

Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School (TRES) PTA, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
TRES Media Center
November 14, 2018

President Kathy Broadbent called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Minutes from the October 10, 2018 General Membership Meeting were accepted without changes.

WELCOME / PRESIDENT'S REPORT– Kathy Broadbent, President

- Talent Show on Friday

TREASURER'S REPORT – Victoria Budich, Treasurer

- See November 2018 Treasurer's Report for details
- Committee Chairs – Keep an eye on your budget. Information is located on TRES PTA website.
- Profit Sharing from Black Belt Institute (BBI)
 - PTA Received \$140 (7 new BBI members). TRES PTA receives \$20 for each new BBI member as a result of TRES advertising. BBI members and staff will also attend Talent Show and Family Fit Night to promote business
- Reimbursement Process Reminder
 - All reimbursement requests must be delivered via paper copies with the original receipt or invoice due to PTACHC and chapter by-laws
 - New reimbursements will be distributed on 11/15/18
- PTA Membership Revenue:
 - As of 11/5/18, revenue generated was \$8,971.69. Will provide updated total once final numbers have been received.
- Upcoming expenditures:
 - School Directory, Talent Show, Retriever Run (upfront expenses), Family Fit Night
 - Academic Enrichment for grades – Dr. Tresler will discuss w/ staff at an upcoming meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Dr. Tiffany Tresler, TRES Principal

- School Directory went into print today. Should take approximately two weeks to process.
- Nearly 300 visitors came to TRES on Monday for Veteran's Day Ceremony / American Education Week. Photo of TRES Veteran's Day Ceremony made HoCo Instagram page. Thank you to Leslie Toussaint who helped organize the cub scouts' and girls scouts' presentations.
- Looking forward to conferences on Monday and Tuesday
- 18 TRES students were honored for their high academic achievement on Nov. 8th by the Howard County Council of Elders.

TRES Little Free Library

- Community library for anyone who lives in the general TRES area. Located to the left of the TRES front door. Came w/ 8 books. Ms. Royo will do lessons w/ students after Book Fair. Grand Opening Date TBA soon. People can purchase books from the Book Fair to donate.
- December - Winter Concerts for band and strings. New format to allow for more guests and to comply w/ fire safety ordinance.
- Front and back cover yearbook winners will be announced tomorrow
- Cultural Arts Assembly - Thank you to chair, Leslie Toussaint. Kids loved it.
- Thank you to staff, community and Dandelion Bistro for a very fun Restaurant Night. Raised \$200.00 (\$157.00 + \$43.00 generous donation from Dandelion Bistro owner) for TRES. Want to do it again next year.
- “Stop / Start / Change / Bedrocks” Initiatives:
 - **Stop** Friday Folders: TRES will stop noting teacher comments in the Friday Folders. The Friday Folder process was developed many years ago before home / school communication was made faster and easier by technology. TRES wants to ensure that the teachers’ and paras’ time is used in ways that make the most positive impact on students and learning. Teachers will keep parents updated on classroom learning and topics via Canvas. If a child is experiencing an academic, social, or behavioral challenge, the child’s teacher will email or call the parent. The learning behaviors portion of the folders will be noted on the new report card. Community input is encouraged if parents don’t feel as though they are receiving enough information about their child’s progress.
 - **Started** Morning Community Circle Meetings: Wonderful to build relationship in classrooms.

PTACHC MEETING REPORT – Jianning Zeng and Nicole Koonce, Delegates

- See attached minutes from Nicole Koonce
- Noted the following additions:
 - Media campaign application is due on 12/9/18. Dr. Tresler recommended reaching out to Mrs. Berdeguez to coordinate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Box Tops – Allura Slater

- Fall Box Tops Submission was \$701.80 (7018 Box Tops). The school will receive the check from Box Tops for Education in December. The winning class from the Race to Recess was Mr. Kuykendall's 2nd grade class; they will get an extra recess with Dr. Tresler. The next Race to Recess starts now and ends February 22nd. The class that brings in the most Box Tops will receive an extra indoor recess with Dr. Tresler with Minute-to-Win-It type games.
- Students who sent in a large number of Box Tops received special Box Tops key chains to recognize their effort and spread the word about the program.

Community Outreach – Mandy Webb & Dianne Egrie

- Successful coat drive: Over 200 coats given. Lots of positive feedback and gratitude from the Howard PPWs who received our donation. Thank you note sent to Dr. Tresler to use in E-news.
- Holiday Angel Tree: Still planning to support FQMS with their Angel Tree. Meeting with FQMS Leo Club staff (Shae Brader) on Friday. They will 'run' the program and we'll support (tagging along) by having a tree at TRES to support. Will see if they will have an 'online' tree for those that want to sign up virtually. Also, a group of TRES kids can likely participate in their wrapping day – will need parent supervision to participate. Will keep it to a small manageable group. Overall dates (tentative, not confirmed): Nov 28th– Dec 14th.
- Elephants & Bees: Ongoing. Over \$1K raised so far. Put up a resource page that went out via email. If have to extend beyond December, we can - no deadline. Thank you to Ms. Schallick who planned and is working on an elaborate E&B project for each grade level.

