

Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School (TRES) PTA, Inc.
VIRTUAL General Membership Meeting
Zoom
September 16, 2020

President Victoria Budich called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT– Victoria Budich, President

- Welcome and Introductions
- Vacant Committee Chairs - Gifts of Gratitude, Health and Wellness, Memory Book, We could use a 2nd Fifth Grade Activities chair.
- 2019 -2020 in review
 - Due to COVID-19 the silent auction was switched to a virtual auction. We raised \$10,000.
- 2020-20201 Goals for PTA involvement
 - Artist in residence - Weaving
 - Virtual 5K in Spring 2021
 - Continue to support classrooms through teacher reimbursement (\$100 per full time teacher and \$600 per grade level for academic enrichment).

TREASURER'S REPORT – Kerry Grove, Treasurer

- Membership update:
 - 3 individual members
 - 1 staff member
 - 22 family memberships
 - no hassle fundraising update: \$925
- Motion made to approve the proposed draft budget for 2020-2021. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.

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

- Thank you to parents, teachers over the past two weeks!- All of this is new to all of us!
 - Ms. Walker & Mrs. Spangler- Parent Technology Night and tech help

- Mrs. McVey & Mrs. Jones- Chromebook & materials distribution (along with may other para and teachers)
- Mrs. Moraff-Working on Synergy/Canvas Issues
- Mrs. Schalik- Many rewrites of the RA schedule (w/help from Mrs. Lewis)
- Mrs. Snider- Synergy & scheduling
- Mrs. Scholl- Registrations
- All front office- learning to be tech support (and coming to the building). The phones at TRES are being answered (we don't have an answering machine or the phone upgrades yet)
- Mrs. Berdeguez- TRESmission
(<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PszJHEiXR06P5CKy6G8ZGr6sQ0Xij8u-/view>)
- We are getting any issues (technology & communication) worked out as we are made aware of them, and it's getting better day by day. Keep letting us know what is working and what is not working.
- Asynchronous work & Wednesdays: We don't have a school-wide streamline solution at this time. We met with team leaders for an hour today to try to work it out. The students are learning what they need to do and the teachers will continue to work with them. We are hoping that BSTN will help clarify for parents. The best way is to check the Canvas pages. We don't have a way to make sure that everything is on the calendar and "to do" list. It will get easier and it will become more routine. The teachers are working hard on making sure that the live meets are engaging and that students are learning during the meetings.
- Heather or I am at TRES M-F if you need assistance, please call us! We want to help!

PTACHC MEETING REPORT – Nicole Koonce and Jianning Zeng, Delegates

- PTACHC (PTA Council of Howard County) is a broad PTA organization for the county. There are 1-2 representatives for every school at every level (elementary, middle and high school).
- Delegates vote based on TRES PTA opinions and ideals. Our delegates may ask us to vote or discuss something so they can vote at the monthly PTACHC meetings.
- Next Meeting is Monday, October 5, 2020

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Grade Young Authors - Victoria Budich

- In the Spring, the typical young authors celebration was moved completely virtual and there was 100 % participation. Thank you to the dedicated 1st grade teachers. Kirsten Earp has agreed to take over for this year. Depending on if school is still virtual, the celebration may be in person or online.

Cultural Arts – Leslie Toussaint

- Cultural Arts won another \$2,000 grant from the Howard County Arts Council to hold our artist residency with weaver, Nancy Charamella, in the spring of 2021. This is contingent upon schools reopening for the Spring semester. We will have to return the funds from 2020 by December 31.
- Francoise Jakobsson - The beehive fence in Kenya that TRES sponsored was delayed but will go up October-November

Community Outreach – Leslie Toussaint

- We are transitioning from a hands-on model (coat drive, Angel Tree gift drive) to a covid-friendly format, most likely virtual. Sarah Knaup and Francoise Jakobsson have agreed to co-chair this committee.

Retriever Run – Leslie Toussaint

- The Retriever Run 5K is moving to a virtual format this spring. Lysa Regits and Courtney Greer have agreed to co-chair this committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- TREaSure Hunt in lieu of Retriever Rally - families can look for a list of items and submit pictures for a slide show.
- Thank a Teacher Tuesday - Victoria will choose a teacher for parents and students to send notes or videos of appreciation on the TRES PTA facebook page.
- Kelly Haag, Lauren Rifkin, and Brett Lebowitz will share the staff liaison duties this year.
- Mrs. Lebowitz was interested in submitting a proposal to have a slam poet come to TRES to get students excited about poetry.
- We had 15 minutes to have a Q & A session.
 - We discussed that parents should check modules for assignments as teachers were instructed to post in modules so there was consistency across the county. The “to do” list does not populate from modules so we should NOT rely on that tab for assignments.
 - Mrs. Lebowitz suggested you set up bookmarks for your kids so they can easily access all of their meets.

- We discussed that meet times are consistent across the county and are not flexible. This is so support teachers can have a designated time with each grade level.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Alison Holcombe, Secretary

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE