

Timber Trail Educational Alliance

Meeting Minutes – April 10th, 2017

Meeting called to order at 9:02am by Page Warnke.

Introductions

March Meeting Minutes – approved

Book Fair Update – Librarian Dawn Smith reported that Book Fair sales were up. Thank you to all volunteers – had more help than ever before which helps a lot.

Presentation – Philanthropy Chair Anna Spitzer introduced Heidi Bowman (also TTE parent) from **Fresh Harvest Food Bank** – coordinated school wide philanthropy effort to support this local organization e.g Parties with a Purpose. Based in Lone Tree, a 501c(3), provide support direct to families. Currently 142 families enrolled for support. Provide 12 months of consistent food supplies, also birthday present room, valentines cards etc.

Volunteer led. Can take families there to volunteer in a safe environment. Also partner with DCEF for back packs and school supplies. Also some seasonal clothing. www.freshharvestfoodbank.org

Also contributing to 9News who Cares program this year. Looking for one person/family to coordinate to collect items from school and take to the food bank.

President's Report – After the May meeting the current TTEA Board will be done, need to elect new members at May meeting. There is a current slate of Board candidates, however if volunteer from floor for a position then needs to be a paper vote, as opposed to verbal vote.

Co- Presidents – Kimberly McCarthy & Melanie Christiansen; Treasurer – Amanda Quam; Volunteer Coordinator – Sophia Susavilla; Website – Amy Ball; Secretary – Anna Mallinson

Next meeting is Volunteer Thank You Breakfast at 9am on May 8th 9am in Cafeteria. Anyone who has volunteered this last year, especially class book moms, should attend (rsvp will be on ttea website).

Donuts for Moms – great success, lots of donuts left, thanks to Melanie for organizing.

TTE Marketing – Sarah Boeke presented a provisional TTE marketing plan to promote TTE to potential families. We have lots of competition for elementary schools, need to promote TTE better. Can target preschools, show what we can offer, our test scores are actually better than American Academy. Other ideas, targeted showcases, update website (less words), new to CO families could have an ambassador family for each grade to better promote TTE to them. Open houses, shadow days, also retention plan – ask why they are coming to TTE/why they are leaving. TTE Board and others to meet with Principal to take next step.

Open Positions – need a Daddy Daughter Dance chair for next year.

Literacy Program – Chelsea Nielsen – Did a survey to teachers, had some responses on the current program. Needs to change it up somehow. One option is Battle of the Books, grades 3,4,5 have 10 books to read, then compete with other schools in quiz like games. Also Book-It but they are teacher led, needs their buy-in. Also could do a book and movie tie-in. Will also provide list of summer reading programs.

Need to communicate literacy efforts to teachers better, some kind of kick off event. Suggestions/comments to Chelsey. Current program prize – read for 150 days and win ice cream party. May need some help organizing.

Principal's Report – TTE Choirs did an amazing job performing at the Rockies game. Thanks for everyone who came to and help organize Donuts for Moms; also for making successful Book Fair. Timber Team organizing Movie and Games night

again on April 26th at 6pm. Testing ends this week, not many opt-outs or make ups required. Miss Bove is staying. Have interviewed for replacement 3rd grade teacher, appointed Mary Nelson moving here from Utah. PE not posted yet.

Treasurer's Report – So far King Soopers cards have raised \$14,370 to date. All expenses for Daddy Daughter Dance are in and even if it isn't supposed to be a fundraiser, we did raise \$3,776! Right now balance is approx. \$74,000 – however need to leave the next board with sufficient funds to cover significant expenses at the start of the year – math books, librarian salary and Move a Thon expenses.

Volunteer Coordinator – Melanie Christiansen – next meeting is Volunteer Breakfast – May 8th at 9am. Will also be watching the 5th grade dance.

VP's Report – Kimberly McCarthy – Staff Appreciation Week is 24th-28th April. Volunteers have signed up to take a day each to help out. Schedule will be posted shortly – meals and snacks provided every day. Have also streamlined the class room efforts to make it easier for families with students in different grades. Room Moms will coordinate, even links to tags/labels etc will be provided.

Note no school on April 21st.

Kickball – Page Warnke – organizing underway – Sept 8th with rain date of Sept 15th. Currently looking for sponsors. Registration will open on Thursday 10th August need to be quick, it fills up fast.

Class books – Amy Ball – will be completed this week.

School Supplies – Stacey Kimberly – Using Edukit – all ready to go, previous customers may have gotten emails already.

Script Cards – Jill Alexander – this month \$990 which is less than usual. Need to increase promotion – looking for signs; also can reload cards at self checkout.

Box Tops/Milk Caps – Anna Mallinson – putting collection sheets in Kindie orientation packets, also will be emailed to families to collect over the summer.

Enrichment – Patrick Dunn - Working on Land Sharks – waiting on their schedule. Lego also busy. Parents mentioned issues with Mad Science teachers, have a new one this session and is much better. Parents need to express concerns.

Open Comments – need Teacher/TTEA liaison to make sure we are providing help that they want. Amy Benson volunteered. Teachers get \$150/year from TTEA many don't spend it. Issue may be submitting receipts.

Comment was made that teachers love food at SAW, Board promises that has not been scaled back!

Sarah Boeke attended a Douglas County Parents meeting – need to be aware that there are 4 DCSD board positions up for election in November, grass roots group trying to get focus back on teachers and students.

Parent also raised the question of exit interviews for staff leaving. Ms Radke agreed to speak with District

Attendees:

Anna Mallinson

Melanie Christiansen

Marnie Blanco

Erika Greene

Amy Griffin

Kim Krueger

Chelsey Nielsen

Kim Perry

Patrick Dunn

Jill Alexander

Stacey Kimberly

Stacie Stall

Sarah Boeke

Amanda Quam

Sherri Johnson

Pam Fields

Jessica Bird

Kifah Thaut

Gidget Long

Jolene Richardson

Jessica Bird

Anna Spitzer

Sophia Susavilla

Kimberly McCarthy

Amy Ball

Page Warnke

Whitney Shank

Lisa Linn

Amy Benson

Chelsea Nielson