Cultural Arts – Leslie Toussaint

- First Cultural Arts Assembly featuring the Dancing Warriors doing Afro-Brazilian capoeira was held today. Will plan to end the first presentation earlier because the second group of kids got a shorter presentation.
- Next assembly is January 29th. Leslie has reached out to the Baltimore Robotics Club, Academic Entertainment, Mad Science DC and Eric Energy about booking a STEM-themed presentation. Also, previewed Shakespeare for the Young last month, and is finalizing their contract to perform "The Tiniest Tempest" on March 22.

Fifth Grade Activities – Cathie Boarman & Joanna Werner

- 5th Grade Picnic: The pavilion at Cedar Lane Park and school busses have been reserved and paid for. Though it was recommended to combine the picnic and the moving up ceremony this year, the committee is in discussion with Dr. Tresler regarding a separate celebratory event similar to what has been done traditionally at TRES.

First Grade Young Authors – Sanjivani Kolge

- Committee will coordinate the event date with Mrs. Larsson.

Health & Wellness – Francoise Jakobsson

- Walking Wednesdays: While the K-2 kids really enjoyed the program, they were only able to have three Walking Wednesdays this fall due to inclement weather and poor field conditions. Looking forward to the program resuming in the spring.

Hospitality – Jennifer Jacobs

- Provided breakfast, coffee, and lunch for parents on the first day of American Education week. Many people noted what a wonderful spread the PTA provided. Thank you to all of the last minute volunteers who helped with setup and tear down!

Membership – Sarangi Parikh

- Currently have 262 members (184 Family Members / 35 Individual Members / 45 Staff).
- Numbers are approximately the same as last year, but the numbers should be increased, especially in light of additional families at TRES this year.
- KB: Donation numbers need to be higher and we will have to do another membership push / request additional donations in late winter. Otherwise we will have to do more fund-raisers.
- LT: Need to showcase the things that each committee does (and how much the events / items cost) to spread awareness of everything the PTA does for TRES. Example: assemblies cost \$1000 and the PTA sponsors this
- TT: Almost anything extra is being funded by PTA or partnering w/ TRES (e.g., Young Authors book).
- Any recommendations on ways to publicize and get additional funds, please let us know.

Memory Book – Chrissie Lazaris

- Mrs. Moraff confirmed that the first meeting can be held on 12/5/18 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the TRES Media Center. KB will reserve the room.
- Dr. Tresler will announce the front and back cover winners tomorrow.

Retriever Run – Theresa Cassino & Theresa Riley

- Permit is not approved, but date is confirmed by police. Next committee meeting is 12/2/18 at 7:00 pm. Email TC if interested in attending.

Spirit Wear – Jen Levy

- Free shipping on all spirit wear until Monday. Please provide feedback about the new TRES spirit wear website and items. Website seems much more user friendly. Adult items seem to run small; kids' items run true-to-size.
- VB will run the spirit wear and candy table at the Talent Show. We have a slew of the 10th anniversary 5-shirts and hats and still quite a few designs from last year that we need to unload.

Staff Appreciation – Jaime Luse & Andrew Jacques

- The PTA Conference Dinner is on Monday, November 19th from 4:30 - 6:00pm. We are ordering dinner from Anthony's in Clarksville. The menu for the evening will be penne vodka, chicken parmesan, salad and garlic bread. The total cost is \$313.000 plus tax and tip. The committee is donating desserts, drinks and time to help set up, serve and clean up.
- Will start to plan December 19th December Elf Workshop after Thanksgiving.

Student Directory - Joanna Werner

- KB: Last year was distributed in October. This year we're growing too fast - added a teacher / security concerns / who can be in / who can't be in / privacy concerns. Front Office had to sign off and approve. Hopefully will streamline better for next year. Issue was on on-line copy. TT discussed discrepancy. Should be fixed for next year. Thankful to JW for flexibility. Thank you to Ms. Scholl who made this a priority.

Talent Show – Jeannette Balciunas

- Dress Rehearsal was held this evening. Budgeted about 2 hours. Went over about 20 minutes. Given technical difficulties, kids (and patient parents) did a great job. Looking forward to Friday night that includes the staff act. Some volunteers are still needed – mostly in the gymnasium. JB will send call for volunteers to parents of kids in the show.

Volunteer / Room Parent Coordinator – Stephanie Rea

- KB talked about Gift of Thanks Program – Changing way teachers will receive gifts. Classroom communication is changing. Hoping to streamline program. Can give to homeroom parent and any staff that helps your child. Have spreadsheet w/ all staff members. Working on a letter to explain program. Box in every child's pod to collect checks. PTA will gather forms and tally information. Deposit money and send out to teachers notice and then staff can choose what gift cards they want and from where. Challenge will be getting info out to parents. TT will take care of it. Letter is ready to go. SR will let room parents know about the change and to not send a notice out the way that was done in the past. Option for credit card, but PTA gets charged merchant fees. Adds another layer of complication. 1st year – keep it simple - just take cash or checks. Next year will have a committee and improve program, if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

- TT: Marcy Leonard will be attending the January meeting.
- FJ: Is PTA website linked to TRES website and vice-versa? CW will look into this.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Submitted by Jennifer Kennedy, Secretary

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

[[BOARD]]

Kathy Broadbent

Tiffany Tresler

Heather Moraff

China Williams

Erica Haycock

Victoria Budich

Jennifer Kennedy

Nicole Koonce

Kelly Haag

Dianne Egrie

Leslie Toussaint

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