

Tualatin Elementary School PTA
General Membership Meeting • October 1, 2013
(Held in the Tualatin Elementary School Library)

Meeting called to order at 7:25 p.m. by co-president Amie MacDonald. A quorum of members as stated in the standing rules was present. Cindy Krahnke is our time keeper.

The membership reviewed the September 10, 2013, meeting minutes. Nancy Otterson motioned to approve and the motion was seconded. Minutes, as written, were approved by the membership.

REPORTS

Principal report (Jamie Kingery)

We had a very successful **Back to School Night**. Thanks to the PTA and community members who attended and helped with the evening.

For the second straight year we achieved the highest rating in the state (5). As a Title One school when you get a 5, you are labeled a model school. It became official today (Oct. 1) that **Tualatin Elementary School is a model school**. This puts the school in the top 5 percent of all Oregon schools. It takes teamwork to get those results. Teachers, staff, administration, students, parents/families, and support organizations. Thank you.

Thank you to the library volunteers. We can't keep the doors open without the volunteers.

A report from the **Tualatin Public Library Summer Reading Program**: The summer reading program served almost 2,000 students. Kids logged 22,000 hours of reading. There were **209 TuES students who participated**. This makes a huge difference in the Fall when kids return to school. There are future partnerships being worked on to strengthen library/reading resources in our community.

HB2220 – Separates behavior grades from academic grades. Impacts secondary education more than elementary. The elementary report cards are mostly set with this in mind. There are some changes to the report card at the elementary level, but not until next Fall. If you have students in secondary education, talk to your teacher or administrator if you have question about the grading system.

Art in the Burbs – October 18-20, 2013 at Alberta Rider Elementary

A fund-raising effort of the TTSD Foundation. Original artwork for sale by more than 75 juried Northwest artists. A question was asked if the school receives some funds...yes, \$800 came to the school last year.

OMSI Family Night – Date will be March 17, 2014. This is a line item in the PTA budget. The price charged by OMSI has not increased. Families can meet at OMSI or at the school (free bus transportation).

Co-presidents' report (Jill McCarty)

There is a new form for asking for funding for something or to do a new event. Having the information ahead of the meeting is helpful. Please submit the form ahead of time to the Board to be sure all the information needed is available prior to the meeting.

Vice President's report (Courtney Kozak)

Volunteer opportunities:

- **Vision and Hearing Screening – Wednesday, October 9** (volunteers needed most of the day)
- **Art in the Burbs** needs volunteers. Let Courtney know and she will give you more information.

Treasurer's report (Elena Molau)

Check requests need to be submitted by the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month and checks will be delivered at the PTA meeting (first Tuesday) and then on the third Tuesday. Mailing the check may be an option, please include your address on the reimbursement form.

Membership report (Sharell Lien)

Forty-nine members were signed up before tonight and 7 new ones were received at this meeting! Thank you for your support of PTA. If you signed up before tonight's meeting, Sharell has your membership cards.

Membership cycle is July 1 through June 30. In order to vote at the meetings or handle money at events, please join now or renew your membership if you haven't done so from last school year.

BUSINESS

Guest: Tualatin Tomorrow (Sherilyn Lombos)

Sherilyn is the City Manager for Tualatin. She reported that Tualatin Tomorrow (community-driven vision for the future of Tualatin) has in progress or has completed 70% of the close to 300 action items that the City began collecting in 2007. Some of these include:

- CIOs (Citizen Involvement Organizations)
- Farmers Market
- Dog Park

Approximately 50% of the Tualatin community is new in the last six years. Sherilyn said the city administration wants to give these new community members the chance to help with the vision.

The City of Tualatin administration is asking people using person on the street interviews at community events – What do you want to see in the vision for the next 20 years? Some of the responses have been:

- Pickle Ball courts
- Skating rink on the lake!
- Expanded Library
- MAX line to Tualatin
- Change Tualatin's name
- Weak on education needs...drug use prevention, maintain our good schools, higher education in Tualatin, correct broken school funding

It is time to restock the action items/plan with new priorities. Share your vision today! Visit the website, www.tualatintomorrow.org

Guest: TTSD Foundation's SEED Program (Jill Armstrong)

What is SEED? A series of moderately-priced enrichment classes for students in the TTSD. These classes will be academically challenging with an emphasis on inquiry-based learning for students enrolled in grades 3-12 interested in exploring *additional* areas of science, mathematics, humanities, and the arts. The program is looking for help with program development, instructors, and a treasurer.

