

Tahoma Elementary School PTO
January 2026 General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 15th, 2026

Meeting Began: Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Liz Karkoski-Gardner

Attendance:

On Zoom: Teresa Eccles, Nicole Tronvig, Dave Gardner, Liz Karkoski-Gardner, Karin Morea, Alicia Small, Corie Jeske, Sarah Shaw, Cathy McDonald

Motion to approve November meeting minutes by Teresa Eccles, 2nd by Dave Gardner
Approved

New Business:

- Nominating committee has to be formed by March, voting for next year takes place May
 - All positions on the board are open; descriptions and applications will be coming out over the next few months
- Yard sale signs for 5th graders
- 5th grade picnic tentative June 15th - PTO provides pizza

Principal's Report: given by Nicole Tronvig

- Report cards coming out soon
- Jerry's retirement announcement 😞

Teacher Update: given by Teresa Eccles

- Teachers feeling weight of all that is going on; support of PTO and volunteers is important
- Flyers went home for volunteer and family appreciation night in February; child care will be available. Attendees do not need to be volunteers.

Officer's Reports:

President: given by Liz Karkoski-Gardner

- Round table meeting today (meeting with other PTO/A Presidents from the district)
- Levy renewal ballots coming soon; voting 2/10
- Camp Casey for 5th grade students; PTO will donate \$50/5th grade student. Sweatshirts can be purchased; being printed locally through local business; parent information coming out late January
- Shout out to how much we miss Jerry

Treasurer: Given by Cathy McDonald

- Mid-year audit in place
- PTO working on plans to celebrate Jerry
- Budget updated on website

Fundraising: given by Karin Morea for Katie Van Patten

- Regal Cinema campaign; flyers coming home soon
- Bingo and Spaghetti night April 17th - looking for volunteers
 - Would need prizes donated
- Other ideas
 - Top Golf- March 8th
 - Mariners - looking for a volunteer to take over the Mariner's fundraiser

Committee Reports

Yearbook: update given by Karin Morea

- Cover contest winners chosen
- Yearbook 5th graders dedications coming out next week
- 281 yearbooks ordered

Staff Appreciation: update given by Karin Morea

- Tuesday, January 20th is a Stay Healthy Bar
- Brainstorming for Feb

Popcorn: No update

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Book Fair: update given by Alicia Small

- 41 teacher gifts; \$6700 back to classroom
- \$30,000 in gross sales - only open for 30 hours!
- \$19 average transaction
- Stage had a lot of space
- Spring book fair BOGO can be offered at Cub Fest

Summer Cub Fest: update given by Liz Karkoski-Gardner

- Will continue to move from carnival theme to festival theme - live band, food trucks, face painting, balloons, bouncy houses. No carnival games or prizes, just yard games.
- Friday, June 12th

Roaring Readers: No update

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Watch Dogs: No update

- In need of volunteers
- Will try and recruit at the dance

Movie Night: given by Dave Gardner

- Friday, Feb 13th - Dogman

- Friday, May 29th - 5th grade movie night

Dance update: given by Liz Karkoski-Gardner

- Friday, January 30th - Neon Western
- Sign-up genius coming out
- Amy Moore and Autumn Clark working on decorations
- Black lights and backdrops on their way
- Cub Packs going on sale soon!

Social Media: No update

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Membership update: No update

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Spirit Wear: given by Liz Karkoski-Gardner

- Shop closed, Liz to contact about re-opening

Gift a Book: update given by Cathy McDonald

- Started last month
- Have 8 donations so far

Art Docent: No update

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 18th, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Minutes compiled by Karin Morea, PTO Secretary