



Terra Linda PTC Meeting

January 24, 2024

Minutes

President	Amanda Morris
Vice Presidents of Fundraising	Allison DeHaan & Becky Seppala
Treasurer	Michael Achterman
Secretary	Essie Neeway
Communications Coordinator	Brittney Dinsdale
Volunteer Coordinators	Becky Chmela & Lauren Williamson

Meeting called to order: 6:33pm

Amanda:

-Introductions (via the chat)

-Review of meeting minutes: motion to approve (Essie), second (Michael)-->passed

-Open Board positions for 2024-2025: Positions are 1 year with 2 year max. Openings are: President, Secretary, Volunteer coordinator (1 of 2). Please spread the word to anyone you know who might be interested. You can reach out to Amanda or talk to anyone on the board about positions if you are interested.

-BEF Kindergarten grant: Sarah Gooding here to tell us a bit about it→she and Mrs. Henning wrote a grant to request light covers for the fluorescent lights in the kindergarten rooms and a supply for the wellness room for other teachers who would like to use them as well. Then they are also asking for noise canceling headphones for kiddos. They have had this grant up for a little while and they currently have a little over \$700 and usually with BEF if you show a decent amount they will kick in some. If they can find \$300 more they will fund it the rest of the way. They are asking the PTC for this money. It would be 20 total headphones and 12, (4 packs) of the light covers. This will cover kinder as well as some to share with the rest of the school. Motion to approve (Allison), 2nd (Essie)-->passed.

-Ozobots: A couple of years ago we had a surplus of money and we voted on ozobots but they were out of stock. They are finally back in stock so we need to be sure that the PTC is still ok with spending the money on this. It was not specifically earmarked in the budget but they did vote for this back in 2022. The amount would be (set of 18), cost would be \$2,990. Michael thinks that we could spend this and still be in good shape. Will they get good use over the next couple of years? How much are they used currently? Table this and find out if there is still a need and get more information? This came up because Rick was on an alert list for when they came back in stock. Sarah thinks that they might be in the STEAM room but they aren't easy to figure out.

-The past 2 years we have been able to buy paper for the school so that families don't have to buy it. Do we want to keep doing this? It was about \$1800 this year. Should we add this as a line item and fund it each year or wait and see at the end of each year if we have any extra since it will fluctuate each year. Becky S. Let's wait until the end of each year, Allison-same. Will wait until the end of the year (about May) and see if we can fund it. Michael will still add it as a line item so that we can track it as an expense since it hasn't been tracked prior.

-Keely Weiland: She helped to start the after school program for the 4th and 5th graders and they are doing them again this year. She is going to be teaching an art club in the spring this year and she is looking for some funding to boost the current art supplies and watercolor paper and bulk canvases so that they can take higher quality work home with them. It's about \$270 worth of art supplies and she created an Amazon wish list for this that she will share with us. She is expecting about 47 students so far. She needs these supplies by the beginning of March. Allison (motion to approve), Essie (second)--> approved

-We have a speaker (Greg Benneck) coming in February who talks about kindness and anti-bullying and Amanda was asked by the PTC of Nancy Ryles if we want to join them at an evening event at their school. They ask us to contribute \$100. The board felt like we wouldn't have a great turnout due to distance. It would be Thursday Feb 29th. We all agree that we will not be going. Amanda will respond.

Wendy:

-Evening events for next year: She was facing a bit of a dilemma this year in planning evening events. The teacher contracts state that they attend 3 evening events outside of conferences and can be filled in a variety of ways. During Covid there became a practice of back to school night being provided in a remote way and wasn't counted as a formal evening event. There is an option for a back to school night picnic to be one of these events. As we are shifting back to in-person back to school nights. If we did this it would take up 2 of the evening events by September and we are a small staff so they might not be able to cover the events for the rest of the year. She was brainstorming with Amanda about what we might do or how we might change the supply drop off. Do we have any input? Emily S: last year and this year they did the school supply drop off and a back to school night and those were 2 of the events. But they have a much larger staff and school. We currently don't utilize teachers very often for PTC events. It's pretty new to have teachers coming to the PTC meetings and we don't require them to present or anything. Most people seem to be in favor of an in-person back to school curriculum night. How important is it to the PTC to have teachers at the supply drop off or can we change the time? We are for sure having an in-person back to school curriculum night. Dawn D: its really important to have teachers involved in events throughout the year. Keely: Is there a creative way to do them both on the same night? 10 minutes presentation during the supply drop off slot that is 30 min? It would not bother her as a teacher to talk about it 3x in a row for a short time with parents in her room. Becky S: Could have a community picnic and back to school night and then just a supply drop off during the day. Wendy: Option could be for a teacher meet and supply drop off from 3-4pm. Then at curriculum night it could be more of a community night and PTC could have a much bigger role in that event. Kids would come to that event and teachers would be in their rooms and it would be more casual conversation. Lauren W: Does not want kids at curriculum night because it's too distracting. Amanda: in the interest of time, we will move along. Bottom line: we would like teachers involved throughout the time of year and we can move supply drop off.

Becky C:

-Opportunities are all up in Better Impact
-New opportunity for Spring Fling chair (coming in May), SRC class rep, 3rd grade book club volunteers
-Club volunteers
-Art Lit
-Jen Collett is looking for volunteers tomorrow (10) for OBOB practice. If interested please reach out.
-Movie Night: Feb 2nd and she hasn't been able to get licensing for a movie. To renew the year license is \$420. For one movie it is closer to \$150-200 to license one. She needs to move on this quickly. Teachers wouldn't have access anymore but they don't watch a lot of movies at school anyway. If we don't do the year this year and we choose to do the year next year the price will go up. This year we will go with the single movie night price.

Lauren W:

-Art lit: There are a lot of art lit volunteers and she sends out the email for the training a lot but there are a lot of issues with having a good number of volunteers per class. A lot of times if someone is struggling to have a good number of volunteers for their class Laura Bennett will step in. In the interest of having a few more volunteer options, please sign up or spread the word. Becky S: Just reach out to classroom volunteers and she always gets volunteers. We could also post about it on social media. Volunteer coordinators have been hesitant to send emails because they were told they were sending too many. Can all work toward spreading the word better. No experience required to volunteer.

Michael:

-Treasurer report: Tiger Trot: we raised \$43, 475.72! That puts us in a really great position for the remainder of the year. All other things are tracking really well and we are under budget on several things. There is still more money coming in from matches.

Meeting adjourned: 7:47pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Essie Neeway, PTC Secretary 2023-2025