

Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School (TRES) PTA, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
TRES Media Center
January 23, 2019

Mr. Kuykendall and his 2nd grade class kicked off the meeting with their inspiring song about growth mindset.

President Kathy Broadbent called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

Minutes from the November 14, 2018 General Membership Meeting were accepted without changes.

WELCOME / PRESIDENT'S REPORT– Kathy Broadbent, President

- Welcomed Jason McCoy, HCPSS Area 1 Performance, Equity, and Community Response Officer
 - Mr. McCoy stated that he loves to come out to events and learn about the area in order to better support the staff and community. Always available. Loves when families reach out for good news or to advocate for their schools.
 - KB brought up activities' scheduling issues and hopes HCPSS will address this.
 - Everyone is fighting for space. Scheduling system is very difficult. Lot of pressure on Mrs. Moraff as only point of contact to coordinate and re-schedule.
 - JM said that he is the co-chair of facilities usage and the policy is up for review. High demand for use. Just as much traffic after-school as during the day, sometimes up until 11:00 pm. Many demands from multiple groups. As county grows, other organizations want to use facilities. Requested information from community regarding specific issues and concerns. Committee has met to discuss. Also will receive public testimony for the policies as part of the process. In the spring, the policy will come up as an agenda item for the BOE. Final decision won't be made until after public testimony.
 - KB asked question about the policy – does it include information on scheduling? JM stated that system started as paper. Volume of requests has increased, but he is hopeful that with system upgrades, system has increased efficiency. Some orgs not using space if signed up for it. One person in facilities office currently manages all requests and scheduling. Many challenges in terms of volumes of requests.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Victoria Budich, Treasurer

- See January 2019 Treasurer's Report for details.
- Dr. Tresler asked if there is anything that she and Mrs. Moraff can do / spread the word to bolster funds.

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

- Family Fit Night sponsored by the TRES PTA is on 1/31/19 from 6 – 8:00 pm. See TRES website to register.
- 3rd Annual Cardboard Challenge – Feb 28th – Gadgets and Gizmos. Sign-up on TRES website.
- Valentine's Day info should be sent out soon, along w/ class lists
- Conference scheduling opens Feb 1st. Limited conference spaces available on Feb.14th and 15th (parents should only schedule a conference if they have a concern or received a request from their child's teacher to schedule a conference).
- Gov't shutdown has impacted families – Student services team, including Dr. Tresler and Mrs. Moraff are available to help with providing resource information. Some kids have expressed some anxiety. Keep family members in mind.
 - KB: Is there anything the PTA can do?
 - TT: At this time, things are ok. May be a need in the future if shut-down continues.
 - JM: County is encouraging people to apply for assistance (e.g., FARMs program). Lots of families have taken advantage of that – so many families in our area work for the gov't.
 - NK: Have seen an uptick in HoCo food bank requests. Please consider donating.
- Will attend Public Hearing II on Superintendent's Proposed FY 2020 Operating Budget on January 29th. Budget does support additional staffing at this time (e.g., Ms. Rifkin will be able to work FT next year!).
 - NK – Meeting will also focus on curriculum (class sizes / student ratios – 2nd part of discussion).
 - JM – At this time, there are no plans to increase class size (wish they could be decreased, but at least they will not be increasing). Priority for superintendent and BOE to maintain sizes.
- May 10th – Kindergarten Parent Orientation

PTACHC MEETING REPORT – Jianning Zeng and Nicole Koonce, Delegates

- See attached minutes from Nicole Koonce.
- Encouraged everyone to attend the HCPSS public budget hearing meeting on January 29th – Will discuss curriculum (affects class size, teacher / student ratio / etc.)
- APFO – open for public viewing, but not for public discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Box Tops – Allura Slater

- The next Race to Recess is in progress 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. Flyers will go out reminding families to send in their Box Tops in early February

Cultural Arts – Leslie Toussaint

- Next cultural arts assembly is Tuesday, January 29th, featuring Eric Energy, who is giving a science-based presentation covering weather phenomenon.
- Mr. Tony provided a free concert to TRES on December 21st as part of the community building initiative. Mr. Kuykendall's 2nd grade class also shared a wonderful song that Mr. Kuykendall wrote about growth mindset.

