

PTA MINUTES

Taylor Road Middle School

08-23-2023 | *Meeting called to order by* Kellie Allmon-Davis

Secretary Parvathy Mohan

In Attendance

PTA Board Members: (6)	Participants: Appendix 1 (79)	Participants list attached
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Appendix 2 Chat Conversation	Quorum Established	
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Secretary Report

Minutes approved from the 04/12/2023 meeting: 1. Lynn Blue 2. Carrie Finn

Principals Update

Mr. Parker: Most important part of the job is to welcome parents and the energy in the building when the kids arrived has been good. All worked together to make this happen. 6th graders coming in has been fantastic, 7th graders have transitioned quickly, and 8th graders have set great examples.

Another exciting new thing is that we have been intentionally calendarized every upcoming celebration. We celebrated the staff on the first Friday of school with root beer floats, it was fun and a great treat. Most of the staff have not had it and was a new experience.

The next time, they are barbequing for staff on Sept 1 and PTA will be helping with the sides.

We are going to celebrate every full moon with moon pies. We are joining in and being intentional with PTA to celebrate kids and staff.

Teacher Representative Report

Mrs. Debbie Sheppard: 6th grade science and tag science. I have been happy about coming in and feeling the positiveness. It's been awesome and amazing how that feels. I can be myself, and less other things going around in the background. Most of the teachers were happy and it's been an awesome start for the teachers.

Awesome group of 6th graders, communicated to the parents and they have responded well.

Treasurer Report

Balance at the end of the school year 6/30/2023 - **\$5,513.15**

Operating cash \$2,513.15

Bank Reserve \$3,000.0

Balance as of 8/23/2023 - **\$26,137.71**

Operating cash \$23,137.71

Bank Reserve \$3,000.00

Audit Completed for Academic year 2022-2023.

2023-2024 Budget moving around. Line item 4 is our operating cash at the beginning of the year, before we were including our bank reserve, this year it gives a better view of our operating amount. Income and expenses are to the meeting attendees. Some items of the budget are briefed over. Total income: \$45495.15 Total expenses - \$44654.00, carryover \$841.15 and also the cash reserves \$3000.00.

Motion to approve the budget: **Approval** Everyone in favor- Aye.

New Business

- Kellie Allmon-Davis – 2nd year as PTA President, Lynn Blue- PTA Vice-President Parvathy Mohan-Secretary. Valli and Navdeep have graduated, and Orly has completed four years.
- **Introduction to the new members** to the PTA Board; VP of Administration support (Daphne Honore), VP of Memberships (Carrie Finn), Treasurer (Kelly Gordon) , 7th graders moms.
- **Call for vote – All in favor – Aye votes. No opposes.**

Meeting Discussions.

Ms. Kellie Allmon Davis - State of the PTA

- Last year we pressed the reset button and as result revenue \$21600.35 in membership and had 433 families which is an increase of 21% from the previous year.
- Our initiatives and programs that began in July 2022 included supporting the 6th grade boot camp, with photo booth and ice cream and this was enjoyed by over 200 6th grade students. We also supported the honor roll recognition, both in fall and spring by providing cookies, pop it key chains, personalized TRMS pens and certificates and this was enjoyed by ~ 700 students.
- We enjoyed the college fair day by providing popcorn and drinks to 8th grade.
- Red Ribbon Week trivia for all grade lunches and had gift cards as rewards.
- We also partnered with PBIS teams to provide popcorn and volunteers for each of the PBIS events.
- Our students also excelled in the NFC PTA reflections contest, with 10 TRMS students placing either 1st ,2nd or 3rd place, in music, visual arts, literature, film and photography. Heidi Moelinch was placed national 3rd in the PTA reflections. During the reflections ceremony she mentioned that she took the picture on her iPhone.
- PTA sponsored grade level dances, the 6th grade dance had 210 students and a glow theme party, the 7th grade had over 280 students and 8th grade had an masquerade theme with over 300 students.
- We are able to reward 60 teachers with stipends totaling \$2250.00. We funded 9 out of 16 applicants for mini grants totaling over \$2000.00
- We supported our teachers and staff holiday lunch and staff appreciation night, and we supported them in May for teacher appreciation week where they enjoyed a desert bar.
- One of our major accomplishments has been partnering with local businesses for spirit nights. We held events, Bruster's, Culvers, Chipotle and Crumble cookies and was able to raise \$1200.0
- We co-sponsored last blast activities with the 8th grade admin team and the 8th graders enjoyed Chick Fil-A breakfast biscuits, fruits and drinks during the yearbook signing event. We also provided an inflatable bounce house, lunch, frozen treat as well as yard games. Thank PTA and all wonderful volunteers for an exceptional 22-23 year.
- For 23-24 we reconnect with students, parents, school and community through several new initiatives for this year. We are launching the business partnership program. We will be able to support teachers. (more details from Lynn Blue)
- We are reconnecting with Tanner Photography

