

TACKAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2023

PTA General Membership Meeting

Attendees:

Principal: Mr. Furey

Executive Board:

Teacher Representatives

Mr. Conner

Mrs. Mrose

President - Michelle Abola

1st Vice President - Carisa Wellenreuther

2nd Vice President - Melanie Ressa

Treasurer - Dawn Gary

Recording Secretary - Jaclyn Sorce

Corresponding Secretary - Lauren Drinkwater

Council Delegate - Nicole McCord

A General Membership Meeting was called to order on September 19th at 7:05 pm. This meeting was held in person. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The board introduced themselves.

Minutes - The minutes from the June 6th meeting were distributed. A motion was made by Eileen McCullough to approve the minutes, with a second made by Dawn Gary. A vote was held and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report - presented by Dawn Gary: The cash on hand is \$18,623.27. The proposed budget is consistent with last year, except for the Main Event. Budget was voted on by the general members and was approved.

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Correspondence - presented by Lauren Drinkwater: Card from Mauren Smith thanking for her summer gift. Ms. Reduto also thanking for the summer gift. Letter from Madison LoFrese thanking the PTA for choosing her to receive the Tackan PTA Scholarship.

Council Report - presented by Nicole McCord: The next Council Meeting is November 6th at NY Avenue.

SEPTA Update - presented by Corey Doherty: Lauren Drinkwater shared an update from Corey Doherty. A new flier was shared on social media. The first meeting is on October 16th.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Picture Day - presented by Michelle Abola/Jackie Sorce: Picture Day is tomorrow, September 20th. No forms need to be filled out. Proofs will be sent via email and parents can choose what they would like to purchase.

Plant Sale - presented by Corey Doherty/Alyssa Inzerillo: the plant sale delivery truck will arrive Thursday, October 5th at 4-4:30. We would appreciate helpers as there are over 200 items to be sorted out. Pick up is also on October 5th from 5:30 – 7:00. All customers will be texted a confirmation pick up number for their order. When they come to pick up, they give the order number to the helpers.

Cultural Arts - presented by Sheri Acquaro/Tara Picht: working on booking. So far, only 4th grade, Generations is being planned for December. It's an all-day Native American in school "field trip".

Health & Wellness- presented by Amy Cucci/Brittany Zizzo: no updates. Early stages of planning.

Apparel - presented by Lauren Horsfall/ Annie Cheng-Chu: there will be two apparel sales. One in the fall and one in the spring. The fall one will be delivered in time for the holidays. It will take place in mid-October and be delivered 4-6 weeks after the shop closes.

Membership - presented by Melanie Ressa/Christina Lordahl: Approximately 120 members at this time. We will be at Meet the teacher for sign-up. Can be paid in person, or online. You must be a paid member to volunteer at any PTA functions.

Summer Reading - presented by Rosanna Marte: Read 40 books over the summer and receive an award. Reward will take place on 9/29.

5th Grade Shirts - presented by Jessamyn DePaola/Michelle Kostas: fliers sent out and due back 9/29 Teachers have been contacted. 5th grade photo will be taken on photo retake day, 11/14.

Family Restaurant Night - presented by Danielle Treder/Nicole Murphy: first family restaurant night will be on 10/3 from 5-9 at Ralphs. We will try to plan them for family connect nights.

Trunk or Treat - presented by Melanie Ressa/ Lilliane Serrone: trunk or treat will be on 10/20 from 6-8. People will decorate their trunks and hand out candy. There will be food trucks, etc. we will need candy donations and volunteers. Siblings welcome. Tickets will only be pre-pay as we usually have 1000 people at this event.

Book Fair - presented by Jaclyn Steigert/ Jackie Sorce: Fall book fair will be held 10/23-10/27. There will be a sign-up genius sent out so family members can sign up to help. The children will attend during their designated library time that week. You must be an active PTA member to volunteer.

Teacher's Report - presented by Mrs. Mrose and Mr. Conner

Kindergarten

- math-counting up to 5 and sorting/classifying
- ELA-rhyming, tools good writers need, goals for the year
- Science-apples/sequencing/pushes and pulls (for PLTW)
- S.S. School/class rules and classroom routines

First Grade

- PLTW- Light and sound
- ELA -Launching our reading workshop with various mentor texts and activities.
- Social Studies -Rules and Laws
- Foundations- Reviewing letters/sounds and practice handwriting
- Please have your child practice logging into their Chromebook at home with their passwords.
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Second Grade

- Math place value concepts and measurement- Module 1
- Writing- all about me, goals for second grade and my favorite book
- ELA reading Library Mouse by Daniel Kirk, using graphic organizers (story web and details)
- SS Labor Day and Constitution Day, Create class rules

Third Grade

- launching AIR & reader's workshop
- math: properties of multiplication & division
- SS: remembering 9/11; constitution day, beginning map skills & geography
- establishing routines & getting to know one another
- PLTW; beginning a module on Forces and Interactions

Fourth Grade

- Getting to know you activities, developing routines
- Math- Module 1- Place Value Concepts for Addition and Subtraction
- PLTW- Earth: Past, Present, and Future- Students will explore natural features of the Earth, learn to read physical maps, research and present information about a continent, learn about tectonic plates and earthquakes, weathering, erosion. Students will be challenged to design an action plan to reduce the impacts of Earth's natural processes. Students will create a digital product to share their research.

