

Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School (TRES) PTA, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
TRES Media Center
March 13, 2019

President Kathy Broadbent called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Minutes from the February 13, 2019 General Membership Meeting were accepted without changes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT– Kathy Broadbent, President

- Hershey Park tickets are now available for purchase via the TRES website. Dr. Tresler will publicize to gain additional support.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Victoria Budich, Treasurer

- The Venmo account is up and running for PTA donations.
- Completed annual charitable filing. Many thanks to China Williams for review assistance.
- Retriever Run 5K will be next large expenditure.
- Keep up the good work!

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

- Thanked PTA for Parent Teacher Conference and Lunar New Year luncheons. TRES staff appreciated the hospitality and refreshments.
- Thanked PTA for JA in a Day breakfast and lunch spread and thanked TRES parent volunteers who assisted with JA in a Day activities. Also thanked Mrs. Walker for coordinating such a wonderful event.
- New enrollment for Kindergarten or any students not currently at TRES who will be coming in the fall. Spread the word with friends and family regarding the need to register early as possible. Early registration minimizes the need for TRES to have to hire additional staff after the school year begins (causing homeroom re-organization).
- Changes to the elementary school report card will begin next year. The first change will be regarding the learning behaviors section. The section will be much more aligned to social and emotional competencies. Additional information will be put into Friday's Retriever Report. Please contact Dr. Tresler with any questions.
- Individual student pictures have been rescheduled for April 3rd.
- The TRES turn-out for the March for Our Schools event was fantastic. TRES had 12-13 representatives. There were 8500 supporters in Annapolis for the evening.
- Dr. Tresler will move forward with planning another parent education night in May. Tentative topic could be internet / social media safety and awareness.
- There will soon be additional public meetings regarding the Triadelphia Road bridge closure. Meetings will be held at FQMS and GHS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Box Tops – Allura Slater

- We received 1442 Box Tops from November through February and submitted for \$144.20.
- The winning class for this round was Ms. Boule's Kindergarten class. They will get an extra recess with Dr. Tresler with Minute-to-Win-It style games.
- The next deadline is June 30th.
- Will continue to promote and collect to try to reach our school year goal of \$1000.

Cultural Arts – Leslie Toussaint

- The final cultural arts assembly for the year is scheduled for Friday, March 22. The students will enjoy a performance of "The Tiniest Tempest," presented by Shakespeare for the Young.
- Leslie has reached out to TRES' related arts teachers about additional programming for next year, e.g., small group performances, sponsoring an artist-in-residence, or musical collaborations.

Fifth Grade Activities – Cathie Boarman & Joanna Werner

- Dr. Tresler reported that TRES will have some type of recognition ceremony at a park
- The 5th grade shirts are in the final design phase. Signatures being collected next week.

Health & Wellness – Francoise Jakobsson

- Walking Wednesdays will be starting up again soon.
- Will weave the Elephants and Bees theme into the activity.

Hospitality – Jennifer Jacobs

- With the help of some fantastic volunteer bakers in the PTA, hospitality was able to stretch the budget to provide both breakfast and lunch to the JA volunteers (breakfast was the only meal we had budgeted to provide). Many thanks to the volunteer bakers and the cleanup and set up volunteers for making this event possible!
- Hospitality has one more event this year – providing breakfast and lunch for Field Day. We plan to build off this success and put out a call for baker volunteers for this event too! Keep an eye out for the call!

International Night – Jeannette Balciunas & Miranda Butzlaff

- International Night is scheduled for Friday, March 15th. The flyer has been created and it will note the dishes received and the country from which each dish came.
- We have a good number of and are set with the performances.
- There are many activities planned, e.g., a scavenger hunt / stamped passport. The activities and food will be located in the gym and the displays and performances will be located in the cafeteria. There will also be a "quiet zone" in the cafeteria where kids can color or work on puzzles.

- We have recruited the assistance of some Glenwood Middle School National Junior Honor Society students to monitor and help out at the crafts and activity tables and displays and help with performances and set-up / clean-up duties.
- 3 PTA tables will be set-up: Retriever Run, Sprit Wear, and Elephants & Bees.
- Additional volunteers are still needed.

Memory Book – Chrissie Lazaris

- This committee chair position will be open next year. It would be helpful if the chair could be at the school during the day. Dr. Tresler has a few ideas for the next chairperson.

Puppy Playgroup – Angela Graboski

- The new flyer to advertise the play-group has been created and is available to put into the Kindergarten registration packets.
- Angela has created the Facebook Class of 2024 group page and is in the process of adding interested members.
- Dr. Tresler reported that Kindergarten Parent Spring Orientation will be May 10th. Would the PTA like to have a representative speak at that event?
- The PTA will also try to have the School Tool Box information available by May 10th so parents can start to order next year's school supplies.