- We are bringing and hosting a bingo night.
- We are promoting our school spirit to reconnect with students, parents and staff and we are partnering with Boosterthon for spirit wear. (more details from Holly Chernushin, our VP of communications)
- We are launching Parent University, approved by Mr. Parker and it's a place for providing resources to help in technology, social media, medicine, finance. Parents will be able to get involved more with their children.
- We are happy to inform you that we have spirit night for every single month of this year, we partner with Culver, Chipotle, Crumbl cookies, Johnny's pizza, and capital tacos. Capital tacos, the restaurant is ours. There is a huge chalk board where the kids can write. These events are great as we support local businesses while we raise funds for our school.
- We will continue to with teachers and our staff, and we are in discussions to bring a mentor program centered on the model students at TRMS.
- The PTA has applied to the National School of Excellence, if we are honored with this distinction we will receive a banner and also be included in the National PTA promotion and be automatically included into the Phoebe Apperson Heard Family school award.
- We are thrilled with the state of the PTA and have exciting initiatives for the school and students. We can achieve great things and provide even more opportunities.

Lynn Blue – Business Sponsors

- Thank you everyone for being here with us and online. Mrs. Kidd has been reaching out to us, for partnering with local businesses and supporting our schools. We have launched a partnership level at Bronze for \$250.00, Silver \$750, Gold \$1500 and Platinum \$2500, recognition at different levels, there might be a display of some of our partners outdoors.
- Confident Dental has joined us at the Silver level.
- Summit counselling who has a presence here at the campus has also joined us at the silver level.
- Harvest Bread company at the Bronze level.
- If you know of any businesses who would like to partner and or you have a business and would like to partner please reach out to us. Please send an email to Lynn trmsptavicepresident@gmail.com
- There are other parents who have reached out as well and so will follow up.
- We do take donations of goods and services. Make our events very successful and we recognize them as well.
- Our 6th grade donated his photo booth for the 6th grade booth camp.

Carrie Finn – Membership

- Thank you for the time and support. As far as numbers go, we currently have \$21125, and we have almost surpassed last year. The support is unprecedented, and we greatly appreciate that.
- Now we are currently working on getting our individual membership, our goal is to have 585 members, and we are currently at 314 and that leaves us with 271 people we still have to reach.
- We have an early bird raffle. All members who have joined before Aug 25th, 12 pm, will be entered in a raffle and it will be a \$50 gift card or two \$25 gift cards or a forward pass to a top locker for next year. That will be drawn at our PTA meeting. The home room teacher will also receive a gift card who is member of the PTA.
- We will be implementing our home room classes challenges – those will be making a 100% membership will be rewarded or the greatest number of pta members will get rewarded.
- The TOP locker challenge for 6th grade challenge was an amazing way to bring members and did a great job.
- For next year we will start the campaign for locker challenges for 6, 7th and 8th grade.
- Join PTA before 25th for entering in the raffle.

Holly Chernushin – Communications

- Thank you for the time and support. Handle social media, newsletters, and we have facebook page, Instagram page and X. and have trmspta.com that will be frequently updated. We also communicate through Ms Baker's email through her weekly emails.
- Our first spirit night is next week on August 30th with Bruster's on Old Miton Pkwy from 4 – 7pm and if you go purchase icecream, PTA receives 15%. We also have spirit night once every month for this year.
- Volunteer opportunities can be applied through membership toolkit like all the grade dances, reflections, red ribbon week and PBIS. We have several opportunities through the year to help out.

Other Updates:

- The membership toolkit – make sure the home room teachers are updated on the website, it is necessary when we start registering to dances to have the correct homerooms.
- Work with Holly to help with sign up genius for various events.
- Ms. Mercedes has volunteered for Bingo night and is ready to volunteer.
- Brooke Liley is volunteering for 7th grade
- Shawn Mueller for Red Ribbon Week.
- There are many more opportunities and now is the time to sign up as a volunteer.
- Calendar for the PTA has been finalized and will be updated on the website.
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- We will be communicating with our feeder schools to communicate about our school and join the PTA
- Our Spirit wear is open now and is open till Sept 4th. We will open it 4 times this year. Hoodies for fall and winter, and water bottles, racer back shirts for winter.
- Platinum and gold should have received a coupon for a free T-shirt. Free tickets to bingo night and dance.
- We will try do magnets in the fall and spring from Boosterston.
- Question from Prakash: For updating the home room teacher
- https://taylorroadpta.membershiptoolkit.com/user_profile
- All of the students can be added to the membership toolkit
- Reach out to Lynn for matching program
- <https://www.trmspta.com/matching-gifts-program.html>.
- **Need grant writer**, let us know if you are interested.

