

**Tualatin Elementary School PTA**  
General Membership Meeting • August 19, 2014  
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Sustainable Garden)

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by president Amanda Thorderson.

The membership reviewed the June 3, 2014, meeting minutes. Heidi Wallace motioned to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded. Minutes, as written, were approved by the membership. Sharell thanked Cara McClung for taking minutes at the June meeting.

**INTRODUCTION of the BOARD**

**President - Amanda Thorderson**

Amanda was new to the school last year after moving to Tualatin from Salt Lake City, UT. She is the PTA President and has experience being on PTA boards and the school board in other communities she's lived. Amanda has three grown kids and one in elementary school.

**Co-Vice Presidents- Beth Hancock and Cindy Krahnke**

Beth is new to the Board this year, but not new to Tualatin Elementary PTA. She is the lead for Campbell's Soup Labels again this year. Beth and Cindy Krahnke will share the vice president duties.

**Treasurer - Wendy O'Riley**

Wendy has three years of experience on the PTA. This is her second time being Treasurer. Wendy is co-chair of the Fall Harvest event and Wendy maintains the opt-in school directory. Last year she was lead for the Carnival that took place just before the end of school and it is scheduled again for May.

**Secretary -Sharell Lien**

Sharell is the Secretary of the PTA again this year. She also coordinates membership and is working with Leslie Brenton on the Walk + Bike to School Day.

**REPORTS**

**Principal report**

Jamie Kingery shared how the 2013-2014 school was full of multiple celebrations. Besides having a four month-old daughter at home to spend time with over the summer, the school received the National Title 1 Distinguished School Award. Tualatin is one of two schools in Oregon to receive this honor. He just learned that the school received a 5 out of 5 rating and has been named a model school again this year for the third year in a row. All Tualatin Elementary students continue to show growth in their skills each year, but there is always more work to do! He thanked the parents for the support they provide their children and the school.

This year the Smarter Balanced assessments will be used. These assessments align with the Common Core State Standards and go beyond multiple-choice questions to include extended response and technology enhanced items, as well as performance tasks that allow students to demonstrate critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.

Thanks goes out to Paul Taylor and families for all their work on the garden. The irrigation spigots are complete. Thanks to Amanda and the PTA for the back to school treats planned for staff on August 25.

The parent letter will go home the end of the week with class placements and the first week of school information. A 2 p.m. dismissal/early release occurs the first week. The school supply drop off and Family BBQ (sponsored by Horizon Church) will take place on August 28...3-4 p.m. for school supplies and meeting teachers with the BBQ following.

Mr. Kingery was asked about new teachers to the school. Third grade will have four rooms...Emma McConnell is new. Amber Hagerman is a new half-day Kindergarten teacher. The district had 65 new teacher hires this year. Mr. Kingery is looking forward to the new school year!

### **President's report** (Amanda Thorderson)

We are looking for people to run the Scrip program, be Volunteer Coordinator, and to work on the Grade Promotion. Heidi Wallace, Katie Ferking, and Heather Roberts volunteered to work on 5th Grade Promotion. There is also a need for a Restaurant Night coordinator...Wendy O'Riley, Beth Hancock, and Amy Zuckerman stepped up. A new event that we'd like to start is a STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) night in the Spring. There is a TTSD employee and community member who can provide resources. We are looking for volunteers to head that up.

### **Membership report** (Sharell Lien)

Membership applications are available tonight! Dues for the 2014-2015 school year are \$11.50 per person. Sign up to show your support for PTA....the more members, the stronger we will be.

### **Treasurer's report** (Wendy O'Riley)

Wendy reported the PTA is in the black prior to Fun Run. There are approximately \$3,300 in excess funds. There are a few outstanding expenses that need to be paid from last year, but we will use this year's money as the books for 2013-2014 are closed. There are also two new expenses to consider.

There was a motion made by Jean to approve \$132.48 to cover a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip expenses. The motion was seconded and approved.

October 8 is the Walk + Bike to School Day. Jean motioned to approve \$200 to help fund the event (for prizes). The motion was seconded and approved.

