

Tualatin Elementary February 2021

PTA Meeting Minutes

02/02/2021 7:00PM

Introductions of the board

Business:

- Formal and Nominate Julia Vickery as Treasurer- Motion Carried
- Motion to approve December Minutes- Motion Carried

Pizza Night generated \$800 for the school

Garden Update! Sign up to volunteer via the Garden Facebook Page or PTA Website Garden Page.

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Jill and Katie from City of Tualatin presented upcoming transportation/construction near school (95th and Avery Project)

Principals report:

- Principals Storytime from the auction was a lot of fun and hope to do it again
- 2nd Quarter is ending-Friday NO SCHOOL, progress reports coming- help students get caught up
- We must work together to mitigate transmission as we get back to campus. We ask that everyone do their part. Excited to get back together and will do our best for both hybrid and distance learning
- Recommendation that everyone pays attention to the Black Bear Bits and Returning to School slides
- Shared info on the Community Meetings

Q&A Session about Return to School

- Schedule for distance learning will be similar and the teachers assignment will be similar. We are better able to staff the AM/PM model. Adjustments as needed. We are accommodating Staff choice/changes as well. Student numbers are the biggest factor.
- Mid to late March is still our date to come back
- PreK-1st will be the first groups to start. Preschool will not return to Tualatin Elementary until Fall 2021. 2nd and 3rd will start about a week later but it could be up to grade 5.
- Lead time to give families further information no later than 2 weeks before return
- Timelines will be different for AM cohort from PM cohort and down time will be time for services.
- No date yet for in person
- Bussing: You will select transportation along with your selection for hybrid or distance. Meal services as well. We need all three selections to be made.

- Start date and schedules should be released soon as soon as the date is finalized.
- Recess and monitors: Because we have 2.5 hours, teachers are responsible for recess and we will fit it in as best we can with movement breaks etc.
- Mask wearing in school required as well as outside at this time
- School photos: we plan to still try to get in school photos. We do still have a contract with our existing company for those.
- Walk through of the day (AM Cohort example) 8:25-10:55 Morning Meeting/Class Meeting, Reading, Math, Break. Same routine in the afternoon. 1 ½ in between for disinfecting, teacher breaks and transportation etc.
- Snack/Meal Services for in-person learning: The goal is for meals to be at home with plenty of distance and not taking masks off. We'll be able to figure out snacks tho, even if they need to be outside.
- AM/PM Cohorts trying to keep the groups balanced by going by last name but can make small adjustments as best we can. We cannot make promises at this time. We understand flexibility is important.
- Additional days off for returning to school to prepare, discussions in the works. Will communicate as soon as possible.
- We may need to ask parents if they are willing to switch to the AM/PM cohort.
- AM 8:25-10:55 PM 12:25-2:55 depending on students transportation
- Schedule and Curriculum for distance learning students will remain the same. Any small adjustments will be clearly communicated.
- End of the year should look the same. Any adjustments will go out immediately. June 16th is the same at this time and nothing telling us to expect differently.
- Recording to the Community Meeting is available through the Black Bear Bits.
- No return date yet, but expect that soon from the Superintendent and School Board.
- We understand this continues to be a challenging time. Communicate with teachers any questions you are having.
- PreK-1 will start first and then 2nd on up will start a week later hopefully.
- We always NEED school volunteers but cannot have parent volunteers at this time. School staff

only. If anything changes, we'll keep everyone informed. Please do renew your volunteer registration as soon as you can so we are ready as soon as we can have volunteering again.

We cannot stress our appreciation as a staff enough for the cooperation from our school family. So many positives! We have never worked so hard to understand our families. We ask for your continued grace, patience and feedback for this next phase.

Next meeting is March 2nd.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Kingery if you need anything.

Veronica Aguilar joined to say hello and introduce herself as the family resource advocate

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