

TACKAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

Meeting Minutes for October 8, 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 October 8, 2024, at 7:36 pm. This meeting was held in person. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes - The minutes from the September 10th 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 \$8,834.01. Submitted and audit pending.

Correspondence – presented by Dawn Gary: None

Council Report - presented by Brianne Walsh: - First Meeting is on November 14th. An update will be provided at the November 19th meeting. .

SEPTA Update - presented Brianne Walsh: First SEPTA meeting was held last night, Monday 10/8/2024 at the New York Avenue building. This meeting was about "meeting the administrators" which included:

- Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services, Daniel Helmes
- Administrator for Special Education and Special Services, Dr. Brenda Clark
- Assistant Administrators for Special Education and Special Services, Michelle Russo, Michelle McAndrew-Mitchell and Craig Hanan
- Administrator for Guidance and Related Student Services, Kevin Colon

The 6-week summer ESY program went well; and the staff completed de-escalation training during that time. There are currently two fundraisers for SEPTA. One will be held on October 18th at Swirls and Twirls in Nesconset from 4-10pm. They also have ongoing school notepads for sale, 1 for \$5 and 2 for \$8. All fundraising goes to scholarships for children in special education and other amazing assistive technology for our schools. Next meeting is November 4th at 7:00pm in at the New York Avenue Building in Room 222A

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Picture Day – presented by Jaclyn Stiegert/Juliana Mercaldi: Retakes will be Nov 14th A form will be sent home and you only send back if you are retaking. 5th grade photo will be the same day. Everyone receives a class photo which will be sent approx. 3 weeks after retakes. We will have a new group photographer.

Plant Sale - presented by Cory Doherty/Jaclyn Williams:
Pick up will be 10/10 5:30 – 7:00 in the Tackan circle.
Volunteers needed for set up 4 – 5:30 and for pick ups
Kids are welcome to come!

Cultural Arts – presented by Tara Picht:
Started booking events.
Planning full school assemblies on a rotating schedule.

Health & Wellness - presented by Amy Cucci/Bittany Zizzo: Tasting Tuesdays is coming up. Bat shaped veggie chips!

Apparel - presented by Melanie Guarneri: we sold a lot at both nights of meet the teacher. Store will open in a few weeks and items will be delivered around three weeks after the store closes.

Membership – Presented by Melanie Ressa:
We reached our goal before the end of September!
Raffle for the teachers... 36 staff that are members. Mrs. Robinson won the raffle!

Family Restaurant Night - presented by Nicole Murphy/Lauren Newman:
September restaurant night at Ralphs was great! Made a \$350 profit!
October family connect night - Wild Ginger Express 10/10
November will be 11/18 at Empanadas and more!

Summer reading – presented by Nicole Ball/Danielle Morello: September 27th approximately 140 children attended. They had Marinos ices and went home with a prize!

5th grade shirts - Presented by Brittany Zizzo: Shirts were ordered, we are waiting for delivery. Shirts will be handed out the day of the fifth-grade picture.

Boosterthon – presented by Annie Cheng-Chu: Biggest fundraiser of the year. Already collected \$6,000+ Goal is \$10,000 Fun Run is Friday 10/18.

Trunk or Treat – presented by Nicole Murphy/ Lilianne Korovezos: Friday, October 18th 6 – 8pm (rain date 10/25) We are all set! You receive 4 free tickets if you do a trunk. 131 families attending so far. Updates will be posted on the facebook page. Still taking candy donations.

Book Fair – Presented by Jaclyn Stiegert/Jackie Sorce: 10/21 – 10/25 during the class's library period
Flyer will have QR for e-wallet. Cash or check made out to Tackan PTA
Diary of a Wimpy Kid is coming out mid bookfair (you can return at another time to purchase if its not out during your class)
Volunteers needed Friday, 10/18 for set up.

Holiday Boutique – Presented by Janell Agliato/Dawn Mangano: 12/10 – 12/12(1/2 day)
Set up will be on the 9th
Teachers are picking their time slots, when that's completed a sign up genius will go out,

Fifth grade yearbook – Presented by Nicole McCord: creating a Gmail account for parents to send photos.

Red Ribbon Week – Presented by Gloria Wright: Friday October 25th through Halloween. "Life is a movie so be a bright and healthy star!"
There will be different themes daily (pajama day etc)

Islanders Game – Presented by Carisa Wellenreuther: date set for 1/18 ticket are \$55 each with a \$10 add on for a beanie. Outdoor rink will be reserved prior to the game for Tackan only. Includes free skate rental. No online sale this year, money sent in and tickets sent home.

