

# TES Parent Teacher Group Meeting

March 1, 2018

1. Lisa called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
2. Present: Lisa Magnus, Nicki Gorham, Tricia Tallman, Stephanie Wilcox, Brianne Jenkins, Kathryn Anderson, Amber Shireman, Erin Chamberlain, Beth Atkerson, Christina Wolf, Carole Sylliaasen, Laura Cherry
3. Principal Update
  - a. Winter math diagnostics and benchmarking has just been completed. Fall and Winter diagnostics were able to be compared and significant growth by our students was noted. Students have been receiving more instruction and this has proven helpful.
  - b. Upcoming: The fourth grade classes will begin their swimming unit.
4. District Update – None at this time.
5. Teacher Liaison Update – Movie night went very well and was well attended. An estimated 200 students and families were able to participate.
6. Meals Out
  - a. Christina presented a summary of recent funds raised:
    - Dickie Jos and Yos: \$255
    - Roadhouse: \$179 (We did have some bad weather with these days)
  - b. The upcoming Meals Out fundraiser will be on March 18<sup>th</sup> at Buffalo Wild Wings. It is on a Sunday.
  - c. Christina presented information about the percentages which restaurants provide when we hold a fundraiser with them (see attachment). She has done research on who donates more. Red Robin and Panda Express donate 20% and we have not participated with those establishments yet.
  - d. Papa's Fundraiser: We were going to do coupons in April, however our contact with Papa's requested to know if we would like to try a new gift card fundraiser they are offering. It was agreed PTG would prefer to hold a fundraiser with the coupon fliers as we have done in the past, however Christina will find out if Papa's may be willing to offer both. Papa's will also continue to offer the Meals Out fundraiser for us as well. An idea to use a contest similar to the snowball fight with "water balloons" to get motivate selling pizza fliers was discussed.
7. Peanut Table
  - a. At the last PTG Meeting, the effectiveness of the Peanut Table was questioned. Two main concerns were 1) Older kids sneaking in peanut products 2) Younger kids not knowing what was in their lunches.
  - b. Mrs. Gorham contacted several principals throughout the district as well as the nutrition services coordinator. She found that many schools still eat in their classrooms and other schools were similar to TES in that they had designated nut tables. From Mrs. Gorham's

research, there was not much to be discovered that TES has not already done or considered. Every school, especially TES, is very diligent around student safety. We even have separate washcloths and wash buckets for nut tables and Educational Assistants go through lunches. She found that students are aware and want to be careful because they understand the magnitude of what could happen if there is an allergic reaction.

- c. Mrs. Atkerson has a child with a very severe allergy and spoke about her experience and how she has worked with the staff at TES to help put procedures in place to keep all students safe.
- d. It was suggested that parent education around the issue would be a great help; especially for new and incoming Kindergarten parents. Some kind of hand out or notice about allergies and the policies at TES would be very helpful. It was brought up that this is something that could be discussed at Kindergarten Orientation next week.

#### 8. Kindergarten Orientation

- a. Lisa will be representing the PTG at Kindergarten Orientation next week. She requested a volunteer to speak with her about what we do and to get new parents involved with the PTG so they can see what is going on around the end of the year. Laura Cherry volunteered to help.
- b. An idea was presented about having a social at the beginning of the school year for parents who are new to the school.

#### 9. Artwork Raffle Funding

- a. Beth reviewed the projects the classrooms are working on for Family Fun Night (FFN). She has been able to make a lot of progress, but requested assistance for additional materials needed. She requested \$1,000 to supplement materials she has been able to recycle or upcycle. Lisa moved to fund, Trisha gave a second. All attending in favor. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. A discussion was held around holding a raffle versus an auction for the artwork. There would be more work involved with an auction, however it was brought up that it may be fun for families to vote in an auction and would offer the potential to raise more money for programs. A vote was held: Blind Silent Auction (7) vs. Raffle (3). A blind silent auction will be held.

#### 10. Current Fundraisers and Events

- a. Stephanie reported SCRIP orders are on the way. Only \$80 was raised this round, however printing costs put the funds closer to \$60 raised.
- b. Stephanie brought up that it would be a good idea to create a PTG email so there is not a change in email contact year after year and vendors, businesses and community members always have a single contact. We will look into creating a Gmail or SPS account.
- c. The Box Top Snowball contest was very successful. Almost \$600 was raised and it was a fun event for the whole school!

#### 11. Upcoming Fundraisers and Events

- a. The Classified Employee Lunch is on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. The PTG will team up with the teachers to help provide rice bowls. Members volunteered to bring dessert and rice.

#### 12. Morning Drop-Off

- a. The situation with parent drop-off in the morning is not improving. Beth noted that she has been working on solutions to help it run more smoothly. She had an idea to have Cheetah

paw prints painted on the sidewalk to help parents know where to pull up to drop-off and pick-up their students.

- b. Beth noted she will be working on this during spring break. It was agreed information for parents reminding them about the processes for drop-off and pick-up should be posted on the Facebook page, email and the April newsletter. In a side-note, it was suggested the school newsletter should be shared on Facebook as well as on Peachjar.

13. Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm

Submitted by Brianne Jenkins, PTG Secretary