

Tualatin Elementary School PTA
General Membership Meeting • October 7, 2014
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Amanda Thorderson. A quorum of members as stated in the standing rules was present.

The membership reviewed the September 9, 2014, meeting minutes. Katie Fercking motioned to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded. Minutes, as written, were approved by the membership.

Local Option Levy Renewal and Common Core/Smarter Balanced Assessment – TTSD

Barry Albertson, School Board Member, attended the meeting to discuss the option levy renewal and what it means to the TTSD. The funds raised from this tax (\$4.6 million) pays for salaries/compensation packages for teachers (55 total across district). The current levy was approved in 2000 and renewed in 2004 and 2008. It is up for renewal this year to maintain existing levy rate until 2015-2016 school year.

Common Core – Upcoming TTSD meetings for Parents, more info at:

http://www.ttsdschools.org/pages/ttsd/District/Curriculum_Instruction/Common_Core

October 14th, 2014 6:30-8pm Fowler Middle School	Getting to Know the Common Core State Standards
February 5th, 2015 6:30-8pm Twality Middle School	Supporting Students through the CCSS Transition
April 21st, 2015 6:30-8pm Hazelbrook Middle School	Looking Into the Future

In January, there is a Legislative meeting for the next session and one of the bigger questions is how will the \$250 million in funds be used to fund full day kindergarten classes per District.

Next May is the first Smarter Balanced Assessment. The results are sent to the District in 6-8 weeks.

Questions have come up about the Bull Mountain land for a possible new high school. When new housing develops, the need for additional schools maybe necessary. It is possible the first K-8 I the district will be considered. High schools are at about 1,800 to 1,900 students and middle schools are about 1,000 each.

REPORTS

Principal report (Jamie Kingery)

It was a fabulous Fun Run! Many volunteers and the kids had a great day! Kristy, Kelly, and Cara... thank you again or a successful event.

Site Council elections happen around the winter time. Jamie talked about how important it is to the success of the school and students. This is a decision-making body that includes the Principal, staff, and parents. Look for information through the Black Bear Bulletin (BBB). Voting can be done through a ballot dropped off in the office or via email.

Tuesday, October 14, is a parent evening for Common Core State Standards and the Smarter Balance

6:30-8 p.m. at Fowler Middle School in the Commons area. Jamie encourage as many of our parents to attend as possible. It is an informational evening. There will also be two more parent nights, as Barry Albertson stated in his remarks. The BBB will also contain information throughout the year. Jamie is also happy to answer questions or your child's teacher.

President's report (Amanda Thorderson)

Vision and Dental screening was today. Katie Fercking, Kristy Whaples, and Melissa Haflich helped. Thank you!

Thursday, Oct. 9 is picture day...help is needed from 8:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
Karen Soll is available. Katie Fercking can help part of the time.

Robert Ferring has agreed to lead the Fundraising project in March. He is also helping with Art Literature in Mrs. Harris' classroom.

Online Spirit Wear store will open soon. More information will be coming home soon.

Cara asked Amanda to share the Fun Run results...more than \$21,000 was raised this year. This topped last year's \$20,000 achievement. Thank you everyone!

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.

There are 34 members, plus a few more who wish to join. Thank you to everyone who has signed up and will be signing up tonight!

Treasurer's report (Wendy O'Riley)

All check reimbursements are complete and the financial records balanced.

An invoice was give to the PTA for 3rd grade field trips from last school year. Amount is \$320.05 (transportation costs) – Pam Soderquist made a motion to pay this and the motion was seconded. After many questions/comments, Pam withdrew her motion. More research needs to be done as some of this may have already been reimbursed.

The \$500 annual TEAF donation did not get paid last year. Sharell Lien made a motion to pay last year's TEAF donation of \$500. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of the membership.

Last year the Auction's Paddle Raise was to go to TEAF. That money was not paid to TEAF from last year's funds. The Auction recording sheet was found in the 2013-2014 files. Receipts showed \$2,950 for the Paddle Raise earnings. The Auction software shows \$3,000 raised. Sharell Lien made a motion to pay \$2,950 to TEAF for the amount of money reconciled with receipts, until further reconciliation can be done with the software for the additional \$50. The motion was seconded for \$2,950 to TEAF and approved by a vote of the membership.

BUSINESS

Walk+Bike to School Day (Leslie Brenton)

Annual event is TOMORROW!!

Wednesday, October 8 – Mark your calendar for this fun-filled and healthy activity!

Information (participation slip) went home to all families on Monday, October 6, with other announcements in the Black Bear Bulletin prior to that date. Students who walk or bike to school on

this day receive something for participating and are entered into the prize drawing. Parent help is needed the morning of to help the kiddos safely navigate their way to school and to work the prize table. It is a quick event that takes about 45 minutes or less of your time.

Donations for prizes have come from:

- Sherwood Ice Arena – 10 passes, Yogurt Shack, Shari's, Columbia Sportswear, Nike
- And several PTA members...thank you so much for your private prize donations.

Amanda will include all the sponsors on the PTA page that is in the BBB.

