

Tewksbury Twp PTA

GENERAL MEETING

Friday, May 19, 2023 ▪ 9:34am – 10:42am
Old Turnpike School

- I. Introduction & Call to Order – Jen Prisco
 - PTA Board and 5 community members in attendance.
 - The nominated PTA Board for 23/24 was in attendance.

- II. Reading and Approval of Minutes – Jessica Cooper
 - General Meeting Minutes from 2/9/2023 were approved.

- III. Officer Reports
 - Membership Report – Jess Petrognani
 - Treasurer’s Report – Jessica Russo
 - Budget is looking very healthy.
 1. Spirit wear will improve before the end of the year.
 2. Somerset Patriots family baseball game has a negative balance. Will probably not host this event next year. It was a field trip for 4-8th grades this year.
 3. After July 1, the 23/24 budget will need to be approved.
 - President’s Report – Jen Prisco
 - Terms start July 1 for 23/24 school year.
 - A summary of events for 22/23 school year was given. PTA has been involved in a lot of events and it was a positive rebuilding year post-Covid.
 - PTA moved to new streamlined online platforms that have improved things greatly.
 - PTA was more visible this year to the community, with communication and events.
 - Upcoming events
 1. Field Day
 - a. **Vicky will pick up the ice pops and deliver to TES and OTS. Jen will confirm the dates and the numbers needed for each school.**
 2. Moving Up Day
 - a. PTA is providing the ice cream for this event. In the past PTA has also supplied pizza, but that hasn’t been requested this year.
 3. Kindergarten Playdate
 - a. August 24, 2023

- b. Extra shirts were ordered, in their house colors, for the incoming kindergarten class.
 - c. PTA will help with this event, but more details will be coming for that.
 - 4. Possible playground addition to OTS
 - a. A student presented at the Board of Ed meeting requesting a Gaga Pit. Dr. Mitchell is in the process of sending a proposal to the PTA for the cost of new equipment.
- Goals for 23/24 School year
 1. Keep the positive momentum going. Will have new and fresh fundraising events coming for the next school year. PTA will also offer fundraising opportunities as well free events.
 2. Continue to have an increase in volunteers and opportunities for parents to be involved in lots of areas with PTA.

IV. Reports of Special Committees

- Nominating Committee
 - Presentation of Nominees – Jess Petrognani, Nominating Committee Chair
 1. Jessica Cooper and Vicky Schwartz are members of this committee
 - Election
 1. Jen Prisco and Jessica Petrognani – Co-Presidents
 2. Liz Zusman – Vice President
 3. Jessica Cooper – Recording Secretary
 4. Brianne Coradini – Corresponding Secretary
 5. Jessica Shalhaub – Treasurer
 6. Victoria Schwartz – VP Fundraising
 7. Jessica Evenson – VP Membership
 8. Claudia Mecca – VP Community Affairs
 - Jessica C. read the by-laws of officers and new board members were sworn in.

V. New Business

- Grant Requests
 - Delicious Ice Cream (4th Grade Moving Up Ceremony) / AND Kona Ice (TES)?
 1. Lisa Moore submitted a grant request for the ice cream for the moving up ceremony. This was accounted for in the 4th grade moving up budget.
 2. Lisa Moore submitted a grant request form for Kona Ice for the last day of school. This was paid for by the school last year and not PTA. **PTA has decided to fund this for this year, however it will not be covered next year. The school will need to decide if they want PTA to pay for the ice cream or the Kona ice moving forward.**

- TES Nurse Grant Update
 1. A line item for the nurse has been added to our budget for 23/24 school year to pay for extra underwear and pants for TES.
 2. Jess R. has asked that she submit another grant request for this current school year, there is still money in the budget for that this year.
- PTA Support for LEAD Program
 - Revamped DARE program that will be provided to the Tewksbury Schools, piloted with 5th grade for the 23/24 school year, by the Tewksbury police department.
 1. Officer Ralph will teach once per week for a set session, details still being determined.
 2. They've asked PTA to help support the program once it gets off the ground. They've also asked PTA to pay for their LEAD t-shirts.
 - a. **The Board discussed and agreed to pay for the shirts this year and will ask Officer Ralph to submit a grant request.**
- Upcoming Meetings / Events
 - PTA Social – June 8, June 15 or 16
 1. PTA Board, committee chairs, etc. The date and details will be finalized and sent out soon.
 - Summer Meeting August TBD, group Member Hub training (Zoom) TBD
 - Kindergarten Playdate – August 24, 2023
 - Welcome Back Breakfast – Monday, August 28
 - Harvest Fest – September 23

VI. Announcements

- Tiger Trot – May 21

VII. Adjournment

PTA General Meeting Sign-In Sheet
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