Chess class	Math	Interior design
Intro to engineering	Forensics	Debating/lobbying

First session is January 19 – March 16, 2014 (Sunday's from 2-3 p.m. at Tigard High School) Please help get the word out. Learn more at www.the-FTTS.org

Fall Harvest Festival (Wendy O'Riley)

Please mark your calendar for the Fall Harvest Festival! -- **October 18 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

At a recent meeting, everything was planned and leads established for each area (decoration, donations, set-up).

Cara mentioned the Fun Run has items not used that could be given away at some of the activities.

The next planning meeting is October 9, 7:30 p.m. at Shari's.

School Directory (Wendy O'Riley)

Form will be coming home soon. Waiting for it from the district printshop.

Carnival (Wendy O'Riley)

Wendy is working with someone from Bridgeport Elementary about a carnival.

Spirit Wear (Courtney Kozak)

There is a transition from current vendor for the Spirit Wear to another one. The new vendor, Cloud 9 Sports, has an online store available. Custom TuES socks are going to be made too.

Art Literacy (Heather Roberts)

There are 19 of 21 volunteers signed up. Button Blankets are the first activity as the students will study Native Americans. There will be six projects this year. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Heather.

Book Fair (Heather Roberts)

Dates are October 24 and 25. Sign up to help in two-hour time periods. Volunteer opportunities include set-up (Monday, October 21), sales during the days it is open, and tear down.

The theme is Reading Oasis -1,300 books is the sales goal...1,200 books were sold in the past. Mr. Kingery has agreed to dress up like a mummy if the kids reach their goal. There is also a door decorating contest.

On October 10, Scholastic order forms/handouts will be sent home.

Hours for the book fair are:

8 a.m.-4 p.m. (Thurs., Oct. 24)

8 a.m.-3 p.m. (Fri., Oct. 25)

There is a special Friday brunch on October 25 for the grandparents (9 a.m.).

Auction – April 5, 2014 (Heidi Wallace)

Monday, November 7, is the first planning meeting for the Auction. Location and time TBD.

If you haven't signed up yet...go to the PTA website to sign up on the Google doc.

There is an auction database that will be updated. There is an online component for donations where items can be added by a contributor.

Procurement letters to go out in a few weeks. If you know of someone at a company, please get those names to Heidi Wallace.

There are also opportunities to help planning the event. Seeking a location, theme, décor, etc. Auction date is April 5, 2014.

Last two auctions have been at the Home Builders Association. The space was maxed out last time. We need more space to allow more people to attend. There is a need for a different location, but it needs to be cost-effective too. Give any suggestions you have to Heidi.

Box Tops (Elena Whitaker)

The Popsicle campaign earned \$1,207.50 (check comes to school in December). The class with the most Box Tops collected will get a trophy for their classroom.

Elena is wondering if it would be possible to get a photo of the winning class and post it somewhere in the Rotunda.

Elena is also working on a Box Top Buddy program; partnering with local businesses who can collect Box Tops too. Elena has contacted Pixel Works and is looking at other businesses.

Library (Kathleen Cunnington and Jill Armstrong)

The Library is going strong...30 volunteers helping this year. More are always appreciated, however.

The minimum is one volunteer for each class...some have two, even three. If you can't help during a library session, other opportunities to help include covering books with contact paper, cleaning the library, and fixing (reordering) the books on the shelves.

The library is also looking for more book donations (hard back books are best). Chapter books can be soft-back and are appreciated as well.

Fun Run – Friday, October 4 (Cara McClung and Kelly Atkinson)

The Fun Run is Friday and collection envelopes are out! The prize level sheet and times of the run are included in the packets. A sign-up sheet is going around tonight. There is also a Google doc on PTA Elementary website to sign up for day-of activities.

Ribbon sales surpassed last year's sales. Tracking under budget for expenses too. Prizes are on display in the Rotunda glass case. Hope to pass the \$16,000 level for donations.