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

- math-counting objects and number writing 6-10
- ELA-Story elements -character, setting, problem, solution, Beginning,Middle, End
- Writing-labeling pictures using beginning sounds

- Science- spiders, bats, pumpkins, and continuing Sunlight and Weather in PLTW
- S.S. -respect for self and others, Scholastic News

First Grade

- PLTW- Light and sound activities/Fall apple fun
- ELA - Set 1 of our books explores the art of storytelling. We are working on identifying story elements and identifying words with diagraphs and CVC patterns in our stories
- Math- Counting on strategies to find a total
- Social Studies - Responsibilities and laws
- Writing- Creating strong sentences

Second Grade

- Math place value concepts- counting and comparing within 1,000
- Writing- parts of a paragraph and begin research
- ELA- Finishing Unit 1- You Are Here-How different places affect us?, Starting Unit 2- Nature's Wonders
- SS-Columbus Day and Introduction to types of Communities
- Science- PLTW- Properties of Matter

Third Grade

- Unit 1 of myView - components of traditional tales, identifying theme
- math: properties of multiplication & division, beginning to memorize facts
- SS: map skills, continents, oceans, lines of latitude & longitude, etc
- PLTW- weather: factors & hazards
- Writing - personal narratives

Fourth Grade

- Math- Module 1- Place Value Concepts for Addition and Subtraction
- PLTW- Earth: Past, Present, and Future- We are currently learning about Plate Tectonics, types of Plate boundaries, and how they coincide with mountain ranges, earthquakes, and volcanic activity on the Earth.
- SS- Geography of New York, Where NY is located in the world, types of maps, features of maps, specific landforms of New York; Beginning study of U.S. Government
- ELA- My View- Unit 1-Networks: Informational Text, Narrative Nonfiction, words with suffixes, vocabulary, spelling, subjects and predicates
- SEL- Teamwork, setting goals, etc.
- Pumpkin and other Halloween activities

Fifth Grade

- Module 1 Math: Place Value Concepts for Mult. & Division with whole numbers
- ELA:Unit 1: Journeys
- SS: Geography of the Western Hemisphere; Starting Early Peoples of the Western Hemisphere
- PLTW: Properties & Matter
- Halloween activities
- SEL: Growth Mindset

ART

- **Kindergarteners** have finished up their back to school Apples. They explored creating all types of lines and practiced their cutting and gluing skills. Next up- Scribble Monsters!
- **First Graders** created “Crayon Compositions”- drawing and gluing primary and secondary color paper “crayons” and exploring different types of lines each color could make. They have started making “Crazy Pumpkins”- learning how to blend paints.
2nd Graders learned about symmetry and mono-printing while creating “Welcome Back to Tackan Tigers”- currently on display in the halls of Tackan.
- **3rd Graders** have been hard at work making pumpkins with dot patterns on them in the style of artist Yayoi (Yay-yoy) Kusama.
- **4th Graders** have been learning 1-point perspective while drawing a hallway with a surprise in it!
- **5th graders** are using oil pastels on textured paper to demonstrate how light can create the illusion of depth in their “Pumpkins in the Moonlight” project.
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- **LIBRARY**
- **Kindergarten** is focusing on fall in library. They are listening to read alouds of different fall books and completing different activities.
- **First grade and second grade** are completing their call number review activities this week.
- **Third and fourth grade** are completing their library scavenger hunt activities this week.
- **Fifth grade** is working on a review of how to great a Google Slides presentation with an All About Me Google Slides activity.
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- **P.E.**
- Morning Football has started
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- **MUSIC**
- *4th Grade Band and Orchestra starts the week of October 21...Band that Monday, Orchestra that Wednesday.
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- *Composer of the Month: Camille Saint-Saens
- *K - We are doing some counting in songs, and seasonal songs
- *1 - Continuing some work with Strong and Weak beats, and doing some sequencing, and seasonal songs
- *2 - starting to learn how to read a song on a page
- *3 - As a class we are creating some measures in meters of 2, 3 & 4. We are beginning a song where we will create lyrics based on Nouns and Adjectives
- *4 - Introducing 16th notes; we will be working on learning about some things in written music we haven't studied before, like 1st and 2nd endings, and measure numbers
- *5 - Reviewing 16th notes; starting to learn a Halloween Rap, and learning the definition of "rap", and some new symbols in the music, as well as 16th note and eighth note combinations.

Principals Report – presented by Mr. Furey:

Boosterthon kick off was yesterday

Grade who raises the most (k-4) will get to pick their field day shirt color.

Unity Day is 10/16 – wear orange to stand against bullying

Trunk or Treat is 10/18 with 10/25 as a rain date

Halloween – parents can attend the parades

Costumes must be comfortable and appropriate

Masks cannot block who they are/ No weapons

Wear safe footwear

3rd – 5th grade will have community meetings with Mr. Furey to discuss code of conduct.

PTA Presidents Report – presented by Carisa Wellenreuther:

Tiger is coming back!

Jamie Stewart will be doing all district photos

Check out the Tackan Instagram... pictures are posted often

Picnic tables in courtyard need to be fixed up! Volunteers are welcome to help.

Old Business - None

New Business – Tara Picht... Little bites wrapper fundraiser... they will pay for returned packages

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

1. 10/10 - Plant Sale Pick Up
2. 10/10 - Family Connect Night

3. 10/18 - Boosterthon Fun Run!
4. 10/18 - Trunk or Treat 6-8pm
5. 10/21/-10/25 - Fall Book Fair
6. 10/22 - Board of Education Meeting
7. 10/25/-10/31 - Red Ribbon Week
8. 10/31 - Tackan Halloween Parade -
K& 1: 10-10:20 am; 2 & 3: 10:25- 10:40 am; 4 & 5: 10:45- 11:00 am
9. 11/5- Superintendent's Conference Day- No School
10. 11/11 - Veteran's Day- No School
11. 11/12 - Board of Education Meeting
12. 11/14- School Photo Retake Day/5th Grade Photo
13. 11/18- Family Connect Night
14. 11/19 - November PTA Meeting