

Together for Trillium

Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2016

ATTENDING: Megan Kelley, Kellie Shaw, Johanna Norton, Kate Rohl, Paola Lamorticella, Apol Quale, Ximena Ospina-Todd, Maryliz Herron, Christian Nielsen, Nikos Tzetos

I. PTA & TFT business

- A. Welcome, introductions from Kate.
- B. Coffee klatch coming up. Proposed subject: Teachers, school and 2016 election. Kate will ask Kieran to send email about the klatch and the subject.
- C. Upcoming meeting schedule was decided: December 12, January 9, February 13.
- D. Treasurer Report from Christian :
 - a. Harvest festival photo-booth reimbursement of \$90 ready to be made
 - b. Scrip sales are slow
 - c. Tax and CT-12 forms are complete
 - d. Insurance-renewal documents were reviewed
 - e. Members' reimbursement checks were written
 - f. A budget item of aftercare scholarships needs to be established. Possibly \$2000. Kate will ask Debra and Sharon how to facilitate. Kellie proposed that lower-school teachers can email parents
- E. Secretary report from Nikos:
 - a. October minutes will be emailed to participants
 - b. Membership list and payment were sent to ORPTA
 - c. A membership drive letter will be sent out
- F. No update from communications committee has been given regarding methods of communication with community.

II. TFT events and fundraising

- A. Wreath and berry sales are happening in December.
- B. Staff appreciation event(s): Do a breakfast at a later date and help with snacks at the upcoming staff meeting for now.

III. Discussion-Announcements

- A. Trillium school-board meeting update:
 - a. school budget
 - b. audit
 - c. formation of committees
 - d. fundraising
 - e. School pet policy
 - f. Charter renewal
 - g. K-1 teacher relocating and efforts to hire a replacement
 - h. Financial update
 - i. Director's report
- B. Update from school: Approx. 16 students with AmeriCorps volunteers took part in protests.
- C. Ximena requested more timely updates from school, especially after the election; what is the role of TFT?

- D. Paola wants to get information from Megan regarding community members' skills.
- E. Paola brought up TFT helping families during the holidays.
- F. Volunteer-coordinator update and announcements:
 - a. Parents need more communication from school
 - b. Classroom-parent topic:
 - i. Some parents are already involved
 - ii. Possibly start with lower school, with two parents per classroom; one can be a member, come to TFT meetings and bring teachers' input to meeting
 - c. Proposed book group: Megan picked a book about empathy; possibly include 13 people. Megan will advertise after structure is set
 - d. Thoughts on a creative project were discussed:
 - i. Include fiber arts or collaborative art project for a possible auction
 - ii. Involve a large fundraiser
 - iii. Possibly have a specific theme
- G. Tablet for scrip sales: Purchase? Find a used one? Where to store it?
- H. Update from Juliet regarding intersection crossing, presented by Kate:
 - a. The walk-signal time was extended
 - b. PBOT are working on signage, which is a longer process
 - c. Ashley is meeting with upper-school heads regarding safety patrol. Fifth graders and older can participate
 - d. TFT can help with appreciation events for the traffic volunteers or with purchasing equipment, as PPS cannot be involved with the latter