

Tahoma Elementary School PTO
September 2025 General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 23rd, 2025

Meeting Began: Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Cathy McDonald

Attendance:

In person: Karin Morea, Cathy McDonald, Corinne Shaw

On Zoom: Liz Karkoski-Gardner, Corie Jeske, Katie Van Patten, Alicia Small, Molly Christensen, Ashley Barrett, Annie Dinsmore, Sarah Shaw, Jennifer Lorenz

Motion to approve May meeting minutes by Alicia Small, 2nd by Liz Karkoski-Gardner.
Approved

New Business:

- Board introductions
- New board member approval, Brittany Wittman, fundraising co-chair. Approved.
- Membership cost, \$35 family, \$20 staff. Additional yearbooks \$20, Non-member yearbooks \$45. Current memberships - 154 members, 48 staff
- Approve standing rules, changes include removing specific committee chairs. Approved.
- Volunteer needs - Veteran's Day reception committee chair; November 5th after assembly. Ashley Barrett and Corrine Shaw willing to help.

Principal's Report: given by Jerry Gaston

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Teacher Update: given by Teresa Eccles

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Officer's Reports:

President: given by Liz Karkoski-Gardner

- First round table, all the PTO presidents attend and share updates and issues. We will have a levy and bond coming up, representatives will attend the November meeting.

Treasurer: Given by Cathy McDonald

- Budget overview and approval. Approved.
- Budget can be found online, it isn't password protected now but will be shortly and members can view with log-in

Fundraising: given by Katie Van Patten

- No sale fundraiser
 - Goal \$20,000, currently \$1664

- Prizes:
 - \$5,000 - TES sticker
 - \$10,000 - hair dyeing
 - \$15,000 - extra recess
 - \$20,000 - Slushies at the dance
- Kick-off September, Monday, September 22
- End Friday, October 17th
- Dance - Friday, October 24th (fall-theme)
- MOD pizza Saturday, September 27th
- Thunderbirds November 14th
- Other ideas
 - Top Golf
 - Sno King
 - Mariners

Committee Reports

Yearbook: update given by Karin Morea

- Theme has been chosen, pages have started to be built

Staff Appreciation: update given by Karin Morea

- First date: Monday, October 27th
- Thanks to Corie Jeske for offering to help with staff appreciation

Popcorn: given by Cathy McDonald for Patsy Gonzalez

- Up and running, first one went well

Book Fair: update given by Alicia Small

- New for this year - on the stage instead of the art room
- November 17th-21st, evening will be the same evening as evening conferences
- Cathy McDonald will be co-chair, Molly Christensen offered help

Summer Cub Fest update: given by Liz Karkoski-Gardner

- No update

Roaring Readers: given by Cathy McDonald for Greta Huntley

- Reading logs went out

Watch Dogs: given by Cathy McDonald and Jeskes for Brooke Martinson

- Anyone can be a watch dog (with volunteer clearance); sign-up on website

Movie Night: given by Cathy McDonald for Dave Gardner

- Friday, November 21st - Lego Batman Movie 6:30

Dance update: none

- October 24th - for the fundraiser, less bells and whistles than the Jan dance
- January 23rd

Social Media: given by Katie Van Patten

- New Instagram page! @TESCUBSPTO

Membership update: given by Cathy McDonald

- Current memberships - 154 members, 48 staff
- October 31st deadline for free yearbook

Spirit Wear: given by Katie Van Patten

- BSN Sports - Seattle based company, all spirit wear can be found online and will be open year round. Ships directly to home, at cost. We may consider a bulk order in the future.
- Every Thursday is TES day!
- Last year's inventory will be at the dance at a discounted rate

Art Docent: given by Molly Christensen

- Art docents volunteer in classrooms to teach an art lesson, some teachers are interested in having an art docent and others are not. Some teachers will send out a request if interested, others depend on the PTO. Should be more art based than craft based.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 19th, 2025 (will be rescheduled)

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Minutes compiled by Karin Morea, PTO Secretary