

Tualatin Elementary PTA Meeting

November 6, 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 Jean Buelna-Pastor – motion approved unanimously

3. Tualatin Moving Forward – Sherilyn Lombos

- i. Sherilyn is a former TuES parent and Tualatin City Manager. She is here to provide information about the city's transportation program, Tualatin Moving Forward. Voters put this 20 million dollar program in place back in May 2018. The number one priority is traffic and transportation, including local projects that will find solutions for neighborhood safety and access to schools and parks.
- ii. In July, we got a very high bond rating, which allowed for the bonds to be sold for more than they were valued at and sold them for \$22 million, instead of \$20 million. They got a great value.
- iii. 90 days post-election, they have made great progress toward their goals. Tualatingmovingforward.org shows a map with icons that you can find more information about each project. Here are some examples of the projects in the works:
 - a) Traffic Safety
 - Garden Corner Curves – improving bicycle and pedestrian safety - \$3.5 million
 - Tualatin-Sherwood - adding a lane between Martinazzi and I-5
 - Cabela's and Fred Meyer's driveways will align and timing between lights will be aligned
 - Martinazzi and Sagert – change 4-way stop sign into traffic signal
 - b) Neighborhood safety projects –
 - Garden Corner Curves
 - Flashing beacons – Boones Ferry and Siletz
 - 115th and Hazelbrook – narrowed the street, buffered the bike lanes and put in a crosswalk
 - c) Access to parks and school
 - Crosswalks at Tualatin High School
 - 95th and Sagert
 - Crosswalk to Ibach park at 106th
- iv. In addition to the planned projects there is also a pool of money set aside for flashing beacons and speed indicator signs which are not yet specified for locations.
- v. Several projects should be done by the end of the year (except Boones Ferry and Siletz)
- vi. The city is looking for feedback from residents about unsafe areas in the area
- vii. Sharell Lien asked when Graham's Ferry is opening – the county is saying the end of November. They've been behind the entire project. Graham's Ferry should open at the end of November and 124th should open at the end of January.
- viii. Kelli Wilfong asked, "Who do we ask about how long a light is green before turning to a stop?" The concern is the left turn signal when turning from Tualatin-Sherwood onto Boones Ferry,

which skips cycles. Sherilyn said the engineering department can take that information and communicate with the county about any lights they might manage.

4. Principal's Report – Mr. Kingery

- i. Thank you to all of the volunteers for Fun Run and the shirts. Kids are wearing them regularly. Thank you for providing them. Mr. Kingery is going to find a way to provide shirts for the staff with the same design as well. They love them and have asked to have their own.
- ii. OMSI Family Night – 2 buses plus one bus with one family, plus many families driving themselves. At least 200 people from our school. It was a great night for many families and Mr. Kingery thanked the PTA for funding this.
- iii. Conferences and book fair – book fair was successful and it is great for families to have access to grab some reading connected with conference times. Now is a good time to contact your child's teacher about any outstanding conversations that have arisen from conferences as first quarter progress reports are due next week.
- iv. Fall Harvest was last week – Thank you to all the volunteers!
- v. Basketball hoops – the hoops do not have a standard mounting system to the wall so there is some retrofitting that must take place and we still need to find out how much additional cost this might be. We will update you on this more as we get more information from other contractors.

5. 2nd Grade Report – Mrs. Biggs

- i. Mrs. Biggs was not able to attend, but will reschedule

6. President's Report

- i. Membership – 30 members and Alyse distributed membership applications to the teachers and staff with notes about how much we appreciate their input.
- ii. Teacher conferences breakfast – Thanks to Alyse and Kim for putting it together. We had great feedback and gratitude from the teachers. We had some leftover bagels from the Book Fair event as well as some leftovers from the Thursday breakfast to refresh and provide some things for Friday. Alyse made fresh coffee the second day as well.
- iii. Book Fair – not sure about the dollar total yet, but it was very successful. Sharell reported the money raised was somewhere between \$1,600-2,000 (because we still have to pay for the books that were sold).
- iv. Review and approve audit – motioned for approval by Jean Buelna-Pastor – approved unanimously
 - a) Sharell Lien reported on the audit that Michelle Javernik performed on our books from 2017-2018.
 - b) She is checking how money is being held before deposits, how long are we holding the money, are we writing checks on time, what is the process for writing checks, etc.
 - c) Everything checked out well. The audit was done quickly because the treasurer was incredibly organized.
- v. Upcoming Events
 - a) Veterans' Day – November 12 – No School
 - b) Thanksgiving Break – November 22 and 23 – No School