Nancy motioned to approve the funds to purchase a laptop for the Treasurer that will run Quickbooks. A discount is available from Staples. The motion was seconded and approved. Katie made a motion to set the fund amount at \$250. This was seconded and approved.

## **BUSINESS**

### **Eagle Scout Project**

The Eagle Scout Project by Dylan is for a shelter in the garden. \$200 was already approved to cover the building permits, and out of this amount, Dylan used \$170. Dylan needs \$70 to cover the utility locate. Nancy made a motion to approve reimbursing Dylan for the \$70 locate fee. Dylan was asked to complete a reimbursement form.

Dylan has received some donations from families and some was given at the meetings. Dylan is negotiating with Pacific Lumber for the trusses needed for the roof.

### **Walk+Bike to School Day** (Sharell Lien)

The \$200 will be helpful to purchase prizes and goodie bags for each participant. It would be nice to have a drawing for each grade level. Legacy may be able to come and fit helmets for the kids.

### **Fun Run** (Christy Goodell, Cara McClung, Kelly Atkinson)

Christy reported the event will be Friday, October 3. Mr. Hill is creating the Run schedule. Ribbon sales are planned (\$.25 per ribbon). Three teachers/staff will likely participate again in the ribbon competition. Collection envelopes will go out near September 18 to each student. Spirit Week leads up to the Run. The envelope will discuss what the money is being raised for...Field Trips, TEAF, and Literacy (art and library). The larger prizes (iPods, headphones) helped drive fund-raising. Would a Burgerville milkshake party be a good class competition.

Volunteers will be needed the week of to sell ribbons and the day of to help count money. Wendy was asked to check with the bank and TTSD for a change counter.

### **Library** (Kathleen Cunnington and Karen Field)

Kathleen Cunnington and Karen Field are coordinating Library activities. Karen thanked the PTA for the funds to cover the Battle of the Books. Jennifer Graves is a TTSD library/media person who will be at the school on Tuesdays each week. She will process the new books.

Volunteers are needed to help with each classroom in the library – two people per class is preferred. A list went around to sign up. The library hopes to open the second week of school. Teachers will be signing up for their library time.

### **Garden** (Paul Taylor)

The garden turns 5 years old! Paul thanked the families who have helped over the summer and those who will be finishing up the summer garden care program. Food from the garden was donated to the summer lunch program. Kale is ready to be picked, as well as purple beans and tomatoes.

Garden orientation for the classrooms will begin soon. Fall crops (beets and carrots) will be planted soon.

### **Book Fair** (Heather Roberts)

The Book Fair will be open all week during October 20...Monday through Wednesday in the afternoons and on Thursday and Friday all day (during the week of Fall Conferences). The theme is Sir Readalots Castle. Set-up occurs on October 15. By having the fair all week, there is the opportunity to restock books that are popular. There is also an opportunity to have a change drive by teacher, by grade and the month will go to buy books.

### **Fall Harvest** (Wendy O'Riley)

The date approved for the Fall Harvest event is October 30, 2014, starting at 5:30 p.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m. Volunteer sign up will be done later.

Amanda will submit the building use form with event date/time and include set-up and tear-down times.

### **Memory books** (Christy Goodell for Cindy Krahnke )

Memory books sales will be offered at Back to School Night. Cost will be \$20 each. Last year the books were sold out. Money earned after the book production costs, 5<sup>th</sup> grade student tributes, and TEAF donations went to TEAF, 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion, and music.

Is the Square available for more than Spirit Wear? Amanda will check with Courtney.

The Memory Book Committee said the deadline is early next year and there was talk about adding in some pages to the following year for events that happened at the end of the previous school year.

**QUESTIONS and COMMENTS**

If you want to be on the agenda, please let Amanda Thorderson know.

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**NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2014 – School Library**  
**7 p.m. PTA meeting begins**

President Amanda Thorderson adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Prepared by ~

Date presented: September 9, 2014

Sharell Lien, Secretary

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President

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Secretary