

Tualatin Elementary PTA Meeting
September 11, 2018 – 7:00-8:30 pm
Location: Tualatin Elementary Library

1. **Call meeting to order and welcome**
2. **Introduction of the Board Members**
 - i. Andrew Wyse – President
 - ii. Alyse Rostamizadeh – Secretary
 - iii. Natalie Hess – VP of Communication
 - iv. Kimberley Andress – VP of Programs and Fundraising
 - v. Greg Young – Treasurer Elect
 - vi. Sharell Lien – Immediate Past President
 - vii. Luz Rivas – VP of PALA
3. **Approve previous meeting's minutes** – unanimously passed
4. **Maureen Wolf – Local option levy renewal**
 - i. Maureen Wolf is Vice Chair of the TTSD School Board. Each board member is a school liaison for three schools. Maureen is excited to be part of Tualatin Elementary and has asked to be included in information to stay involved
 - ii. Local Option Levy – The school district is funded through state income tax and property tax. It is calculated into a specific amount and the option levy is an additional amount approved by the voters to tax ourselves at a higher level.
 - iii. The current Option Levy funds 9 million dollars to pay for teachers specifically. It has been in place since 2000 and is being voted on now (a year early) to be approved for 2020 to avoid being overlooked by a large Presidential election. The school district cannot spend any money to advertise this levy, so they need to fundraise to get out the word to approve this levy.
 - iv. Several options to
 - a) Lawn signs are available if you sign up and are in a high-traffic area in the district.
 - b) Please write letters to the The Times and how it impacts your students
 - c) Door to Door hangers will be distributed by volunteers
 - d) Will the PTA consider another \$200 donation to fund the campaign?
5. **Ms. Hinkle – Music program request**
 - i. Mrs. Hinkle is the music teacher and wanted to share some of the programs that she is responsible for throughout the year and the benefits of her department
 - a) October – 1st graders "informance" sharing what they learn in their music specials time.
 - b) November – 2nd grade concert. Invitation are sent home and it is posted on her website
 - c) December – 3rd grade concert
 - d) December – "Bearitones" choir sings at several performance
 - Starry Nights
 - Washington Square
 - Zoo Lights
 - e) February – 5th grade concert
 - Oregon Symphony partnership to Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall to play together
 - f) April – 4th grade concert
 - ii. The school needs a better sound system for amplification in general for many events
 - a) Field Day, Harvest Night, STREAM Night, Jog-a-thon, Assemblies
 - b) Sound System recommended by Byrom and another elementary school
 - Microphones
 - Blue Tooth

- Mobile
- c) It is not in the school budget for this year, so she is appealing to the PTA to request the money. It is \$699 on Amazon which is a great deal for the product.
- d) the link to her website is on the school webpage with links to videos from past concerts

6. Reports

i. Principal's Report – Mr. Kingery

- a) Mr. Kingery has been here for 8 years and thanks everyone in attendance for coming tonight. Thank you Maureen Wolf and Melissa Hinkle for being here tonight.
- b) We loved celebrating in the garden last month and we welcome you to the library, a hub for literacy in our school. At a bare minimum we use this space to match learners with books, but it goes much further than that to create a space for community.
- c) Start up has gone well. 1st-5th grade started last week and kinders started yesterday. It is great to see all their smiling faces here at school now.
- d) We have our own preschool program now. Our preschool teacher is busy doing home visits this week with his assistant. Open House is tomorrow night at 5:30 pm. Still spots available. There are two sessions (a morning and afternoon) which are 2.5 hours long. We also have Head Start and Juntos Aprendemos (connected with our Latino community) for future Black Bears
- e) Back to School Night for Kindergarten through 5th grade is this coming Thursday Night. 5:30 pm is the early session. 6:30 pm is the late session. Horizon Community Care hosts a BBQ for families at no cost to families. Dinner is served at 6:00 pm. In the past, kids were not included during the session, but if that is not an option, they are welcome in the classroom. Translation will be available (Kinder-2nd in the early session and 3-5th in the later session).
- f) PAX – it is a word with no meaning (not an acronym), but it is a program that started in kindergarten and has rolled up through the grades throughout the district. Tualatin is a pioneer in that all grade levels are included in PAX...safe, kind, and responsible expectations and behavior to create a positive school community every day, all day long.
 - Creates a healthy classroom community that extends school-wide
 - Self-regulation, stamina, fosters empathy and resilience
 - Reinforce at home with communication via teachers
 - PAX quiet and PAX noise levels are guidelines for what they will look like and sound like in different situations and spaces
- g) 1:1 for student devices in 3-5th grades for years and now we are
 - 1:1 2nd-5th iPads
 - working towards mobile shared lab K-1st grades
 - Understands the excitement and hesitation of introducing technology. It is designed to enhance and accelerate student learning, but not to become a replacement for learning.

