

Tualatin Elementary School PTA
General Membership Meeting • May 2, 2017
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jymn Heathcott.

The membership reviewed the April, meeting minutes. Robert Ferring motioned to approve the minutes and motion was seconded. Minutes, as written, were approved by the membership.
A quorum was present at the meeting.

Jymn introduced guests from Hazelbrook...

Hazelbrook Principal, Mr. Nesse

Mr. Nesse thanked everyone for being there and he expects us all to make it to the PSO meetings when our time comes and be apart of their family! He provided a handout outlining general questions and concerns with information. Communicate with family is through Parent Vue and a morning email.
The school is designed to insulate 6th graders to help with the transition.
Hazelbrook is not a Title 1 school, but it is the most diverse school in the district. Mr. Kingery explained how the Title 1 program is used in the District, where Title 1 funds are given to the elementary schools who qualify to increase early supports for students.

PSO President, Susan Gage

Susan was encouraging that the commitment at middle school for volunteerism isn't as time consuming as it is in elementary school. There is a PSO meeting a month that is an hour long.
Trying to keep the PSO meetings being more issue-focused and not heavy on budget/finance.
PSO meeting is set for the third Tuesday of the month 5:45-6:45 p.m.
Mr. Nesse added that students may be ready to disengage from parents just as the volunteer parents are ready to. It's a myth that they don't want volunteerism at the middle school. They'd like to have more families involved at the middle school level.

What does the leadership program look like at Hazelbrook? There are a couple of elective leadership classes at 7th and 8th grade level. There is a more advanced leadership that is pretty involved. We don't do a selection process for offices like at high school. There are MECHA members that crossover/blend with the advance leadership.

Counselors will start visiting feeder schools next week and talk to all the 5th graders. Then the students come to visit for 1.5 hours and we walk them through the school...a very "meet and greet" to help incoming students feel comfortable. Mr. Nesse is very visible to the students daily.

Ice cream social is going to be different this year. Aug 30th will be a condensed schedule to hear about their teachers and what the class will be about.

Hawk teams are interdisciplinary teams that have two language arts teachers, a social studies teacher, a math teacher, and a science teacher. The teams are heterogeneous. Lockers are dictated by the team they are on. Estimating 325-350 6th grade students for next year.

Social Media Policy ~ allowed to use phones under the direct supervision of adults.

Outdoor school on the schedule for next year? Currently it is.

REPORTS

Principal (Mr. Kingery)

Thank you from the entire staff for the Teacher Appreciation lunch.
Successful Day of the Child of the child event. Was great to have that revived.
4th grade concert a week ago; another successful concert utilizing the instruments funded through the PTA.
5th graders are performing with the Oregon Symphony on Thursday.
There is a need for money to help the Library with updated books on countries and books that have to do with cultures around the world. The District purchased \$4,000 in science books for the Library and asked the school to spend \$1,000 from school discretionary fund. This has left a shortage to help fund the culture books.

Tualatin Library Foundation will be purchasing OBOB books for next year!! 8 copies of all 16 books.

Help kids be here and on time to finish the year strong and prepare them for next year.
Thank you to Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Livingston for being here this evening.

5th grade report (Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Livingston)

Thank you for the funding to go on field trips.

In spring time we spend a lot of time talking about middle school transition. Counselors and teachers meet with the team to talk about each student.

Next Monday, students get a chance to tryout different instruments and in the afternoon the counselors will come and talk to the students. The counselors will talk about the Wheel as an elective option.

Currently doing a lot of state testing. Hazelbrook has asked us to do a math placement and a reading inventory so they know where to students should be placed next year.

Request for updating books

The books for world cultures and countries that were discussed during the Principal's update created a motion. Amy Zuckerman motioned to fund the countries and world culture books for \$1,000 from the unallocated reserves. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of the membership.

Co-Presidents report

Two new members have been added – 49 members.

Foundation coin drive is happening next week May 8-12. We'll have a coin counting machine for the kids to drop their change in. Ambassadors will be helping each morning.

Box Tops due May 12. We deposited a check for \$500 bringing our total for \$1500.

Labels for Education has been used to buy PE equipment and other odds and ends as needed.

Review of calender of events.

Treasurer

Robert Ferring reported everything is right on track for the year and we've been doing training with the Teasurer-elect.

Question about retirement gifts for teachers...there are three teachers retiring.

MOTION to increase the School Community Recognition Fund by \$200

Motioned by Kate Heathcott. Seconded and approved by a vote of the membership.

Sharell will talk with Amanda about buying the gift cards through Scrip.

STREAM Night May 19

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Mad Science will be at the event again.

Night includes: Summer programs table, Book Fair, Boy Scout & Girls Scout booth, Dad's club rockets, Mr.

Taylor and Mrs. Soderquist will be in the garden, and Art Lit will have two projects besides the artwork displayed.

Food will be provided by the Carnival food guy and Pizza Hut.

Bus transport provided for several of the apartments and we are working with Mrs. Gillam to provide food vouchers for families.

5th Grade Promotion

Next meeting is Tuesday May 23rd in the evening and at the school with translators and childcare.

There will be a food donation sign up.

Schedule for Monday, June 19 is – Gym at 8:45 a.m. And kids at park 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Garden

Mr. Taylor said there is a Google document for Garden sign-ups for one or two weeks for summer care.

In April, seed starting with 2nd grade. The kids really know how to engage in the garden.

LePore's class came out to take care of the garlic area.

Big harvest, the first of the year, was before Earth Day – used in the teacher lunch Starting to use the garden for Aggie for the cafeteria – Salad bar items

Composted the 'L' along the playground – using the pile from Pro Gro

Black Bear TV – have come to the garden a few times

Earth Day Garden work party – 4/22 – 25 participants – teachers, parents, grandparents

Troy Javernick donated gravel and delivered it.

TEAF Gardening classes have started. OSU alumni volunteer activity on May 20th from 9-12 (lunch too).

Nominating Committee/Elections

Thanks to Jymn Heathcott and Sharell Lien who have offered to run as Co-Presidents again next year. Michelle Mikesell has offered to run for VP of Volunteers. The nominating committee put forward these names for a vote.

Motion was made for Sharell Lien and Jymn as Co-Presidents 2017-2018 and Michelle Mikesell for VP of Volunteers for 2017-2018. The motion was seconded and the membership voted to approve the officers.

Partial 2017-2018 Budget Review

Sharell reviewed with the members funding for some of the line items in the 2017-2018 budget. No significant adjustments were made to funding levels from the 2016-2017 budget.

June is the month where the entire budget is reviewed and voted on by the membership to allow for work to take place over the summer. There is another review and vote on the budget in September.

Special Project Funding

Creating a sense of community is important and has been talked about throughout our activities this year. When we asked the school what important project could the PTA help fund, changing the sign on the corner would help with communication to all about school activities and events. To change to an electronic reader board would be \$10K. We were thinking of taking \$5K of money in this year's reserve to start that project. Mr. Kingery will give his \$1K discretionary fund next year to put us at \$6K towards the project. We would need to raise the other \$4K during next year during one of the events – e.g. ask Fun Run is some of their proceeds could be set aside.

Amy Zuckerman motioned to move money from the unallocated resources to set up a special fund for our electronic reader board. The motion was seconded and voted to

QUESTIONS and COMMENTS

If you want to be on the agenda, please let Sharell Lien or Jymn Heathcott know.

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NEXT PTA MEETING:

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 7 p.m. – School Library

Co-President Jymn Heathcott adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Prepared by ~

Date presented: June 6, 2017

Danielle Aldinger, Secretary

Approved as Written or Amended

Secretary

Co-President