

**Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School PTA
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, January 13, 2021
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1. Welcome / President's Report -Victoria Budich, President

Upcoming Activities:

TRES PTA Winter Drive-Thru Event February 9th 4:30-5:30

This will be in lieu of a winter dance. Bring a winter accessory to donate (hat, gloves, mittens, scarf) and receive a winter surprise from the PTA!

Virtual Retriever Run May 1st

2. Treasurer's Report – Kerry Grove, Treasurer

**January 2021 Treasurer's Report
TRES PTA**

Expenditures as of 12/31/20

Fund	Spent	Remaining
Academic Enrichment	\$113.83	\$3,486.17
Classroom Enrichment	\$418.75	\$4,866.25
Retriever Rally/Fall Festival	\$582.12	\$2,417.88
Winter Dance (2019)	\$650	
PTA State Membership Dues	\$352.72 (for 83 members)	1,847.28
Fifth Grade Activities	\$972.69	\$827.31
Gifts of Gratitude**	\$105.70	\$0

Income as of 12/31/20

Fund	Total Deposited
Membership/Membership Drive Donations	\$2,129.72
AmazonSmile	\$65.59

Budget Discussion:

Classroom/Academic Enrichment:

- We still have many staff members and most grade levels who have not submitted receipts for reimbursements for this school year. Kerry will compose an email to send to staff reminding them about the reimbursement process so that we can make sure the funds are utilized during the current

school year.

Gifts of Gratitude:

- All staff members received Gifts of Gratitude in December.
- Total amount collected: \$21,641. Order total for Gift Cards with Scrip \$21,015.65. Square fees and holiday cards for teachers amounted to \$731.14. Total loss for the PTA was: \$105.70

Membership As of 12/31/20

Dues and Donations: \$2,129.72

Family Memberships: 29

Individual Memberships: 8

Staff Memberships: 17

Total Members as of 12/31: 84

Reimbursement Process: All reimbursement requests must be delivered in paper copies with their original receipt or invoice before reimbursement is processed. This will keep our books organized and we will be less likely to have an error. It is also in our bylaws and the PTACHC bylaws. Kerry checks the PTA mail at least once a week at TRES, so, turn in your requests ASAP. ***If you would prefer to mail reimbursement requests directly to Kerry that is absolutely fine, email tresptatreasurer@gmail.com for the address.

MemberHub: MemberHub is our new membership store and it is up and running. We are very excited to have people begin signing up to be PTA members this way. You can also choose to do a direct donation to the PTA with MemberHub.

Join us: Please continue to join the PTA - we are excited to support classroom and grade level enrichment projects!

3. Principal's Report – Dr. Tiffany Tresler, TRES Principal

Dr. TRESler's Report

- TRES staff would like to send a big thank you to all of the TRES parents who participated in the Gifts of Gratitude and a special thank you to the PTA volunteers who organized the collection and distribution.
- **Message from our sibling school:**

On behalf of Mrs. Powell and the entire Bryant Woods Staff and Students, we wanted to send a heartfelt ♥♥♥ "Thank You" ♥♥♥ to Triadelphia PTA! We are truly appreciative for the vast donation that our school received from the many families at your school. What you did for Bryant Woods was just remarkable! We were able to support 9 families, with a total of 19 children! Each child received a coat, hat and gloves, a pair of shoes, several clothes items, and a desired toy or two. All items were shipped to the families.

Please accept this small note of appreciation as our way of showing how grateful we are of your efforts.

Stay safe, wear your masks and Happy New Year!

Kelley Powell

Principal

Ashley Armstead

Former BWES School Counselor now BSAP Specialist

Pat Shifflett

BWES Family Involvement Contact

- 2nd Marking Period Grading: The 2nd marking period ends Jan. 28th. Please check your child's Canvas grades for missing assignments.
 - Upcoming Parent Conferences: February 10th and 11th. Watch from details to come out via email.
 - Optional Spaces for students to discuss current events (see below- letter being sent to parents tomorrow)
 - Excited that Mr. John SanGiovanni, Coordinator of Elementary Mathematics will be joining us for February's meeting. In addition to his role in HCPSS, John is an adjunct professor and coordinator of the Elementary Mathematics Instructional Leader graduate program at McDaniel College. He is an author of numerous books about mathematics teaching and learning, and is national mathematics curriculum and professional learning consultant. John is a frequent speaker at national conferences and institutes. He is active in state and national professional organizations and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.
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Dear TRES Parents,

As a community of educators, we value talking with our students to help them process difficult topics and help them make sense of their world. We believe that students can engage in age-appropriate conversations about challenging topics and should be provided with opportunities to express their emotions and ask questions. One outcome of education is to teach young people how to responsibly participate in, and one day, lead our democracy. That goal is more important now than ever before.

