

Together for Trillium

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2016

ATTENDING: Kate Rohl, Nikos Tzetos, Christian Nielsen, Lauryl Grimes, Michelle Price, Ximena Ospina-Todd, Angela Talbott, Ivy Storan, Susan Millhauser, Johanna Norton, Stacey Nuissl, Amy Thaxton, Ashley Brown, Kieran Connolly, Stephanie Bliss.

I. TFT events

- A. Harvest Fest dates were decided to be Friday October 21st. Angela and Ivy volunteered to meet with Kate Rohl to plan the event.

II. Discussion-Announcements

- A. Kate asked for ideas on a means of communication, from TFT and/or from school.

Several suggestions and ideas regarding a forum or other means were made, including the following:

- A forum could be unmoderated, with each author using accepted guidelines.

- Should an announcement board be different from a forum?

- Specific needs to communicate could include:

- Carpooling, need of some members for specific information.

- Need of TFT board to send out information.

- Portland Village School have added communication methods to their parent handbook. TFT could do the same.

- Other lines of communication were proposed, including:

- School to everyone

- TFT to everyone

- Community announcement forum with opt-in requirement

- Official communication lines in the class level

Communication from school:

- Lower-school head will send announcement.

- Kieran is working on a forthcoming message.

Johanna suggested the formation of a communication subcommittee to handle the nitty-gritty work. Possible members could be Travis, Susan, Stacey, Michelle. Johanna gathered contact information.

- B. Attendees expressed interest in seeing teachers' and staff's portrait photos on website or possibly the handbook. Kieran said the school is working on it. A suggestion was made to have teachers introduced at a back-to-school-night event.

III. PTA & TFT business

- A. August minutes to be approved by members present at previous meeting via email.

- B. Nikos presented PTSA membership information, including member benefits, dues, ways to become members, etc.
- C. Unit's standing rules were read by secretary and edits were presented.
- D. Treasurer presented his report for the month.
- E. TFT budget formed in August was approved; Christian moved, Nikos seconded, budget passed.
- F. Kate Rohl will be interim president.