This concludes the August 23, 2023, meeting. Next meeting will be on October 18, 2023, at 6pm.

Appendix 1

Participants

Mrs. Debbie Sheppard	Mr. Kelly Parker	Meredith Davis	Kellie Allmon-Davis	Parvathy Mohan
Kelly Gordon	Alpa Naik	Nishant Naik	Beth Wiechman	Mercedes Martinez
Puja Jain	Destiny Haggett	Ali Mason	Melissa Campbell	Annie Porbemi
Janie Reddick	Francis Porbemi	Kay Ruffin	Vijay Myneni	Sanie (Nia) Cedrone
Rajendar Jatothu	Abir	Amanda Behne	Amanda Dubberly	Amrita
Arun Gopalkrishnan	Aruna	Avi Lavu	Bless A	Bree Walker
Camila De Hollanda	Candice	Charmiant	Corbie Latham	Correa Canals
Dana	Daphne Honore	Darshana Verma	Debbie Granovsky	Dogan
Emily Lavretta	Fabio	Gertrude Chuaunsu	Holly Chernushin	Irina Song
J Rajendar	James Samuel	Jay Johnson	Jen	Kaburto
Kannan Venkatachalam	Kianne	Kitty Tamayo	Kyungmin	Lindsey
Lisa Nguyen	Mahesh	Manasa Kolconda	Matt Swarts	Yukity
Monique Collins	Monisha	Nadia Brena	Nikkela Tucker	Noah K
Noelle	Prakash Kota	Prayee	Premchand Garrepalli	Rachel Rumsey

Rachel S	Raiana	Rodger Muschett	Saida Naeem	Sahar Ghareb
Sai Sylvester	Sarabeth Janney	Sarvanan	Shelly-Ann Bowen Rose	Shrinivas Kulkarni
Sidney Dean	Stephanie Snipes	Troy Zeliff	Ullas	Urmila

Appendix 2

CHAT CONVERSATION BELOW.

18:05:06 From Nikkela Tucker : Hello, your voice is fading in an out

18:05:07 From Shelly-Ann Bowen Rose : What test was that? He is a bit muffled.

18:05:23 From Holly Chernushin (she, her) : Science End of Course exams

18:05:58 From Shelly-Ann Bowen Rose : Reacted to "Science End of Cours..." with 👍

18:12:37 From KAburto : Is it being shared on the screen?

18:12:44 From Camila De Hollanda : I cannot see it

18:12:48 From Camila De Hollanda : It is not moving

18:12:53 From Matt Swarts : I cannot see it either

18:13:10 From Holly Chernushin (she, her) : yes

18:13:15 From Matt Swarts : Yes

18:14:22 From Holly Chernushin (she, her) : This will also be posted on the TRMSPTA.com website once it's approved for all to see the line item detail.

18:27:39 From jen to TRMS PTA President(Direct Message) : I would love to partner my business

18:28:42 From Holly Chernushin (she, her) : trmsptavicepresident@gmail.com

18:30:59 From jen to TRMS PTA President(Direct Message) : Hey, also who do I message to see if I can help with 6th grade. Chair for dance?

18:31:04 From jen to TRMS PTA President(Direct Message) : I appreciate this :-)

18:37:31 From Holly Chernushin (she, her) : taylorroadpta.membershiptoolkit.com/Open_Forms

18:38:44 From Camila De Hollanda : Will you share these links and email address via email?

18:39:03 From Holly Chernushin (she, her) : Yes

18:39:28 From Camila De Hollanda : I think I never signed up for membership... AHES sent an email but not TRMS... would be really helpful!

18:40:22 From Camila De Hollanda : Just FYI - I am new to this Country, so just learning how things work in Schools.

18:42:22 From Camila De Hollanda : Thanks!

18:47:01 From Holly Chernushin (she, her) : https://taylorroadpta.membershiptoolkit.com/user_profile

18:48:17 From Holly Chernushin (she, her) : <https://www.trmspta.com/matching-gifts-program.html>

18:49:41 From Urmila : Thank you all so much!!

18:49:49 From Sai Sylvester : Thank you!! Appreciate your energy!! Excited as well!

18:49:55 From Bless A : Thank you. Have a goodnight

18:49:56 From TRMS PTA President : Thank you all!

18:50:09 From motorola moto g pure : Thanks

18:50:11 From K : Thank you so much!

18:50:17 From Nikkela Tucker : thank you