

PTA Meeting Minutes

John W. Tolbert, Jr Elementary

Thursday November 5, 2020

7:00 PM

President Rachael Tallerico called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. In attendance were

Rachael Tallerico- President, Theresa Wesley- Treasurer, Zaina Brown- VP Family Events, Dana Laukhuf- VP Fundraising, Julie Bruno- VP After School Programs, Erin Lau – Secretary, Sabrina Soto – VP Membership, Olivia Henson, Susan Mullen- Principal, Melissa Mehalchick-Dean of Students, Dana Bober- Assistant Principal, Jaimi Hecht- 4th grade teacher, Dabney Erickson- 3rd grade teacher, Victoria Klier- 2nd grade teacher. Vickie Galer- 5th grade teacher, Nikki Krepenivch- Kindergarten teacher, Casey - parent

Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes were posted on the Tolbert PTA website. There were no changes to the minutes. Erin Lau motioned for the minutes to be approved from the October 1st PTA meeting and Susan Mullen seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Officer Reports

President's Report: Rachael Tallerico

Discussion about t-shirt sales

- We hope people are excited about our new tshirt design. Sales end this week.

Chalk Walk

- Some PTA members and their families chalked the sidewalk at Tolbert to welcome the hybrid students back. Everyone loved their welcome back for the hybrid students. We will do the chalk walk again when the grades 3-5 hybrid come back.

School Supply Kits

- Its time to start thinking about signing the contract for the school supply kits for next year. There was one complaint about the quality of the items in the kit, but overall it has been successful. Rachael will plan on moving forward with the contract for school supplies.

Survey

- Planning on sending out a survey to identify ideas for future events and what families need from the PTA.

Secretary: Erin Lau (reported by Julie Bruno)

- The next newsletter will be December 7th.
- If anyone has anything for the newsletter, email Erin by November 27th.

Treasurer: Theresa Wesley

- Budget- we have brought in \$6600 so far,
- Budget- our expenses have been about \$12000,

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Vice President of Family Events: Zaina Brown

Book Give Away

- The book give away had about 25-35 families attend and take books home
- We plan on having another one and hopefully having it in the neighborhood or at the school or paired with a Book Bus stop.

Scavenger Hunt

- 60 families signed up and 30 families participated.
- Feedback was families that participated really enjoyed it.

Reflections

- Entries are due tomorrow Nov 6th.
- We have judges for every category.
- We will look in to ways to display and highlight all of the entries maybe a wevideo.or post on school's social media accounts.

2nd Semester events – brainstorming

- Reading Buddies Program
 - PTA has a Schoology page that we could use for meetings and breakout rooms
 - Run on asynchronous Mondays
 - Grades 3-5 pair off and read to K-2
 - Discussion with Ms. Mullen about incorporating program into student's playlists
- Drive In Bingo
- Food truck event – Rachel Bryson is looking in to for Spirit Night
- Movie Night
 - Partner with Heritage High School movie night
 - Follow up with Alamo Drive in
- STEM night
 - Give away supplies for experiment
 - Live stream of teacher doing the experiment
 - Have kids show us doing their experiment

Vice President of Fundraising: Dana Laukhuf

Fundraising Letter

- We raised \$4300 through our direct donations letter
- We met the minimum amount we needed to raise but this means the funds we hoped to use towards a playground refresh will no longer be available for the playground and will be used up in this years budget.
- Dana is focusing on establishing relationships with our existing sponsors

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Vice President of Membership: Sabrina Soto

- We currently have 116 members (including staff)
- Looking for ideas to increase membership in 2nd semester

Committee Reports

SEAC Report: Dana Bober

- Dana had technical difficulties getting into the SEAC meeting but had looked at the information and would follow up with Bobbi

Staff Appreciation: April Wharton (reported by Olivia Henson)

- Signup Genius for Thanksgiving Pies will be sent out. Asking for monetary donation to purchase pies. Wegmans is donating \$100
- Provided Jersey Mikes lunch for teachers
- Provided treats for bus driver and cafeteria appreciation.

5th Grade Party Reported by Rachael Tallrico

- No decision yet on doing flock fundraising
- Melinda is looking into doing a food truck fundraiser
- Ms. Galer said the 5th grade teachers are already looking into the 5th grade class tshirts

Principal Reports

- Susan thanked the PTA for all we do. They loved the chalk walk, teachers lunch and appreciation gifts.
- Susan gave the ok to do the chalk walk on school property with social distancing and masks worn when the grade 3-5 hybrid goes back.
- There will be a town hall meeting on Monday to discuss the next survey for 2nd semester choices
- If a family does not fill out the survey the default choice is hybrid NOT what you chose for the first semester.
- Susan allowed those at the meeting to ask questions about the upcoming survey for the 2nd semester. Some things that were discussed were that the survey does not make any promises as far as teachers. The Tolbert administration will do their best to make minimal teacher changes but this the survey and its options and are not in their hands.

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General Discussion Points

- Brainstorming on how to get the word out on what the PTA does
- Advertise more for meetings with Agenda
- Highlight why PTA board members joined the PTA board
- Discussion of the pros and cons of PTA virtual meetings and attendance
- Share PTA meetings as a forum for sharing thoughts and questions with Admin team
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Adjournment

- Adjournment 8:28pm