In acknowledging the value of this, we have decided to create optional safe spaces for our students to discuss the riots at the Capitol and other current events. These conversations will take place on Friday (1/15/21), Tuesday (1/19/21), or Wednesday (1/20/21) (see schedule linked later in this email) Some messages that we would like for our students to take away from the conversations are the following:

- Our words are powerful.
- Your actions make a difference.
- It's okay to disagree, but it's not okay to be unkind.

Kindergarten and First Grade: These grades will offer a time as a full team with support from Dr. Tresler and Mrs. Moraff. We will provide a brief age-appropriate statement about what occurred at the Capitol last week and facilitate a conversation for students to share. Possible topics of these discussions include: What are important buildings or symbols to our government? Where are laws made? Who makes the laws? What happens when people disagree? How do we become responsible citizens in our community? What is a Presidential Inauguration? These are in alignment with the primary social studies standards.

In an effort to make this space focused on students' voices, we ask that parents not be visible on screen. This allows students to share with familiar peers and adults. The adults leading the session will be ones that students already have a relationship with. If any comment or remark of concern is shared by your child, the individual teacher will reach out to you.

[Click here to see the date/time and room code if you would like your child to participate.](#)

Resources shared with our teachers to be used as resources when talking with students:

- <https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/content/dam/campaign/editorial/fy2021/ec/02210107/Interview-Marcie-Capitol.pdf>
- <https://edublog.scholastic.com/post/support-you-and-your-students-chaos-us-capitol>

Additional Recommended Resources for Parents:

[How to talk to your kids about the chaos at the Capitol \(National Geographic\)](#)

[How to talk to children about difficult topics](#)

[Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#) (from the National Association of School Psychologists)

Please email us if you have any questions.

Warmly,

Dr. Tresler & Mrs. Moraff

4. PTACHC Report – Nicole Koonce and Jianning Zeng, Delegates

PTA of MD/National Update:

- PTA of Maryland has been reorganizing
- National PTA has been working with them to reorganize
- Legal actions have been dropped
- Many open roles on the Maryland PTA if you are interested. Roles are posted on their site.
- Letter received allowing online voting. However, in discussions with National and State PTAs, awaiting guidance/clarification on HOW voting is to be conducted. We can START doing online voting at the school level - act in good faith and make sure all members can participate. Just know that the way that we do that voting has not yet been specified.

HoCo Fee-in-Lieu of Moderate-Income Housing Units HoCo 12-21 – was supposed to come up in today’s BoE meeting but it did not. Delegate Atterbeary championing. For the purpose of prohibiting Ho Co from authorizing payment of a fee-in-lieu of a requirement under local law that a developer provide moderate-income housing units in a new residential development project; and generally relating to moderate-income housing unit requirements in Ho Co.

FY22 Budget Dates are here...

BOE meeting schedule is as follows:

Thurs Jan 21, 2021 Presentation of Superintendent’s Proposed Budget

Tuesday January 19, 2021 – Public Work Session I

Tuesday January 26, 2021 – Public Work Session II

Thursday January 28, 2021 – Public Work Session III

Tuesday Feb 2, 2021 – Public Work Session IV

Thursday Feb 4, 2021 – Public Work Session V

Tuesday Feb 9, 2021 – Public Work Session VI

Spending Affordability Advisory Committee (SAAC)

Weekly meetings - 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4 at 9am

Joint meeting of BOE/County Council – Jan 11, 2021 9am

County Council –

Dec 14, 2020 – was a meeting to discuss School Surcharges that had a lot of red flags on the budget needed for schools. Please watch the recording.

