

August TFT Meeting

Present: Johanna, Alicia, Nikos, Kieran, James, Thane, Reggie, Stephanie, Jodi, Linda

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Called to order by Johanna (TFT President)

Director's report: Kieran

Mary is one of the new teachers that met our kids at the library and looked for an opening from there. Tiffany has been a sub for every class as trillium and has been very popular. Christina finished off the year as a K-1 teacher and comes back full time to round out the K-1 program.

Fawn comes from an environmental education and pre-school for the last 8 years. Kyle has started a charter school and has a strong focus on science. They are our two new 2-3 teachers.

Patricia ran an after school program previously. Michael was well liked during his sample lesson and comes from a theatre background. Bigil was a strong candidate that would fit in multiple levels. They are our two new 4-5 teachers.

The lower school teachers have been at story-line conference all this week and are feeling excited and ready for the year. There are 8 new Lower school teachers

Chris is a new Middle School Math teacher who is already a favorite with kids from sample lesson.

Lauren is the new After-care and PE teacher. Nora will take over the garden program and is excited to take over. Jessica is our new chef from a meditation community. Hailey and Faianna are our two new Social work interns from PSU. Community organizing is a big part of the role and they will be taking over some of those volunteer. Aftercare 2, upper school language, and upper school Art are still open positions that need to be filled.

Director's report, cont'd.

We have a new board member join the board and we are looking for a couple of parents to join

Megan Perry - Oregon Mentors (President)

John Lockhart - Professor at Pacific Center for Democratic Education

Stacey Blanton - Parent and background in Real Estate (Treasurer)

Jeff - Parent (Secretary)

Emily Jensen - Development Director for Forum for Youth Investment

Swapna Mukhopadhyay- Professor at PSU

The new staff is excited to start the year and we at TFT are looking at ways where we can support them and make them feel valued right from the beginning.

Welcome Faire: Johanna

School Clean up Saturday August 23

New Staff starts Monday August 25

Welcome Fair 1-7 Wednesday August 27

6th-9th Orientation Thursday August 28

Middle and Upper School Starts August 29

Lower School Starts September 2

Budget 2014/2015: Nikos

| | 13/14 Budget | 13/14 Actual | 2014/2015 |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Totals | 7900.59 | 3904.56 | 9267.47 |
| Operation | \$2350.59 | \$485.19 | \$410 |
| Tax | 1500 | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance | 175 | 180 | 225 |
| Dues | 0 | 75 | 75 |
| Bank Fees | 350 | 140.12 | 110 |
| Accounting | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Misc | 75.59 | 0 | 0 |
| Social Events | 1250 | 1002.09 | 1250 |
| Grants | 1500 | 1219.75 | 300 |
| Professional Dev. | 1500 | 52.45 | 600 |
| Materials | 500 | 498.26 | 500 |
| Outdoor School | 500 | 500 | 500 |
| Senior Grants | 300 | 146.89 | 300 |
| Science Lab | NA | NA | 1805.48 |
| Playground | NA | NA | 2500 |
| Teacher Training | NA | NA | 1100 |

Budget proposed above.

James moved to accept the budget as written above, thane seconded. 7 for and none against.

Misc. Info

Oregon is 41st lowest in Funding

Oregon is 2nd highest in disparity between public neighborhood and public charter funding
 Math and science scores are very strong in latest testing in middle school. This is due to the constructivist model where kids learn to think critically and solve problems themselves vs memorizing answers.