

TES Parent Teacher Group Meeting

November 8, 2018

1. Lisa called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. Present: Lisa Magnus, Kathryn Anderson, Tricia Tallman, Stephanie Wilcox, Brianne Jenkins, Amber Shireman, Laura Cherry, Lindsay Cantlen, Michelle McDowall, Beth Atkerson
3. Guest Presentation
 - a. Michelle Mudder from Girl Scouts of America presented to the group about starting a Girl Scout troop at TES. They held an information night and four girls signed up, however one more student and adult volunteer is needed in order for the group to establish. This will be for a 2nd/3rd grade "Brownie" group. Michelle is hoping to get the word out to gain additional members for the group, there is a charge to use Peach Jar. Lisa brought up we could information could be sent home in folders for eligible students. Stephanie noted info was also posted on the Facebook page and will be again. The group is open to all community members, Ridgeview does not have a Girl Scout troop either.
4. Principal Update
 - a. Nicki was ill and unable to make the meeting, however updates were sent:
 - b. Socktober was a success again! 899 pairs of socks were donated this year! Catholic Community Services will be picking up the donations soon.
 - c. The Civil War Box Top contest is well underway! The Ducks are currently in the lead.
 - d. Nicki will be meeting with Chris Reirsgaard regarding parking during events.
 - e. Conferences are coming up soon.
 - f. The Book Fair will be happening November 27th to 30th. Serena Wolf is going to be needing volunteers to work at the fair as well as assist with set-up and take down.
 - g. Movie Night is in the process of being planned. The movie license is valid for one year, so the plan is to purchase it in January. The first movie night will be sometime in January.
5. District Update
 - a. The search for a new Superintendent is still underway.
 - b. There is no parent advisory update.
6. Teacher Liaison Update
 - a. The theme for the read-a-thon for this year was discussed. Teachers are wondering if it is still for technology. There is a need within Kindergarten for 15 more devices in order for all students to be able to use iReady. An action item to contact Katie Stiles regarding the cost of iPads was added so the PTG can have a number to consider before moving on with this request. Lisa proposed the read-a-thon for this year will be for technology. It had been briefly discussed at previous meetings that it center on bullying, however the group agreed technology will be the topic to focus on this year.
 - b. Kathryn reported the teachers are very grateful for the money the PTG provided to allow for Reflex to continue.
 - c. Katie Stiles also sent input regarding a STEM/STEAM night at the school her kids attend. She is glad to share feedback from what their school has done. The Springfield Public Library also has STEM/STEAM kits. Laura Cherry will touch base with Katie.
 - d. An email recently went out regarding a video or podcast called "conscious discipline". This will be added to the end of next month's agenda so we can look at it and decide if we want to include that in our agenda for Safety Night.
 - e. Katie Stiles also mentioned that Jamba Juice goes to Ridgeview and passes out smoothies after their jog-a-thon. This may be something we can look into for next year.

7. Collaborative Art Project Update

- a. Beth reported that she took feedback from last year into account in considering projects for this year. She feels it is valuable for students to be able to work with art supplies and was a very positive experience for them.
- b. Beth has worked to create an Amazon wish list of supplies so parents can purchase supplies if they are so inclined. The wish list has been named "2018-2019 Collaborative Art Projects" although it has not yet been made public. She has planned 3rd to 5th grade projects so far and plans to work on planning for the younger grades over winter break.
- c. Given what she has planned, Beth is requesting \$1,100 for supplies for this year. An initial investment in supplies last year means that many things can be reused this year. Trisha noted there is already \$1,000 allotted in the budget for the Collaborative Art Projects.
- d. The question of how the art projects are planned to be distributed this year was raised. Last year, an auction was discussed, but in the end a raffle was decided. There was also talk after Family Fun Night last year about making the raffle tickets for the art projects the same price as the other raffles to eliminate confusion. Raffle tickets for the art projects were more expensive in order to recoup some of the cost that went into creating them. Stephanie will do a Facebook poll to find out how parents and teachers feel about the idea of a raffle versus an auction. Lisa mentioned this would be a good time to bring up the next agenda item of a community donation.

8. Community Donation

- a. Dr. Matthew Epperson, the local orthodontist who made a donation to the PTG last year, has kindly offered to do so again. In discussing a donation with him, Lisa mentioned she wanted to ensure his donation is adequately recognized and felt if the donation went towards a specific project, it would be positive. Lisa asked the group to table the discussion about the art projects until she is able to discuss things further with Dr. Epperson. She will update the group after she speaks with him.

9. Calendar Update

- a. The SCRIP order is in the process of being totaled. Stephanie will get us an update at the next meeting. There was a better response than last year.
- b. Cheetah Gear is currently out.

10. Fundraisers

- a. November is the "Month of Giving". Last year, \$500 was raised for TES families in need.
- b. The Tree of Joy is in the process of being put up. Tags are expected to be out by conferences.

11. Student Drop Off/Pick Up

- a. The meeting with Lieutenant McKee has not been able to happen yet due to schedule conflicts. The group agreed a meeting with him would still be beneficial. Bike lane parking is still an issue as well.

12. Dinner Nights Out

- a. Christina Wolf usually takes on this project, a member of the board will check in with her.

13. Family Fun Night Status Check

- a. Laura reported bounce houses have been secured. We have the obstacle course and a bounce house reserved. The fee did go up \$10 from last year.
- b. Lindsay and Andrea Brandsma have agreed to take on basket coordination this year. Andrea is coordinating the 3rd grade basket, Laura volunteered to coordinate the Kindergarten basket.
- c. Track Town pizza has been confirmed.
- d. Les Schwab supplied water bottles for the jog-a-thon and has offered to donate for Family Fun Night as well.
- e. Beth volunteered to speak with teachers about the student/teacher experiences raffle.

14. Event Updates

- a. Sasha is checking into Splash night. We will check in with her at the next meeting.

15. Meeting Adjourned at 7:06 pm

Submitted by Brianne Jenkins, PTG Secretary