

# TES Parent Teacher Group Meeting

November 2, 2017

1. Lisa called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
2. Present: Nicki Gorham, Lisa Magnus, Kathryn Anderson, Tricia Tallman, Stephanie Wilcox, Brianne Jenkins, Erin Chamberlin, Laura Cherry
3. Dr. Matthew Epperson, Community Partner
  - a. Lisa introduced Dr. Epperson, a local orthodontist with ties to TES. His children used to attend the school. He presented the PTG with a donation from his practice. He believes in the school and community and expressed his hope to be involved with the school for years to come.
4. Principal Update
  - a. Attendance - Mrs. Gorham reviewed attendance. September and October stayed fairly consistent with 96.7% and 96.3% attendance. Absences have increased slightly, but an attendance team has been put into place. At this stage, attendance is mostly about the parents, so they would like to take care to not make it too competitive.
  - b. New iReady Math Program – Screenings have just been completed. Positive results have been reported, and it shows kids are ready to learn. There is a learning curve with implementation as well that must be taken into consideration.
  - c. School Wide Reading Risk Data – 54% of students are at benchmark, 28% are at the strategic stage and 18% intensive. The goal is to be at 80% benchmark. Strategies are being worked on and data will be looked at again in winter and spring to compare.
  - d. Socktober – 812 pairs of socks are ready to go to Catholic Community Services!
  - e. The month of giving will take place during the entire month of November. Wayside Church will be donating food baskets for TES families. The change drive will be providing holiday support for TES families as well. A giving tree will be set up in the front lobby and the blue bins will be utilized for a food drive. More information will come out about these events as they occur.
5. District Update
  - a. Hamlin and the District office will be trying to roll out their move during winter break and have students back to school by January.
6. Housekeeping and Parent Teacher Group Storage
  - a. The school custodian, Jason Frame, requested the PTG take a tour of the storage area and also wanted to make an offer to help us set up and take down during PTG events. Mr. Frame and Mr. Jordan spent a lot of time organizing the equipment closet. He offered to move PTG to storage shelves in the gym. The popcorn will move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade storage room. Mrs. Anderson offered to be the contact/communication person to Mr. Frame when we have requests for him.
7. Teacher Liaison Update
  - a. Mrs. Anderson recommends that the group table the topic of Homework until teachers are able to discuss the subject further. All members present were in agreement.
8. Dinners Out

- a. BJ's will be happening in November. December 7<sup>th</sup> will be Mod Pizza. The dollar figure has not yet been determined for Chipotle in October.
9. December PTG Meeting
    - a. The December Meeting scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup> needs to be moved. It conflicts with the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade music program. Everyone agreed to a reschedule for December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm in the library.
  10. Read-A-Thon
    - a. As of Tuesday, \$6,000 was the total fundraised, however more orders have come in since. The big prizes will be given away tomorrow.
  11. PE Equipment
    - a. Equipment has already been ordered, so that need has been fulfilled. Lisa questioned if we are going to be providing the Library with SPED tech with the money raised from the read-a-thon. Mrs. Gorham noted the district may be providing funds for SPED, but as of yet, it is not finalized. For now, we will contact Beth in the library for a wish list.
  12. Cheetah Gear
    - a. We had hoped to kick off the orders next week, but the timeline did not allow for that. We will be going with McKenzie Sew-On. They will help with modifying the logo and order form. Orders will go out ASAP.
    - b. A question was raised about the Cheetah logo and making it more universal for kids moving onto middle school. It was agreed to do an order with the TES Cheetah now and in the spring put out an order with a more collegiate appearance. This will save on printing fees if we stick with one design per order.
  13. Volunteer Opportunities and Family Fun Night (FFN)
    - a. Erin knows the coach of the THS Cabaret team who can recruit students to help with face painting for FFN.
    - b. Beth volunteered to help with art projects and raffle them during FFN.
    - c. Popcorn Days – Mrs. Gorham asked a question regarding the amount of popcorn kids are allowed to order. It was agreed a two bag limit per child would be sufficient.
    - d. FFN Raffle Baskets – Brianne and Lindsay will talk.
    - e. Splash and STEAM Nights – Laura is working on planning a Splash night. She is trying to get ahold of Willamalane to coordinate the event. STEAM night will be put off until next year to allow for ample planning and organizing time.
  14. Fundraisers –
    - a. SCRIP is out now and due by the 13<sup>th</sup>. Cards will be received before Thanksgiving.
    - b. Cheetah Gear will be delivered before Christmas.
    - c. Laura asked a question about Bottle Drop or a can and bottle drive. It was agreed that we will try to implement a drive close to Super Bowl time.
    - d. Box Top Snowball Contest – When we come back in January/February. We will discuss this when we return in January.

15. PTG Outreach and Incentives – How do we get people involved? An idea about a class competition was brought up. The class with the most parent attendance could earn a pizza party or another reward. A gift card raffle at the meeting was also an idea.
16. Peach Jar
  - a. A question was asked about how to submit items for the new Peach Jar email system. The district office takes care of the system and should be contacted with questions.
17. Upcoming Conferences – PTG members will bring desserts.
18. Meeting Adjourned at 7:24pm

Submitted by Brianne Jenkins, PTG Secretary