ii. President's Report – Andrew Wyse

- a) Membership (Alyse Rostamizadeh) – 56 members, but every new year you must reapply, dues are \$11.50 and pay for our dues to Oregon PTA (with \$2 going to our own unit). Scholarships are available to those that need them.
- b) Open board positions – VP of Volunteers
 - Reaches out for volunteers via emails when an event requires volunteers. They communicate the need as well as coordinate the logistics of volunteers
 - Jamie Mansfield volunteered to do this
 - Ashley Young motioned to nominate Jamie as the VP of Volunteers. This motion was seconded by Michael Cresswell. A vote was taken for the motion and it passed unanimously.

- c) Back to School Night – Thursday, September 13, 2018 @ 5:30-7:30 pm – PTA will be selling memory books and spirit wear. Payments with check, cash, and credit card will be available.
- d) Upcoming Events
 - Back to School Night – Thursday, September 13, 2018
 - Spirit Week – October 1-5, 2018
 - Fun Run – Friday, October 5, 2018
 - OMSI Night – October 8, 2018 – families meet at school for bussing or drive themselves and free to our families

7. Volunteer Opportunities

- i. **Library** – Wednesday and Friday mornings need volunteers for book pick-up and there are also times available in the afternoons to read a story and help with check-out
 - a) OBOB – Fridays during lunch time to run quizzes for the OBOB books they are reading. The big battles end in February with the finals.
- ii. **Hearing Screening – Thursday, September 13, 2018 @ 8-11 am**
 - a) Amy Pattison volunteered
 - b) Emily Gibson volunteered
- iii. **Spirit Wear**
 - a) We have some stock to sell at Back to School Night and we are looking for a volunteer to take over an order in the future (usually November). It is usually a one-time commitment and we already have a secured vendor. Ashley Young volunteered to take over the order for Spirit Wear.

8. Fun Run – Amy Pattison

- i. Scheduled this year for Friday, October 5th. Fun Run is one of the largest fundraisers for the school; last year it raised \$22,500 dollars. The students get prizes based on how much they raise with \$10 being the lowest level prize.
 - a) Some examples of the prizes include: Trail Blazer swag, Nike swag, dance party with Mrs. LePore, weather report with KPTV, OMSI tickets, Monster Jam tickets, limo ride
 - b) Ribbon sales in the morning in the Rotunda...looking for a few volunteers to help with this
 - Ribbons represent four different staff runners who will be part of the teacher race (including a mystery runner): Mr. Kingery, Mrs. Gillam, Mr. Hill, and a mystery runner
 - Ribbons are \$0.25 each or 5 for \$1 and they put them on backpacks, in their hair, and somehow collect them to cheer on their favorite runner.
 - c) Need some volunteers for the day of the race, especially in the prize room because they put together the prizes for the end of the day and send them home with students
 - d) T-shirts – last year Adidas donated T-shirts for all the students and staff members, but that is not an option for this year
 - Fun Run budget is \$1200 and they will put \$500 of their own budget toward this cost to get shirts for students
 - Option 1 – T-shirts for every student (not staff) \$2200 for cotton T-shirts (so asking for \$1700 from PTA)... Safe, Kind, and Responsible would be included in the design
 - Option 2 – Kids who raise \$10 would receive a shirt and it would be a Dri-Fit T-shirt
 - Commentary on T-shirt options was opened up: It is a great way to build community for the school and involve all the kids. The money is in the budget under unallocated resources. Essentially, the committee is asking PTA to fund the shirts which they will be able to pay for with the money they expect to make from the event.
 - Jonathan Glasscock motioned that PTA provides funds to provide funds for every child to receive a T-shirt for the Fun Run, Michael Cresswell seconded the motion.
 - a. Discussion was raised about \$52K being in the budget

