

Tualatin Elementary School PTA
General Membership Meeting • March 11, 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 February 4, 2014, meeting minutes. Jill McCarty made a motion to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Jenn Hachmeister. Minutes, as written, were approved by a vote of the membership.

REPORTS

Principal report (Jamie Kingery)

Jamie reported the human growth and development preview night was tonight. It was the largest turnout over the past three years. Please go to your child's 5th grade teacher, if there are questions. If specific to the boys curriculum, go to Jamie.

The 5th grade program (Civil Rights concert) was last Thursday. Segments were added about Jackie Robinson and Rosa Parks. The concert was about 1 hour 15 minutes long. There were great responses from families and the students did wonderfully. Thank you Miss Myers and staff who were involved. Arts are critical to learning and the support received to make them happen is appreciated.

Thank you to the Heidi, Jenn, and others helping with the Auction.

Next week on Friday, March 21, from 9-10 a.m. the rescheduled recognition celebration for the Distinguished Title 1 School award will be held. Parents and families are invited and media will attend. Requirement to be nominated is two plus years of increased academic performance. The nomination is initiated from Oregon Department of Education then sent to the federal level. There were 59 schools who received recognition this year – Tualatin Elementary is one of them (only two in Oregon). The school received \$5,000 as part of the recognition. This money will go toward educational resources (staff, materials).

There was discussion about the 5th grade class activity being canceled. Because the event was taking place on a water craft 30 feet or longer, liability insurance for the District disallows this type of school-sanctioned event, even after-school events. It was too bad it couldn't be decided over the summer this last year. It was decided during this school year, which has caused great disappointment to students and staff who have enjoyed the tradition of the Jet boat ride on the Willamette (educational component included). If that same type of trip is done, it would have to be parent arranged and no school involvement. People are looking into replacement for the 5th grade trip that falls within District regulations.

Co-presidents' report (Amie MacDonald)

Amie received a request from the office staff...if you have anything being sent home or going into teacher boxes, also give a copy to the office so they can better answer questions that families ask.

The Jersey Mikes event raised \$1,452 for the TuES PTA.

The annual Oregon PTA Convention is coming up...April 4 and 5. Please let Amie know if you would like to go to represent the school's PTA. There are funds in the budget to cover your registration.

Treasurer's report (Elena Molau)

Elena shared a note from Miss Myers asking for funds to purchase an electronic ukulele (\$400). The group asked for a formal request to be considered at the next meeting.

As reported at the last meeting, the 3rd grader field trip was over budget by a small amount. There are funds available to cover this overage, as not all grades have used all their funds. The trip budget could use \$200 per grade level (or most grades) to cover field trip transportation. Jamie noted that transportation for schools (any activity) are all reimbursed 70%. The amount PTA or the school sees is only 30% of the transportation costs.

For the next budget cycle, increasing budgets to cover rising costs should be considered and consider putting all funds for field trips into one budget line item. A few years ago, the money was given back to the PTA to pay trip expenses, rather than the office taking care of the expenses with the money given to them by the PTA. The money given back was in separate buckets for each grade, so the budget was created in that fashion, however, it can be changed in the future.

Vice President's report (Amie MacDonald for Courtney Kozak)

A volunteer is needed Wednesdays from 9:55-10:55 a.m. to help with on-level reading and writing support in Soderquist's class.

The online Spirit Wear store will be available again at the end of the month. Black and red socks are still available through Courtney.

Membership report (Sharell Lien)

There are two new members to report from a family new to the school (Welcome!) – a total of 59 members for the 2013-2014 school year.

BUSINESS

Carnival (Wendy O'Riley)

Mark your calendars for Friday, May 30 at 5 p.m.!

Wendy let the group know parent volunteers are needed for the event, but mostly for bringing homemade or store-bought bakery items for the Cake Walk. There will be decorating to do, prior week promotion/sales, and initial help at the check-in station where families will pick up their per-purchased bracelets and food tickets or buy onsite. Key Club members will be paired with Ambassadors to help with activity stations. This will free-up most parents to join in with with kids.

There was a question about the District soda/beverage contract. Jamie said that in the past, school sanctioned events had to be Coke products, but the contract is up and now that doesn't matter.

There are many details being sorted out and committee is working on flyers, but aren't planning on promoting the event until after the Auction is over.

