

Tahoma Elementary School PTO November 2024 General Meeting Minutes

November 6th, 2024, TES library and Zoom

Meeting Began: Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Liz Karkoski-Gardner

Attendance:

In-person: Karin Morea, Alicia Small, Liz Karkoski-Gardner, Cathy McDonald, Autumn Clark, Teresa Eccles

On Zoom: Molly Christensen, Dave Gardner, Katie Van Patten, Jerry Gaston, Annie Dinsmore, Amy Moore, Jake Jeske, Patsy Gonzalez

Motion to approve September meeting minutes by Autumn Clark, 2nd by Alicia Small.
Approved

New Business:

- Autumn Clark motions to approve Katie Van Patten as our new fundraising chair; Alicia Small 2nd. Approved.

Principal's Report: given by Jerry Gaston

- 4 district goals; 2 to focus on tonight
 - Attendance goal. Illness and family vacation top 2 reasons. Mr. Gaston speaking with Nurse Tina and custodial staff.
 - Staff culture - goal is that every employee highly recommends the district as a great place to work. 80 of TES staff responded to the TES survey, one employee would not recommend their team, 100% would recommend TES and 14 wouldn't recommend the district.
- PTO is great and appreciated!

Teacher Update: given by Teresa Eccles

- No questions or concerns from staff
- A lot of compliments - fundraiser was wonderful, fundraiser was low stress for staff, prize delivery was great and low impact, food was appreciated on staff appreciation day, recess team wants to thank PTO for popcorn Friday
- Big Band Parent Appreciation Night, Feb 12th! Working on a child care option.

Officer's Reports:

President: given by Liz Karkoski-Gardner

- Round table meeting for PTO presidents and vice presidents at the district level; Camp Casey was discussed at the last meeting. Part of camp is paid by the district, then each PTO contributes \$50 per student. This year, the district received an \$170,000 outdoor grant that will help cover Camp Casey. All scholarship students will be covered by the

grant. Instead of the \$50 per student PTOs will be providing the Camp Casey sweatshirts.

- May - Wizard basketball game

Treasurer: Given by Cathy McDonald

- Budget is posted on the website; password protected for PTO members
- As of Monday, \$40,092 has been raised from the dance, hoping to start auditorium updates soon.

Fundraising: given by Katie Van Patten and Autumn Clark

- Feedback on dance-a-thon on what it actually was (laps was confusing, no black lights and dance longer)
- As of Monday, \$40,092 has been raised from the dance
- Friday, March 14th - Thunderbirds game 7pm
 - Will be paired with a MOD pizza night in Kent Station
 - Could we match it with the choir night (3/22)?
- Rainier baseball game being explored

Committee Reports

Yearbook: update given by Karin Morea

- Returning to hard cover
- Yearbook cover contest begins in November
- Delivery date determined
- Will schedule a date for Dorian to come and take the 5th grade photo

Staff Appreciation: update given by Karin Morea

- October 28th
- Next one November 21st

Popcorn: given by Patsy Gonzalez

- No updates

Book Fair: update given by Alicia Small

- Book fair is scheduled November 14th-22nd so crunch time!
- Will be set up in the art room
- Book Fair flyers went out this week; scholastics flyers will go out Friday or Monday
- Every class will go twice, once during art and once at a time chosen by the teacher
- Need more volunteers - 36 openings!
- \$100 scholastic dollars for teachers
- Book fair preview on the 14th before school, information about this going out on Friday
- Pencil pull again!
- Sign up for ewallets!
- PTO table during parent night on 11/20 4:30-8:00, access only from the gym side

- \$10 scholarships will be available
- \$5 good behavior book fair rewards given at recess

Carnival update: given by Liz Karkoski-Gardner

- June 6th

Roaring Readers: given by Greta Huntley

- We've started!

Watch Dogs: given by Brooke Martinson

- No update

Movie Night: given by Dave Gardner

- November 22nd - Shrek
- Movie night cub pack will include a charm or patch for members
- Custom TES M&Ms!
- Licorice ropes are back!
- 3 movies this year - November, Feb and April
- 5th grade only movie planned for end of year

Talent Show: given by Liz Karkoski-Gardner

- Patsy Gonzalez interested in helping
- Need committee

Dance update: given by Amy Moore

- Tentatively scheduled for January 24th
- Theme will be under the sea
- Need to smooth out point of purchase items

Social Media: given by Katie Van Patten

- Katie looking to start an instagram page

Membership update: given by Cathy McDonald

- Membership package that includes yearbook ended 10/31
- Membership cost is \$30

Spirit Wear: given by Autumn Clark and Liz Karkoski-Gardner

- Is live on the website
- Live - hats, hoodies, stickers, tumblers, jibbitz, beanie, world changer and cub patches
- Coming - shirts, pins
- Distribution will be monthly
- Vendor list being created with critical timelines for future PTO board members

Art Docent: given by Molly Christensen

- No update

Next Meeting: tentatively scheduled Thursday, January 16th 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm

Minutes compiled by Karin Morea, PTO Secretary