

TACKAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2024

PTA General Membership Meeting

Attendees:

Principal: Mr. Furey

Executive Board:

Teacher Representatives

Mr. Conner
Mrs. Mrose

President – Carisa Wellenreuther
1st Vice President – Corey Doherty
2nd Vice President - Melanie Ressa
Treasurer – Tom Doherty
Recording Secretary - Jaclyn Sorce
Corresponding Secretary – Dawn Gary
Council Delegate – Brianne Walsh

A General Membership Meeting was called to order on September 10, 2024, at 7:37 pm. This meeting was held in person. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes - The minutes from the May 7th meeting were distributed. Kerin made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second made by Nicole. A vote was held, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report - Presented by Tom Doherty: Cash on hand is \$6,298.82.

1st – Lauren

2nd - Tara

Correspondence – presented by Dawn Gary:

1. Thank you from scholarship recipients.
2. Thank you from Ellen for the gift card.

Council Report - presented by Brianne Walsh: no update.

SEPTA Update - presented Brianne Walsh: District wide for parents of special education students, Meeting October 7th at 7pm at the NY Avenue building.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Picture Day – presented by Jaclyn Stiegert/Juliana Mercaldi: September 17th... all classes and individual photos will be taken.

Retakes will be 11/14 along with the fifth-grade photo.
Spring photos 3/21 – more “personality” photos
All children will receive a class photo regardless of what they purchase.
3 – 4 weeks later a link with the proofs will be sent to email

Plant Sale - presented by Cory Doherty/Jaclyn Williams: orders due 9/18 no orders accepted after that.
Pick up will be 10/10 5”30 – 7:00 in the Tackan circle.
Volunteers needed for set up 4 – 5:30

Cultural Arts – presented by Tara Picht:
Circus scheduled 2/1 – 2/14.
Teddy Bear Clinic in the works

Health & Wellness - presented by Amy Cucci/Bittany Zizzo: Need people to chair for next year...Tasting Tuesday, flyers, pick up snacks etc.)
Walking Club is 1x per week in the morning until they go into school.

Apparel - presented by Melanie Guarneri: New company and new items. Online store will be opening in October. Once the shop closes all will be picked up within 2-3 weeks.

Membership – Presented by Melanie Ressa:
We are at 83% of goal and need 46 more members to meet the goal.
We receive an award if we reach 100% by the end of September.
children can also join for \$5.
raffles will be done for adult and child members.

Family Restaurant Night - presented by Nicole Murphy/Lauren Newman: first will be this Thursday at Ralphs Ices!
October family connect night - Wild Ginger Express 10/10

Summer reading – presented by Nicole Ball/Danielle Morello: tentative date of 9/27 2:00 for party for students who completed the summer reading.

5th grade shirts - Presented by Brittany Zizzo: Template was picked up Shirts will be distributed the day of the Fifth grade picture.

Boosterthon – presented by Annie Cheng-Chu: Biggest fundraiser of the year. Begins with the fun run on October 18th. Students will watch videos during school. Family and friends can sponsor the kids Registration begins 9/25, 10/9 kick-off, and 10/18 event day.

Trunk or Treat – presented by Nicole Murphy/ Lilianne Korovezos:
Friday, October 18th 6 – 8pm (rain date 10/25) flyer will go home
Food trucks, DJ, fire truck, etc

Receive four free tickets for entry if you do a trunk!
Need a lot of candy donations! You can bring it to the PTA meeting if that's easier.

Book Fair – Presented by Jaclyn Stiegert/Jackie Sorce:

10/21 – 10/25 during the class's library period

We will have new registers.

2 books on flyer will not be at the book fair.

There will be a Dogman Presale.

And the new Diary of a Wimpy kid will be available mid-fair

Sign up genius will go out to help out during the classes.

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, sunlight, and weather (for PLTW)
- S.S.-school/class rules and classroom routines

First Grade

- ELA -Back to School activities, launching what good readers do, goals.
- Social Studies -Establishing routines, Rules, and Laws
- Foundations- Reviewing letters/sounds and practice handwriting.
- Math-organize data to count and compare.
- Please have your child practice logging into their Chromebook at home with their passwords.

