Head to be placed by kindergarten class that had the most students at the work event. Aggi made outstanding food to feed us all. Hot cheesy sandwiches, veggies, snacks and hot chocolate. We felt blessed!

This Friday we will have a swag table for students to make a take home item. We have greenery available to make swags for our event on Friday. It will start at 7pm when I get there. Work on your candy house and then come make a swag.

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, January 9, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the school library - joint with PaLA**

Co-President Jymn Heathcott adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Prepared by ~

Date presented: January 9, 2018

Michele Warther, Secretary

Approved as    Written    or    Amended

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Secretary

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Co-President

*PTA MISSION:*

***To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.***