

Tahoma Elementary School PTO
May 2025 General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 27th, 2025, Zoom

Meeting Began: Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm by Liz Karkoski-Gardner

Attendance:

On Zoom: Cathy McDonald, Liz Karkoski-Gardner, Teresa Eccles, Jake & Corie Jeske, Jerry Gaston, Karin Morea, Katie Van Patten, Alicia Small

Motion to approve March meeting minutes by Liz Karkoski-Gardner, 2nd by Teresa Eccles.
Approved

New Business:

- Motion to approve Brittany Whittman as a board member for 25-26 (Co-Fundraising Chair); Approved.
- Brittany will also be helping with social media
- Volunteer interest form went out in Cub News
- Kindergarten play date scheduled for August 21st 5-7pm

Principal's Report: given by Jerry Gaston

- 3 teachers are taking a leave of absence for the school year, Kelly Smith (Nicole Eccles will replace); Julie Gere (K), Julie Rude (5th)
- Renee Kuehn will be new instructional coach
- Completed state testing
- Class placements in motion for the fall
- Mrs. Fritz will be moving to 4th grade next year (5 sessions of every grade!)
- Projector update - work begins the week after school gets out
- Friday, August 22nd is back to school kick off for staff

Teacher Update: given by Teresa Eccles

- Added links to the carnival sign-up
- Thank you for how much the PTO donated this year

Officer's Reports:

President: given by Liz Karkoski-Gardner

- Round table wrapping up for the year; last session next week; discussion around using less of the fundraising companies and how we can raise money without using losing money to the vendor
- Back to school BBQ being planned for early September
- No Camp Casey update
- We now own a three tank slushie machine!

Treasurer: Given by Cathy McDonald

- April budget was reconciled and posted
- End of year audit planned for July

Fundraising: given by Katie Van Patten

- Rainier baseball game was April 26th - made \$300
- Panda Express was Friday, May 9th - nationwide, made \$110
- Mariner's night is May 30th - 138 tickets sold
- For next year - exploring Harlem Wizards, Sno King ice arena, lots of repeats planned, thinking of a bingo night

Committee Reports

Yearbook: update given by Karin Morea

- 625 ordered!
- 5/29 - delivery date

Staff Appreciation: update given by Karin Morea

- Coffee truck - June 9th, menu has been sent to Tara for teachers to complete

Popcorn: given by Cathy McDonald for Patsy Gonzalez

- Date moved to 6/16

Book Fair: update given by Alicia Small

- BOGO Book fair at carnival, in courtyard
- Books being delivered Thursday and stored on stage
- Slightly less books, 8 cases (based on sales)

Summer Cub Fest (carnival) update: given by Liz Karkoski-Gardner

- June 6th
- Set-up sign up is out
- Ready for the day of!
- Vendors are booked
- Inflatables are booked - volunteers get VIP access to all the things
- Presale - over 100 sold as of today

Roaring Readers: given by Greta Huntley

- No update

Watch Dogs: given by Brooke Martinson

- No update

Movie Night: given by Dave Gardner

- 5th grade movie night was a success
- 4 movie nights!

Dance update: none

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Social Media: given by Katie Van Patten

- None

Membership update: given by Cathy McDonald

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Spirit Wear: given by Liz Karkoski-Gardner

- Spirit wear will be available at the carnival
- May return to Cloud 9 next year

Art Docent: given by Molly Christensen

- No update

Next Meeting: September 2025

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm

Minutes compiled by Karin Morea, PTO Secretary