T-shirt order gets placed after Friday, otherwise other prizes go home on Friday. Mid-October is the doughnut party for kids who reached that level.

Teacher race is on Friday, October 9, at 9 a.m.

Mr. Kingery said *thank you* to everyone who is helping with this important fundraiser.

Walk+Bike to School Day! (Leslie Brenton, Sharell Lien)

Mark your calendars! Walk+Bike to School Day is October 9. Participation forms will go home on Monday, October 7. Leslie and Sharell have secured some donations and volunteers have signed up to help. You can help by just walking with kids or biking with them on this day!

Restaurant Night

Wednesday, October 23, restaurant night is at the California Pizza Kitchen at Bridgeport. The restaurant is donating 20% of their gross sales. Please take the flyer with you that will be on the PTA website, school newsletter, and it will go home with the kids.

Other possible places for future restaurant nights include:

- Burgerville
- Chipolte – 50% of net proceeds; could it go to the garden.
- McMenamin's – 50% of whole pub sales (net)

Give any ideas for restaurant night partnerships you have to Amy Zuckerman.

Scrip (Angela Tyler)

Scrip orders started Tuesday, September 24. We are in our second order week. October is a good time to buy for California Pizza Kitchen night. For orders turned in on Tuesday morning by 9 a.m., the Scrip will be ready by Thursday afternoon.

No sales the week of October 21 since there are conferences. All the rest of the weeks in October are order weeks.

Some companies give out gift cards to employees around the holidays. This can be a large amount of business...if you are involved at your company with this type procurement and would like to order from the Scrip program, please contact Angela.

Garden (Paul Taylor)

Sustainable Garden meetings are customarily the third Monday of the month.

However, the next one is Monday, October 7 at 2:45 p.m. at the school (Room 109; Soderquist). Join the Tualatin Elementary Sustainable Garden FB page to keep up to date with news about the garden and ways to get involved!

We are picking green tomatoes and watching them ripen. Some will go to the kitchen too. Other harvests are beets, beans, and potatoes. It is also the time of year to start pulling out the crops.

Work Party! 2nd Sunday of every month – October 13 from 1-3 p.m. is the next garden gathering. Dress according to the weather for a joyful gardening experience.

All classes in grades 1 through 5 have gone through the garden orientation. The Kindergarten meets up this coming Thursday. Mr. Taylor is teaching safe garden behavior.

Rules and expectations for our Sustainable Garden (beyond no tomfoolery!):

- 1) Walk in the garden (it isn't the playground).
- 2) Only enter the garden with a teacher, parent, or responsible adult.
- 3) Don't eat from the garden unless you are with an adult. It is a pesticide-free space, but there still could be things that you shouldn't eat.
- 4) Tools stay low to the ground.
- 5) Be kind to plants and critters in the garden; sticks aren't for whacking (remove yourself if you are fearful of the situation; please don't swat bees or kill the spiders).

TEAF is starting on October 21. Lesson plan is the same each week for the kids, but tailored to their age.

QUESTIONS and COMMENTS

Please send your PTA activity blurbs to Amy Zuckerman for the Bear Bulletin.

How could we track who we are contacting for donations so we don't hit them up? Maybe the committee chairs could track on a spreadsheet who they are contacting.

If you want to be on the agenda, please let Jill McCarty or Amie MacDonald know. If you have ideas for programs/speakers for the meetings, please share with one of the officers.

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NEXT MEETING (arrive at the earlier time to hear the featured speaker at the meeting):

Tuesday, November 5 – School Library

6:30 p.m. Speaker begins; 7 p.m. PTA meeting begins

Program/speaker: .Lynn Bird worked for TTSD for more than 15 years as a TAG teacher and Technology Specialist. She will share exciting websites and apps that are fun and educational.

Co-president Amie MacDonald adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Prepared by ~
Sharell Lien, Secretary

Date presented: November 5, 2013

Approved as Written or Amended

Co-president

Secretary

October Speaker – Kim DeMarchi

Kim DeMarchi, parenting coach, spoke at the October meeting about setting limits and making them stick. Learn more about Kim and hear her weekly podcast at www.empoweredparenting.com and www.passporttoparenting.com .

Thank you Kim for giving us some wonderful tips and reminders about sticking to limits!