Wendy will talk to Linda Blackwood about PALA taking part in the Carnival.

To participate in the Carnival: The event is free to attend, but cost is \$5 for unlimited play bracelet (only needed if you are playing games and using inflatables); \$1 for each food ticket (prices for food items will vary from \$1-4). Some bracelets will be set aside for families who need assistance. Mrs. Gillam will help with this.

Auction – Saturday, April 5 (Heidi Wallace)

It is a great time to buy your tickets – the Auction is 4 weeks out! So far 56 seats are sold – 150 seats are the goal. The Facebook site has a link. The event is at Club Sport and there will be childcare available (for a fee - \$16/kid for 4 hours – 5:30-9:30 p.m.). Good news, the Auctioneer is donating his time. Emma Gray is the emcee for the evening.

Teacher experiences can be bought prior to the Auction night. One teacher experience is full. Each slot is \$25 per child. For example, the Kinder teacher experience is lunch with the teacher. Go to online bidding to purchase teacher experiences. The week before the Auction there will be a raffle for two spots per grade for the experiences. Cost is \$2.50 per entry.

Heidi commented that more high school events/experiences have been incorporated (bat boy, ball boy, cheerleader, etc.)

There is a work party on Sunday, March 21st for wrapping wine bottles. A notice will be placed on Facebook.

Heidi said a decision needs to be made on what the paddle raise funds will go to, as well as the Golden Ticket. Ideas discussed: complete the cost of risers for the music program (\$7,500), Tualatin Elementary Arts Foundation - TEAF (always in need of funds to keep the program going to sustain nominal cost for students to participate; Jamie is looking for a new TEAF coordinator too), irrigation in the sustainable garden, electronic ukelele for Miss Myers, and upgrading special education materials.

Awaiting a bid on the sustainable garden irrigation and it is possible funding source could be from Jersey Mike's fund raiser and Jamie offered the Principal discretionary fund money for the garden irrigation project.

For the special education curriculum, Jamie has the \$5,000 from the National Title 1 Distinguished School award that likely fits within the guidelines for use of the money.

Karen Burns made a motion to use the money raised from the Spring Scrip contest for music. The motion was seconded and passed.

Adrenaline Fund raising went to purchase the two new search computers for the Library and the balance will help purchase risers (more money is needed). Heidi made a motion for the PTA to commit to buying new risers (with side rails and back rails); replacing all the old ones. Motion was seconded and passed by a vote of the membership.

To help fund the remainder of the risers, the membership motioned, seconded, and voted to approve the following:

- Funds raised from the Golden Ticket for the Auction will go toward the additional cost needed to purchase risers [passed]
- Funds raised from the Paddle Raise for the Auction will go toward TEAF [passed]

Nominating Committee (Amie MacDonald)

Amie is looking for volunteers to be on the nominating committee for the 2014-2015 officer nominations. Leslie Brenton and Jill McCarty volunteered.

At the April meeting, nominations are made and voting occurs at the May meeting.

Scrip (Angela Tyler)

Remember: You can purchase Scrip for Kaady car washes for a discounted \$6 each – cheaper than the current \$7 cost for the wash.

Angela is looking for someone to fill the Scrip position for the next year. This could also be a shared position. Commitment: Tuesday morning (a few hours) and Thursday (few hours) – avg 3 hours per week.

A big THANK YOU to Angela for doing this for the past years. Scrip is an important source of income to fund additional needs for the school.

Garden (Paul Taylor)

The garden is an active place this time of year.

Students are taking part in the following: native plant talks, TEAF garden activities – potted house plants, career talks about landscape career (problem solving), brainstorming what would like to grow and what like to eat, and garlic and walla walla onion planting.

Next Work Party is April 13 from 1-3 p.m. – see you in the Garden!

Stuff the Bus (Christy Goodell)

Stuff the Bus is a Caring Closet event to collect donations for clothes, hygiene items (shampoo, etc.), sheets, and towels. Last two weeks of March is the time to donate. There is a bin in the rotunda.

Jeans and long sleeved shirts are needed (both boys and girls sizes 5-10). New underwear and socks are always needed.

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, April 1, 2014 – School Library
7 p.m. PTA meeting begins

Co-president Amie MacDonald adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Prepared by ~

Date presented: April 1, 2014

Sharell Lien, Secretary

Approved as Written or Amended

Co-president

Secretary