Second Grade

- Math place value concepts and measurement- Module 1
- Writing- all about me, goals for second grade and my favorite book
- ELA-My View-Unit 1- You Are Here-spotlight on Realistic Fiction
- SS Labor Day and Constitution Day, Create class rules.

Third Grade - 9/6/24

- Activities to get acquainted with our new classmates and to establish classroom routines.
- Math: reviewing 2nd grade skills, introducing basic foundational skills for multiplication
- SS: Reading and discussing 9/11 and Constitution Day
- PLTW: introducing our first module: weather.

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-Benchmarking, NWEA's, MyView Literacy- Unit 1-Networks
- 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**:
 - NWEAs, benchmarking
 - We will be starting the new ELA series (MyView) Unit 1: Journeys
- **SS**: Geography of the Western Hemisphere; Remembering 9/11 & Constitution Day
- **PLTW**: Properties and Matter

SEL: Growth Mindset

LIBRARY

*All grades are going over library rules and procedures.

P.E.

*Permission slips for 5th grade intramural touch football will be coming home by next week.

MUSIC

*Composer of the Month: Mozart

*Letters about sign-ups for 4th grade chorus were emailed from our new Fine Arts Director, Ms. Victoria Hartman. The sign up will now be done through the parent portal. The directions on how to sign up in the letter are very detailed. Should you need any help, please contact me at the school. Sign up should be done by this Friday, and we start Tuesday the 24th.

*Concert dates:

4th Grade Band/Orchestra/Chorus Winter performance -

Tuesday January 21 - day only (no eve)

5th Grade Band/Orchestra/Chorus Winter concert -

Tuesday February 4 - day and evening

5th Grade Spring concert -

Monday June 9 - day and evening

4th Grade Spring concert -

Monday June 16 - day and evening

Tentative 3rd grade recorder performance: Monday June 2, 7 pm

notes from the instrumental department

1. Here are the days for our rehearsals:

Monday - 4th Grade Band

Tuesday - 5th Grade Band

Wednesday - 4th Grade Orchestra

Friday - 5th Grade Orchestra

- 5th grade rehearsals begin the week of September 16th. 4th grade rehearsals do not begin until the week of October 21st. Students arrive by 8:20 for all instrumental rehearsals.

2. Lessons begin the week of Monday, September 16th. Students do not need their instruments for their first lesson but should have them by their second lesson. Please make sure to look over the checklists sent home to be fully prepared by the second lesson.

3. Students who are renting their instrument through the school will receive their instrument and rental contract at their first lesson. The contract needs to be brought back by their second lesson.

4. Please make sure all students keep their eyes out for the invitation to their instrumental google classrooms.

Principal's Report - presented by Mr. Furey: School opening went well...although some buses ran late the first few days (as expected)

Class parent forms were sent home today.

Meet the teacher – k-2 Sept 19th 7pm and 3-5 Sept 26th 7pm

9/20 Go Gold for childhood cancer (gold laces will go home)

Benchmark testing grades 1-5 in September and October

No school 10/3-10/4

Halloween parade 10/31

We continue with our three regular security guards!

We have situational awareness walks to decide the best way to handle an emergency... we want to know our school best.

Fire drills and lock down drills will start soon.

Armed guard outside the school at all times... only enters the school in an emergency.

On Target will continue this year... 3 per year, dates to be determined.

Clubs will be similar to last year.

PTA Presidents Report – presented by Carisa Wellenreuther:

All events are printed out on a calendar.

Tackan PTA page has all the information you need.

We are planning fundraisers.
Need chairs for a few committees.
VIP program – chair/ board each year earns reserved seating and parking for fifth grade moving up.

Old Business - None

New Business – None

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

- A. 9/12- Ralph's Fundraiser
- B. 9/17- Fall Picture Day
- C. 9/19- Grades K-2 Meet the Teacher Night
- D. 9/24- Board of Education Meeting
- E. 9/26- Grades 3-5 Meet the Teacher Night
- F. 10/8- Board of Education Meeting
- G. **10/8- PTA Meeting**
- H. 10/10- Plant Sale Pick Up 5:30-7 pm
- I. 10/18- Fun Run
- J. 10/18- Trunk or Treat
- K. 10/22- Board of Education Meeting
- L. 10/25- Trunk or Treat Rain Date
- M. 10/21-10/25- Book Fair
- N. 10/25-31- Red Ribbon Week