Jan 6, 2021 1pm (Monthly on Bond Capacity and Fiscal Projections)

BoE Operating Budget Review Committee (OBRC)

School Enrollment impact on Budget

- School enrollments went down from 58868 to 57189 this year. Usually, we grow 800 to 1000 students per year. Impacts our spending.
- When they calculate state add, they use the prior September number (Per pupil state aid = # of students * \$.) So, our per pupil aid will be under-calculated for next year if our enrollment numbers go back up again. We are not sure how they will factor in the COVID dip numbers.

Other Meetings

- PAC Meeting January 5, 2021 – 6pm to 8pm. This committee will meet virtually – can be watched via livestream. Strongly encourage folks to watch.
- Housing Task Force. Must be a housing component of plans put forward. They have draft language but a few concerning themes....Exemptions that impact overcrowding, exemptions to mitigation and concentrations of poverty.

Redistricting

Policy 6010. Redistricting. Committee just wrapped up recommendations. Recommendations now go to policy office, then to legal, then to superintendent, then reported to BoE who can review and make recommended changes. Then a vote taken. There will be Public hearings before adoption. If/when adopted, the recommendations will set the guidelines for how redistricting decisions are made in the future. There are three activities related to school openings that are anticipated to trigger a redistricting in next few years (though technically it could happen at any time.) Next trigger will be the completion of the Talbott Springs Rebuild. The other two are the completion of Hammond HS (targeted to finished in 2023) and HS13.

Some highlights from the recommendations from the committee...

- Define overcapacity as over 100%. Seems common sense, but used to consider over 100% as acceptable for schools. This will give at least a realistic goal as we populate schools so as not to overcrowd schools.
- Weighted analytical measures – weighted decision matrix. Means applying scores to redistricting factors and weighting them with the intention of creating an analytical process. Takes into account outliers. This creates a weight/flag on the impacts so we can get to something predictable so that anyone in the community can understand/anticipate the calculations.
- Priority considerations on capacity and equity – considered at highest weighting standards as they move forward. But will also account for other factors (roughly 12 factors.) One added for the condition of the schools themselves and ability to handle growth if they are targeted for renovation.

- Extra language for public input and notice. Want to have appropriate notice and not last minutes surprises.

This gives a framework and will make it less arbitrary. Want a way of smoothing out the extreme changes over time.

Other

- Meng Zhu gave a Reflections update. Entries sent in by schools for art. January 15th will finish judging and winners will be submitted to the state level.
- Tanya Tiffany – Legislative - At least 18 meetings trying to monitor this month. They need help watching some of them to help keep up where conversations are going. Looking for volunteers to help review meetings – even if it is after the fact. Even to review/take notes/write up concern areas. (we are still missing a legislative chair so Tanya is covering who was old chair.)
- Dr Yuan Lu – Liaison to PTACHC from the BoE. First meeting with her present. (Christine DS and Vicky C also joined the meeting.) No particular updates – just introductions.
- Members committee (Jeff Johnson) is going to reach out to each school to do a wellness check – make sure everyone has what they need.

5. Committee Reports

Retriever Run - Kim Eggborn

The Retriever Run will be held virtually on May 1st. Thank you Mrs. Auxt and Mrs. Lewis for joining in to help with this effort. We will focus on the pre-race activities to get the students and their family ready and excited. Ideas include sharing a couch to 5K plan, sharing tips for training, and sharing stretch breaks throughout the day.

Cultural Arts - Leslie Toussaint

We are in a holding pattern with the artist in residence activity until we are back to school in person.

Outreach - Leslie Toussaint

The Giving Tree gift card fundraiser raised \$1800. We were able to sponsor 9 families from BWES and 3 from TRES during the holidays.

6. New Business

Winter Drive-Thru Event - Kerry Grove

In lieu of a Winter Dance the PTA will sponsor a Drive-Thru Winter event. Families will drive through the TRES bus loop and drop off a new winter accessory (hat, gloves, mittens, or scarf) to be donated to families in need. The PTA will be handing out treat bags to cars as they pass through.

Replacing the TRES sign -Alison Holcombe

Alison suggested we start to research the cost of replacing the TRES sign in front of the school. We will begin with making contact with Dayton Oaks who just replaced their digital sign. Once we have an estimate we'll know whether further fundraising is needed.