Retriever Run – Theresa Cassino & Theresa Riley

- Registration
 - Guaranteed T-Shirt and medal deadline is March 31.
 - Paper Registration Forms have been sent home in backpacks and placed in Teacher/Staff mailboxes.
 - Teacher Staff price is \$15!! As of today, we have received 150 registrants.
 - Thank you to Dr. Tresler for her amazing publicity efforts!
 - Paper registration: Local places to post? Let us know and we'll get you copies
 - Registration contest: Mrs. Moraфф agreed to have a contest for the class that could get the most registrations (e.g., an extra recess w/ Dr. Tresler). Will work on details with Dr. Tresler.
- Medal preview: Dr. Tresler sent out.
- Sponsors
 - Grotto's Pizza
 - Talos
 - Black Belt Institute
 - Vanguard Orthodontics
 - Brandon Dean's Childcare
 - Still looking for more sponsors. Please reach out to local businesses and let them know about the great opportunity to sponsor and get their name out to our community. We will be offering sponsors a chance to set up a table for advertising on race morning so make sure to let them know.
- In kind donations: Looking for post-race food (bagels, granola bars, bananas) and water plus anything for swag bags.

- Post-race food trucks
 - T&J Waffles confirmed
 - Carmen's water ice tentative
- School connection
 - Mrs. Schalik is having kids make posters for the race! Tanks so much to her. Would still love student musicians (singers, band and/or orchestra) to perform the national anthem at race start.
- Race day volunteers
 - Will need a race day volunteer coordinator. If you are interested in that role please let Theresa Cassino know.
 - Also please think about friends that may be willing to come out and help! We need photographers, course marshals, emcee, fun run volunteers (like walking Wednesday to count laps), cheer squads, water stop.
 - Dr. Tresler will search for staff emcee and volunteer to assist with a kid mix soundtrack.
- Camilla Shook asked if the kids could color a page of the medal as registration motivation. Josh Budich will assist with the creation of the coloring page.

Spirit Wear – Jen Levy

- The next free shipping promotional period for spirit wear items will be from March 22nd – April 8th. Flyers will be distributed shortly.
- The online store will be closing towards the end of April.
- A discussion was held regarding if the PTA would sell shirts for Field Day again this year. Jennifer Kennedy will follow-up with Ms. Short. Would like to order shirts on-line only (except for staff).

Staff Appreciation – Jaime Luse & Andrew Jacques

- The PTA provided the staff lunch for Parent Teacher conferences on February 14th. The lunch was obtained from Wegman's and volunteer donations. Apologies to the staff for not having enough food this year...we used the numbers from the Fall Parent Teacher conferences that occurred in the evening, so not all staff was accounted for. We will make sure that the numbers are correct next time.
- Starting to plan for Staff Appreciation Week – Will be tied into the continued 20th anniversary celebration.

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination Committee – Jeannette Balciunas

- Already have interested nominees for all Executive Board positions - Will continue to keep slots open for any additional nominees
- Many committee chairs will be returning next year – thanks so much to the returning volunteers!
- Open chairs:
 - Family Socials
 - 5th grade activities
 - Int'l Night
 - Memory Book
 - Talent Show
 - Volunteer Room Parent Coordinator.
- Dr. Tresler offered to publicize requests for nominations.

National PTA Reflections Program – Jeannette Balciunas

- Do we want to have this program at TRES next year?
 - For 50 years, the National PTA's Reflections program has helped students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful in school and in life.
 - Each year, over 300,000 students in Pre-K through Grade 12 create original works of art in response a student-selected theme. The theme for the 2019-2020 program year is "Look Within". Students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts.
 - Student winners from the local level have the opportunity to move up through their district, region, council and state PTA programs to the national level. National Reflections winners are celebrated annually at National PTA's Convention & Expo in June.
- It's a highly organized and rewarding program, but requires a lot of work for a chairperson and committee member. If anyone is interested in chairing this program, please let Jeannette Balciunas know.
- Could have this program rotate yearly with Talent Show. Could also put this on in conjunction w/ the Enrichment Fair.

State Bills – China Williams

- School surcharge fee
 - Legislation allows county council to increase fees levied onto new developments. Passed one step in the process and is moving through the general assembly. Howard County currently has some of the lowest fees in the area. Exemptions will exist for Senior and Affordable Housing developments.
- Kirwin's Bill
 - Lots of money for school construction and mental health students / program. Specifically for Howard County, too.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Submitted by Jennifer Kennedy, Secretary

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

BOARD

Kathy Broadbent

Tiffany Tresler

Heather Moraff

China Williams

Erica Haycock

Victoria Budich

Jennifer Kennedy

Kelly Haag

Leslie Toussaint

Jeannette Balciunas

Theresa Riley

Jen Levy

Jaime Luse

MEMBERS / GUESTS

Camilla Shook

Darlene Rehmert