7. Volunteer Opportunities

- i. Picture Retakes – November 29 @ 9 – 11:30 am

- a) Amy Pattison
- b) Possibly Jamie Mansfield

8. Garden Update – Paul Taylor

- i. Out last work party – cleaned out the raised beds and cleared out the compost over the garden
- ii. Looking for a pickup to move the woody compost where vermin are finding homes – 2 pickup loads are expected to take care of it
- iii. Jamie Mansfield is also going to reach out to the City Manager to see if the city has access to a wood chipper, we would even trade taking some extra wood chips to spread around the shed and walkways around the field.
- iv. Next garden work party is Saturday, November 17 @ 9-11am
- v. Working in the garden with students
 - a) Kindergarteners - learned about big leaf maple trees (*Acer macrophyllum*)
 - b) 1st graders – ABC scavenger hunt
 - c) 2nd graders – planted spring bulbs (daffodils or tulips), nobody cried
 - d) 3rd graders – worked on the garden patch (garlic zone – taking the braided garlic and seeing how heads of garlic can be broken into cloves. Also worked on digging trenches and rows to plant new garlic using strings as guides for the area)
 - e) 4th graders – Harvesters because they have better self-control about how they use their hands and make the connection between what they touch and the food people eat. (Chard, beets, picked all the tomatoes – divided into yellow/red and green to ripen in the classroom. Aggie freezes the tomatoes as they come in and makes soup and sauce out of them).
 - f) 5th graders – picked a scatter garden (zinnias, butterfly weed) and they dry them and replant in the spring as a gift to the students they are leaving at Tuesday
 - g) TEAF – make wood circle nametags with a bow saw and drill. Will be doing more seasonal gardening with that class.

9. Fun Run – Amy Pattison

- i. Update – it was a complete success. We didn't let the rain get us down. Thank you to all the volunteers the day of the event, teacher runners, ribbon sales volunteers, Mr. Hill who helped the day run so smoothly, Amber Nickle who coordinated the group picture that day which will be used in the memory book.
- ii. Thank you to the PTA for the generous contribution for the shirts
- iii. final number – little over \$20,000

10. Winter Holiday – Friday, December 14 @ 6:30 pm

- i. Reached out to Key Club at the High school. They have helped the last few years and are an integral part of things running smoothly that day
- ii. Need parent volunteers to help make 100 lbs. of frosting. Aggie generously offered the use of the school kitchen to make this happen.
- iii. PALA agreed to help bag up candy for families that need to purchase this the day of
- iv. Teachers will be helping build the graham cracker houses after school
- v. Will be asking for donations for goodies to serve
- vi. Popcorn will be donated by Regal Cinemas

- vii. Teachers will be doing art projects and parents will be needed to help hang the art work in the rotunda
- viii. Adults are also encouraged to help volunteer to make the night run smoothly

11. SCRIP – Anna Booth

- i. Slow to start, but letters are going home this week explaining SCRIP as well as an updated order form
- ii. There is an option to purchase an electronic order form for \$15. Sharell encouraged her to use some of the \$200 in her line item and the board agreed that if that is somehow depleted this year to appeal again to the PTA.
- iii. Venmo is the recommended payment – as the additional fees are charged directly to the buyers instead of coming out of the profits for the PTA.
- iv. There are a few specials running this month:
 - a) \$10 Baja Fresh is 15% for the month of November and December
 - b) Chevy's restaurants are closing and their GC can be used at Who Song and Larry's in Vancouver
 - c) Columbia \$50 gift cards will come with a pass for four to the Columbia Employee Store
- v. Schedule – SCRIP will be due Friday and returned the following Friday
- vi. Anna will also post updates and specials on the PTA Facebook page

12. Box Top Update

- i. Fall Box contest went well. 3,500 box tops collected by classrooms = \$350
- ii. 4,200 total = \$420 (extras are from box tops submitted to the office or mailed to the school from former students)
- iii. There aren't as many products that are carrying Box Tops. There are years we have raised \$2,200, but we have usually been getting about \$1,500

13. Other Business

14. Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 4, 2018 @ 7 pm in the Tualatin Elementary Library

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