Family Socials – Retriever Rally Julie Patrone & Rachel Jean Baptiste

- Starting to plan for the annual TRES dance on February 22nd. Will be getting a DJ and sending out a sign-up genius for volunteer assistance.

Hospitality – Jennifer Jacobs

- Hospitality has two more events this year - JA in a Day and Field Day. Will provide breakfast and lunch for both events. PTA will post a sign-up genius to solicit parent volunteers for JA in a Day baked goods contributions shortly.

Memory Book – Chrissie Lazaris

- Met yesterday. KB said they are moving forward.

Retriever Run – Theresa Cassino & Theresa Riley

- Permit: Finally approved, so race is a go for May 5th. Fun Run is planned to start at 8 am followed by the 5k at 8:30 am. The police also confirmed that we do not have to pay any application fees!
- Race Management Company: Theresa Riley has secured Rip It Events as our race management company. We will not be doing timing chips to help keep the costs low but there will be a race clock so you will know your time!
- Registration: Hua Xiang has been working hard on our registration page and it is almost ready to go. We are hoping to have it 100% complete for inclusion in the Retriever Report by this Friday January 25.
- Medals and T-Shirts: Bobbi Snowden has been working hard on these and we have secured a vendor and awesome deals for both. Medals will be \$3.25 (3 inch medals) on average to produce and that includes design, the lanyards, shipping, etc (amazing deal) each. T-shirts are \$4.95 for Nike Dry-fit T-shirts (2XL is \$0.75 more and 3XL is \$1.50 more). Anyone registered by March 31, 2019 for the fun run or 5k will be guaranteed a shirt and medal. Josh Budich (Victoria's husband)

worked up a logo for us that will be on both. We are excited to continue the 20th anniversary celebration at our race!

- Race Sponsors: Sponsor letter is drafted. We really need to start reaching out to sponsors. Need POCs of people who have sponsored in the past. Will put letter on TRES PTA website and Dr. Tresler will distribute via her means.
- Family Fit Night: We will have a registration table at Family Fit Night on January 31st.
- Photography Volunteers: If anyone knows of any great photographers at our school who may be willing to take photos at our race on a volunteer basis, please let TC know.
- Not a color run anymore due to allergies. But will celebrate the race as a 20th anniversary celebration run.

Spirit Wear – Jen Levy

- Online store will close around May 1st
- Will set up table during Family Fit Night.
- Discussed how to accept PTA donations during PTA sponsored and school events. PTA currently displays a sign that an event is sponsored by the PTA, but does not have a way to accept electronic donations on the spot. Suggested adding language to the sign stating that PTA accepts donations at events. PTA does have a PayPal account to accept donations and will look into possibility of accepting donations via Venmo, if not prohibited by MD PTA rules.
- Dr. Tresler suggested designing a quarter page spirit wear flyer to add to kindergarten registration packets, e.g., “Get your child spirit wear for kindergarten events!” JL will pull something together (approximately 100 copies).

Staff Appreciation – Jaime Luse & Andrew Jacques

- Enjoying break. Had a ton of volunteers for PTA elves.
- Next event – PTA conferences – Since conferences will not be held during dinner time, PTA will do lunch instead and obtain volunteers to provide deserts.
- NK: How were gift cards received?
 - LR: Parent and Teacher Perspective – Loved it!
 - TT: Staff that hadn't been recognized in the past was appreciative of gifts they received this year as a result of this program. TRES Community is very generous. Thank you to KB for all of her hard work in coordinating and implementing this program.
 - KB: Very pleased w/ generosity of community. Next year will be automated because of volume of gifts. Great problem to have. Will be coordinator of Gift of Thanks program next year.
 - EH: People gave to so many people.
- TT – Teacher appreciation week kicks off Monday, May 6th. KB has extra gift cards for that.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Submitted by Jennifer Kennedy, Secretary

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

BOARD

Kathy Broadbent

Tiffany Tresler

China Williams

Erica Haycock

Victoria Budich

Jennifer Kennedy

Nicole Koonce

Lauren Rifken

Leslie Toussaint

Julia Patrone

Theresa Cassino

Jen Levy

Andrea Jacques

Jaime Luse

GUESTS

Jason McCoy