- b. Is the committee ready to send information to teachers for sizing so the order can be ready for this event? Amy said the committee is prepared to figure out sizing with each classroom teacher and order shirts if funding is secured.
- The motion passed unanimously. The PTA will provide the Fun Run committee \$1700 to pay for every student to receive a T-shirt

9. Art Lit – Kimberley Andress and Natalie Hess

- a) These two are the Art Lit coordinators for the second year. Art Lit is a program through TTSD run by volunteers to bring art into the classrooms. There are still some spots to fill for volunteers in some classrooms. The coordinators teach the volunteers how to do the art project. There are five projects with five different mediums. The projects line the halls all year and are displayed at STREAM night. The volunteers create portfolios for each student to go home at the end of the year

10. Memory Book – Amber Nickle

- i. 64-pages color soft-back book, teacher/student classroom pages as well as over 400+ candid shots and every student is featured in the year book, it also included all the different events throughout the school year, \$20 per book, pay with cash/check/square

11. Garden Update – Mr. Paul Taylor

- i. Finishing up our sign-ups for working in the garden, we are celebrating our ninth year.
- ii. Garden orientations – every class gets to go out to the outdoor classroom with Mr. Taylor with a covered area and will have time to get to know the basic rules
 - a) Watered is harvested from the roof into the cistern from the outdoor classroom
 - b) There is a curriculum for every grade level. The kindergarteners planted the pumpkins last year and the first graders get to harvest them and take them home this year.
 - c) They collaborate with Ms. Aggie in the garden and she does something with it to use in the cafeteria.
 - d) Thursday, Sept 13th and Monday, Sept 17th...looking for shepherds to help
 - Always have an adult in the garden
 - Don't run in the garden – some of the tools and edges are sharp
 - Tools stay low to the ground
 - e) Garden Committee Meeting – Mr. Taylor, a few teachers, and some parents
 - Monday, September 17th @ 2:45 – 3:15 pm – need to determine what needs to happen in the garden, when the work parties will be scheduled
 - f) TEAF gardening classes will be available – Thursdays (limited to about 10 kids)

12. Standing Rules Approval –

- i. need to ensure that PALA gets added back in to the Standing Committees
- ii. Michael Cresswell motioned to approve the standing rules, Jonathan Glasscock seconded – motion passed unanimously

13. Budget Approval (Sharell Lien and Greg Young)

- i. Budget reports were passed out for review and Sharell described how each different category is spent
- ii. Approve the budget with two corrections to Art Lit (to include the money raised at the Golden Ticket sales at last year's auction) and Music dept. (rollover from previous year's auction of \$95.45 was placed under PE instead of music)
- iii. Motion passes unanimously
- iv. \$1700 will come from unallocated resources to the Fun Run to pay for shirts for every student
- v. \$699 audio system that Mrs. Hinkle requested, Alyse Rostamizadeh motioned and Jonathan Glasscock seconded – motion passed

- vi. Maureen had requested \$200 to help support the campaign for the local Option Levy – It was discussed that the previous donation was \$100. Sharell motioned to give \$150 to the school board for the Local Option Levy and Jonathan Glasscock seconded – motion approved

14. Other Business

15. Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 2, 2018 @ 7 pm in the Tualatin Elementary Library

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