

## **Community meeting April 18, 2024**

**Attendees:** Lee Carson, Pavan Chopra, Julie Dibble, Laura Dunlap, Amy Heang, Laura Jensen, Katia Kaeser, Kristi Nelson, Eva Novick, Matt Smith, Lisa Teuber, Nikki Wen

### **Call to Order.**

### **Principal Report.**

- Cell phone use has been a challenge. TMS has been trying different techniques to address behavior affecting the school community that stems from social media conversations and the teenage mental health crisis occurring from cell phone use. "Off and away" from 9:15am to 3:50pm has been the school's policy all year. Need help from parents so students can focus on school while at school. Will be working on education and engagement with parents.
- Upcoming events:
  - Second Outdoor School will be happening next week.
  - Band concerts, choir concert, High School Musical
  - State testing is in May. Parents can opt-out of testing but it is very important for the school that students participate in testing. It can impact targeted funds and drives decisions for the school, the district, and the state.
  - School social is May 3 during the school day.
- TMS will be hosting summer school for three BSD middle schools. Summer school is for students that need support and intervention, not for enrichment. The goal is to have 100-130 TMS students enroll in summer school. The summer school day has been extended to 10am-3pm.
- Bargaining with the teachers' union started.
- TMS students are involved in numerous community events, including the state science fair, speech and debate, band competitions, and chess team.

### **President Report.**

- Provided summary of the community grant program and funded grants from the 2023-24 school year.
- Looking for volunteers for secretary, social media, welcome events, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration for 2024-25 school year.
- Provided committee updates for Art Literacy, Oregon Battle of the Books, Staff Appreciation, TEMPO, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration

### **Secretary Update.**

All PTO information is available on the PTO website. Can sign up to receive email notification of blog posts.

### **Volunteer Update.**

Provided information on how to volunteer and volunteer opportunities.

### **Treasurer Update.**

Provided summary of updates in revenue and expenditures.

Motion to approve amended budget to (1) purchase two pallets of paper costing \$2,000 each, (2) fund an additional \$1,800 in staff appreciation to pay for two more staff lunches, and (3) purchase 10 industrial grade tables for the patio at an estimated cost of \$14,000.

**Vote:** motion passed.

**New Business.**

- Listening session: discussed fundraising, communication, volunteering, programs, and events.
- Feedback is always welcomed. Email PTO Board at [board@tumwaterpto.org](mailto:board@tumwaterpto.org).
- Parent checklist and upcoming events.
- Last community meeting of the year is Tuesday, May 28. Will be approving next year's budget and voting in new board.

**Adjourn Meeting.**