

Tualatin Elementary School PTA
General Membership Meeting • April 1, 2014
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by co-president Amie MacDonald. A quorum of members as stated in the standing rules was present. Cindy Krahnke is the timekeeper for the meeting.

The membership reviewed the March 11, 2014, meeting minutes. Beth Hancock motioned to approve and the motion was seconded by Angela Tyler. Minutes, as written, were approved by the membership.

REPORTS

Principal report

Welcome back from Spring Break!

The Distinguished School Award was presented March 21 at a school assembly. Ernie Brown and Rob Saxton were in attendance. The honor came with \$5,000 to spend for reading supports through Title 1, and if anything remains, it will be used in the classroom for materials. The exceptional student achievement a school needs to have to be given this award is based on at least two years of improvement. For TuES, it was at least four years of a continued upward trend of student achievement. There is still room to do more work and continue the improvement in the coming years.

The Smarter Balanced Assessment will be the evaluation in the future. This is our last use of OAKS. Assessments are moving in a direction to help kids with career/college readiness.

All licensed educators in Oregon have a voice using a quality survey to provide feedback to the Dept. of Ed. and the Legislature. OEA, OSEA, and Dept. of Ed. came together to determine a way to get good information to help improve education in Oregon. Changes should come...How soon? What will they be? Not sure, but there is now teacher-solicited information on some improvements to make.

There is a change at the district level. Sally Helton, Tigard-Tualatin EBIS (Effective Behavior and Instructional Support) Coordinator since 2008, is becoming a coach in the district's Oregon Response to Intervention Project (OrRTI).

Co-presidents' report (Amie MacDonald)

No report.

Treasurer's report (Elena Molau)

The current budget was presented. The PTA has \$50,580.32 in available funds.

There is an invoice that needs to be paid for a 3rd-grade class field trip. There are funds in the field trip account. Group agreed to pay for the amount from those funds.

There was discussion about clarifying field trips vs. grade enrichment money for the next school year. Is the money used for in-class field trips too, not just external trips? Shall we bundle the field trip money rather than list it out by grade level to cover when one grade uses more than the other during a year? If the money is bundled and a grade expects to spend more than \$500 at a time on a trip, shall the teacher let us know? This is a discussion to have with the teachers on how best to set the reimbursement system for external trips, grade enrichment, and "at school" field trips.

Vice Presidents report (Courtney Kozak)

No report.

Membership report (Sharell Lien)

No membership updates to report. To vote next month for officers, or to run for a position, you must be a member.

BUSINESS

Carnival (Wendy O'Riley)

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 30! The Carnival will be from 5-8 p.m. Inflatables and carnival games are confirmed and some food vendors. We do need help with baked goods for the Cake Walk. A sign-up sheet is going around. **NOTE: Please provide peanut-free baked goods.**

Auction – April 5 (Cara McClung)

Tickets are still available. Please arrive to the Auction on-time as the Silent Auction starts right away. Raffle tickets are being sold tomorrow for teacher experiences (2:15-2:40 p.m. in rotunda). Set-up for the Auction is 10 a.m.-noon and 3-5 p.m. on Saturday.

Nominating Committee (Amie MacDonald)

Amie asked to please write down three names of people you would like to see in our PTA leadership. Also, if you are interested, add your name!

What is the time commitment for President? There are emails, running the meetings, and planning the agenda. There are so many great Chairs for the different activities that that lightens the load of the board positions.

Please note that Teacher Appreciation Week is happening before our next meeting (May 5-9). Last year, we decorated the school by wrapping the classroom doors. Nancy Otterson is chairing it this year, but she is out on a work trip that week and could use assistance. Especially with salads for the lunch on Friday, May 9.

Items planned: Jersey Mike's lunch, massage and/or pedicures during lunch, and flower bouquet – kids help with bringing in a flower during the week.

Scrip (Angela Tyler)

Angela created a flyer showing how funds from the April Scrip will be used to purchase the electronic ukulele requested by Miss Myers. April dates are 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, and 4/29.

Garden (Paul Taylor)

TEAF classes are finished. Onions and potatoes being planted. Lots of things growing. Nasturtiums from classrooms are being planted. The 4th grade will be propagating begonias.

All second graders planted seeds (ask you child what they are growing)!

Next work party is Sunday, April 13 from 1-3 p.m.

In May, the Work Party will be Friday, May 16 after school.

Memory Book (Cindy Krahnke)

The memory book is done! They should be delivered the end of May or the first week of June. Books will be sent home with students. There are 48 books left for sale.

QUESTIONS and COMMENTS

If you want to be on the agenda, please let Jill McCarty or Amie MacDonald know.

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NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, May 6, 2014 – School Library
7 p.m. PTA meeting begins

Co-president Amie MacDonald adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m. A record finish!

Prepared by ~

Date presented: May 6, 2014

Sharell Lien, Secretary

Approved as Written or Amended

Co-president

Secretary