Library (Kathleen Cunnington)

Thank you for the extra funds for this year. New books were available at the beginning of the year. Book donations can be dropped off anytime to the crate at the Library check-out desk or to the office if the Library is locked. Current focus is to work with the kids on alphabetizing and the Dewey Decimal System.

Kids are liking the new books for Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) – 10 different titles to choose from and kids can compete in challenges after reading the books. Teams are created for the competition...students don't have to read all the books. It is for grades 3-5 and kids don't have to do the TEAF OBOB to be in OBOB. We can always use volunteers. Talk to Kathleen or your teacher if you have more questions.

Garden (Pam Soderquist)

The TuES Sustainable Garden is a beautiful place because of all the volunteers and Mr. Taylor...who knows what to do in the garden each season and leads the volunteers. There is substantial education given throughout the year to students whose classrooms visit the garden.

Garden news – Mount Weed will be made into Mount Beautiful on Oct. 16. The Girl Scouts will make stepping stones. Oregon rock donations are wanted. The undercover teaching area is being created by the Eagle Scout. Thank you to the District and PTA who helped pay for the new water spigots.

Book Fair (Heather Roberts) – October 20-24, 2014

The 2014 Book Fair will run Monday, Oct. 20 thru Friday, Oct. 24 and the theme is "Sir Read-a-Lot's Castle: The Kingdom of Books." Volunteers are needed and sheet was passed around. Also, contact Heather at robertshlm@yahoo.com.

Set-up is on Friday, Oct. 17, at 8:30 a.m. After school that day will be teacher previews. New this year, the Fair will be open after school Monday, Oct. 20 thru Wednesday with an exciting PJ Kick-Off Event on Monday evening at 5 p.m. Come in PJs and get a ticket to win prizes. The "Bagels and Books" event will be held on Thursday morning when Conferences kick-off. This is in place of the Grandparents event held in previous years. The Fair is open on Thursday and Friday during parent/teacher conference time (closing at 3 p.m. on Friday).

Our school sales help raise funds for others...Scholastic donates to other Title 1 schools, plus they donate books to kids in need.

A coin drive called "All for Books" will be the week prior to the Book Fair to increase awareness for the Fair and all proceeds allow us to directly purchase books for our library from our Book Fair inventory.

Art Literacy (Heather Roberts)

Assistants in many classrooms are still needed to help run the Art Lit program. A few teachers (Hagerman and Lidington) are still in need of a lead volunteer. May 14 will be Art Night (not affiliated with TEAF this time). TEAF night is TBD.

TEAF (Heather Roberts)

The TEAF kick-off is October 20. Individual TEAF class schedules will be sent home on Monday. Several classes still have space.

There are two science classes that need teachers (the kits/lesson plans are already done). Teachers from the school are not available for these two sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you know of someone interested, please contact Heather Roberts. It was mentioned that maybe the District's SEED instructors might be interested. Contact Margie Green at the District. Another resource might be college teaching students.

Money is always needed to run the program. The money funds the curriculum, teachers, and after-TEAF bus transportation. A TEAF website is being created and a donation button will be included.

Fall Harvest (Wendy O'Riley) – October 30, 2014

Planning is going well. Posters and flyers to send home are being prepared.

There is a need for baked good donations that can be dropped off at school on Friday, Oct. 30.

Winter Holiday (Cindy Krahnke) – December 12, 2014

The committee isn't meeting quite yet. Save the date for Dec. 12 from 6-8 p.m.

At this event students decorate gingerbread houses. The teachers build 350 graham cracker houses. The icing is provided and families bring candy and the foundation (cardboard, plate) to hold the house.

Local Option Levy Renewal – November 4 Election (Kristy Whaples)

Kristy Whaples is the local option levy awareness volunteer for Tualatin Elementary.

Election Information Advisory Committee – 100% volunteer base

What can you do to help support the levy?

- Signs provided for your car
- Sign up for yard signs
- Sign up to distribute door hangers (canvassing) – Oct 18-Oct 25 (anytime)
- Sign up to put labels and stamps on flyers
- If you wish to donate to help with this campaign, the max is \$50/individual; \$100/household (tax deduction for full amount).
- **Visit www.yestigardtualatin.com to volunteer or donate.**

Parent/Teacher Conferences Lunch (Katie Fercking) – October 23, 2014

On Oct. 23, Katie Fercking is working on providing lunch for the teachers. There will be a baked potato bar. The potatoes and chili are covered, but other donated toppings would be appreciated.

Can Drive (Robert Ferring) – October 22, 2014

Can Drive is Oct. 22! More information will be sent home soon.

Box Tops (Elena Whitaker)

Box Tops contest is going through Oct. 22. The classroom with the greatest number of Box Tops returned earns their class photo in the Hero Frame in the glass case in the Rotunda. The next contests will be in February and May.

QUESTIONS and COMMENTS

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

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NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 7 p.m. – School Library

A motion was made to adjourn, it was seconded and approved. President Amanda Thorderson adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Prepared by ~

Date presented: November 4, 2014

Sharell Lien, Secretary

Approved as Written or Amended

President

Secretary