- SS- Geography of New York, Where NY is located in the world, types of maps, features of maps, specific landforms of New York
- ELA- The Secret Garden- talking about elements of fiction, character traits, summarizing, and responding to text prompts
- SEL- Focus on Growth Mindset for September

Fifth Grade

- Getting-to-know you activities; building a classroom community; classroom routines; creating class rules;
- Module 1 Math: Place Value Concepts for Mult. & Division with whole numbers
- ELA: Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt; setting up expectations for reading and responding to reading
- Sadlier Vocabulary
- SS: Geography of the Western Hemisphere
- PLTW: Properties and Matter
- SEL: Growth Mindset

Library

- Kindergarten is learning about book care and sharing their library books with their families.
- First Grade is discussing their favorite books and will be reviewing call numbers and why they are important to library books.
- Second Grade is celebrating Dot Day by reading The Dot by Peter Reynolds and using the Ozobots to code a dot.
- Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade will be learning and reviewing how to use our library catalog and how to put books on hold independently.

Music

- *Composer of the Month: Leroy Anderson
- *K & 1 have been doing some steady beat activities, and have used some instruments
- *Grades 2-5 have done some rhythm review
- *Grade 2 will be learning more about the beat
- *Grades 3-5 will be learning about meter
- *4th grade chorus began this morning
- *Mondays - 4th band; Tuesdays - 5th band, and 4th chorus; Wednesdays - 4th orchestra; Fridays 5th orchestra
- *Concert dates for band, orchestra and chorus:
- Tuesday January 30 - 4th grade (daytime only, for school)
- Wednesday February 7 - 5th grade day and evening
- Monday June 10 - 4th grade day and evening
- Wednesday June 12 - 5th grade day and evening
- ***Evening performances start at 7:00 pm, students arrive earlier, and will be explained in a letter closer to the dates*

P.E.

- They started their football unit this week.
- 5th Grade morning football will be starting the end of the month on Thursday mornings at 8:15 am

Art

- *It has been a great start in the art room, getting to know all of the wonderful students at Tackan Elementary!
- *Kindergarten has been working hard on beautiful line designs on apples to celebrate the beginning of school.
- *Grade 1 is creating radiating name designs.
- *Grade 2 has been hard at work illustrating their interests in cool sunglasses.
- *Grades 3-5 have been challenged with self-portraits - learning the proportions and features of the face.
- *We are looking forward to getting into some Fall themed artwork next!

Principal's Report - presented by Mr. Furey: the opening of Tackan went beautifully! Buses ran late the first two days but have improved since. With 500 students going to 19 locations, accuracy is the priority. Picture day is tomorrow, September 20th. Meet the teacher for grades K-2 is Thursday, September 21st. Meet the teacher for grades 3-5 is September 28th.

Go gold for childhood cancer... laces went home today. There is a site to make donations as well.

Benchmarking to determine reading levels will start soon. NWEA testing shows progress over a given year and lets us know where students and staff may need help.

Red Ribbon Week is 10/23-10/31. We will be conducting situation awareness walks with new staff... making sure they know the grounds to keep the school safe. Reviewing the best ways to handle different situations in different locations. We had our first lockdown drill today. Messenger was sent. No alarms used as there are children as young as four in the school and we want them comfortable. We now have armed security at the school. They do not enter the school unless necessary. On target dates will be Friday, 12/8, 3/15, and the last one is not yet set. These are awards given to students for nonacademic reasons (IE: showing leadership) Clubs have been submitted for BOE approval should be approved for 9/26. These include Book Club (3-5), Yoga and Mindfulness (K-2), Games of Strategy (AKA Ghost), gardening, Tackan Cares, Science Club(SCOPE), Math Olympiads, and others.

PTA Presidents Report - Presented by Michelle Abola: We are bringing back the Tackan Dance. It is for grades K-5. Each student may bring one guest that is 18 or over. The dance will be held in the Great Hollow Gym on Friday 3/8. That day is a half day for the elementary schools. We will have the signups for our

committees out, some also need a chair as well. VIP for chair people... to encourage and thank you for chairing. You will receive a parking permit and 3 front row seats for 5th grade moving up. To be eligible, you need to attend most meetings, be a PTA member, and chair a committee or be on the board for not less than one year less than your child's attendance at Tackan (i.e. if your child is at Tackan for 6 years, you have to do the above for 5 years; if they're at Tackan 5 years, you do the above for 4 years, and so on.) Class parents are being chosen. Teachers choose and then it's approved by Mr. Furey. An email will be sent out by me to the class parents. They will collect \$10 per student for class activities. They must be an active PTA member . They will need to send a summary of the PTA meetings to the parents in their class. Boosterthon will be at the end of October. There will be an assembly with Mr. Furey, and they will watch videos. Cultural arts budget is \$27,000. Carissa is going to do the raffle now for socks, a towel or a magnet.

Old Business - No old business

New Business –

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

- 9/20- Fall Picture Day
- 9/21- Grades K-2 Meet the Teacher Night
- 9/25- Yom Kippur (No School)
- 9/26- Board of Education Meeting 7 pm
- 9/28- Grades 3-5 Meet the Teacher Night
- 10/5- Plant Sale Pick Up 5-7 pm
- 10/9- Columbus Day- No School
- 10/10- Board of Education Meeting
- 10/17- PTA Meeting 7 pm
- 10/20- Trunk or Treat
- 10/27- Trunk or Treat Rain Date
- 10/23-10/27- Book Fair
- 10/24- BOE Meeting