

Together for Trillium

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2016

ATTENDING: Apollonia Quale, Kate Rohl, Christian Nielsen, Nikos Tzetos, Stephanie Bliss, Paola LaMorticella, Margarita Castro, Derek Gray, Matt Mount.

I. TFT events

A. Scheduled events:

1. Staff-appreciation day (May 23rd): In preparation for the event, bouquets will be arranged from flowers donated by Trader Joe's, on Monday, May 23rd in the morning.
2. Staff-appreciation dinner (June 9): All set for Paola to prepare food and Michael to host. We are accepting monetary donations and volunteers' time before, during and after the event.
3. Coffee klatch (May 20): The possibility of an afternoon or evening event for parents who cannot attend in the morning was discussed; Turn Turn Turn could be a venue.
4. Volunteer-appreciation event: Is this something that TFT should take on? Nikos will talk to Debra to discuss if it is considered by the school at this time.

B. Recent events:

1. We recapped runaissance, plant sale and senior-project night events.

II. Guest speaker

Eileen Mejia was unavailable to talk about Constructivism; meeting participants gave their impressions, experience and ideas about the concept.

III. Discussion-Announcements

- A. Function, history and availability of the Trillium newsletter were discussed.
- B. We agreed that an improvement in communication may be accomplished by teachers approaching parents. Should the position of a class liaison or room parent be reinstated?
- C. The need for more community-building events was stressed.
- D. An announcement board on Maryland Street would be a good way to post TFT meeting times and other messages.
- E. A strong presence at next year's Welcome-Fair is important to build enthusiasm and attract people to participate throughout the year. An ice-cream social was suggested.
- F. Should there be a children's event during TFT meetings?
- G. The Trillium business directory should be updated.

IV. PTA & TFT business (Board discussion)

- A. For the sake of predictability and continuity, Apol suggested we not hold a meeting if third Monday is a no-school day.
- B. Treasurer's report:

Monday 5/16/16 balance is \$8,800.

\$7,700 gross earnings, at least \$2,800 from Scrip.

- C. Scrip discrepancy (probably a result of not documenting scrip inventory) was discussed. Christian, Juniana Lanning and Nikos will count inventory and find a solution.