

PTA Meeting Minutes

John W. Tolbert, Jr Elementary

Thursday March 4, 2021

7:00 PM

President Rachael Tallerico called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. In attendance were

Rachael Tallerico- President, Theresa Wesley- Treasurer, Zaina Brown- VP Family Events, Julie Bruno- VP After School Programs, Erin Lau – Secretary, Dana Bober- Assistant Principal, Jaimi Hecht- 4th grade teacher, Sarah O’Hare - Kindergarten teacher, Sarah Winsheimer – 5th grade teacher

Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes were posted on the Tolbert PTA website. There were no changes to the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

Officer Reports

President’s Report: Rachael Tallerico

- Sprout – the teachers were very responsive to get their supply lists and Rachael will send to Sprout. We will probably start selling supply kits for next year some time in May.
- Rachael proposed the nomination committee for next year’s PTA board of Brian Wilson, Preet Ahluwalia, Tyler Mckee, Lori Martorana. It was seconded and approved.
- Asking board members to nominate someone for next year’s PTA.
- Next PTA meeting will be Thursday April 8th since April 1st is during Spring Break.

Secretary: Erin Lau

- Please get all newsletter updates to Erin by March 22nd.

Treasurer: Theresa Wesley

- Budget- we are still healthy.
- There is still money left in the budget.
 1. \$639 left in DL/tech grant for Ms. Mullen
 2. Still have not received requests for reimbursement for 4th grade mini-grant for Virginia Studies periodicals. Ms. Hecht will follow up with 4th grade teachers.
 3. \$250 grant for specialists
 4. Kindergarten and 2nd grade have not used their \$500
 5. \$150 SPED grant
- Looking for 3 volunteers to be on the audit committee this summer to audit the PTA books.

Vice President of Family Events: Zaina Brown

STEM Night

- STEM night is Wed 3/10. Filled requests for all 50 bags. We will publish the supply list in the week ahead and on the PTA website. It will be a YouTube play list with the experiments.

Movie Night

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- Since the current outdoor gatherings are restricted to 25 people we will not be doing a Heritage movie night this year.
- Food Truck Event 5/14. Rachel Bryson is working on getting food trucks. Depending on outdoor restrictions it will either be a grab and go or possibly we can have an outdoor gathering.
- Still working on planning another scavenger hunt as well as another book give away.
- Rachael Tallerico also discussed the PTA's desire to plan another community wide event such as a virtual game night with budget we have left, but we are still looking in to what type of event and feasibility of doing this.

Vice President Fundraising – Dana Laukuf – reported by Rachael Tallerico

- We have 5 sponsors to go out in the Spring Camp Newsletter that will be coming out later this month.

Committee Reports

SEAC Report: Dana Bober

- meeting on 3/3- topic transition plan for college students
- 3/25 6:30-7:30 presentation to help children with anxiety during COVID.
- Beth Barts presented key School Board dates 3/9 – discussion of summer learning, 3/23 – hybrid mitigation discussion, May survey for next year
- Discussion of COVID Recovery Service for students whose IEP goals could not be met during school shutdown, DL and hybrid. This service is not automatic and parents of student's with IEPs that were affected need to reach out for this service.

Staff Appreciation: April Wharton (reported by Rachael Tallerico)

- We had a welcome back breakfast for the staff in February. It was very much appreciated and enjoyed by the staff.
- Hoping to do another event this month and something for teacher appreciation week

MSAAC: Zaina Brown

- meeting 2/17 –Topic Diversity. 80% of Loudoun County teachers are white. Working to recruit more diversity through programs such as Grow Our Own, that recruits current seniors to sign letters or interest and work with County teachers to come back and teach in Loudoun.

Principal Reports

- Almost the entire Tolbert staff that chose to get the vaccine has had their 2nd dose of the vaccine.
- There was a very smooth transition back to hybrid.
- SOL testing schedule is on the Tolbert website and teachers will be communicating to parents.

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Adjournment

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