

**Thurston PTO General Meeting
December 17, 2019
Thurston Library
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present: Vice Principal Callahan, Kelly Delp, Bruce Fields, Ann Geidner, Allison Jeter, Diane McIntyre, Mary Manthey, Jon Svoboda, Kelly Williams, Nadine Wong, Principal York

Allison Jeter welcomes everyone and notifies the attendees that the discussion regarding the BTBJ fundraising event that was on the agenda will be rescheduled to the absence of Kevin Cox. The discussion will be tabled until the January meeting.

Additional announcements include the upcoming Ice Skating all-school field trip, a volunteer to serve as the PTOC Rep and as a parent-at-large..

Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2019 Meeting

Kelly Delp moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Corentin Cras-Meneur. 3 abstentions. The motion passes.

Principal's Report. Vice Principal Callahan and Principal York provide updates on the following topics:

All-school ice skating field trip: Schedule, buses and rentals of supplemental skates are on track. There are still some openings for volunteers.

Book Room Update: All bookcases have arrived and they have been working on relabeling and stocking the bookcases.

Talent Show: Tonight is the last night for submitting talent show but auditions happen in January. The talent show is scheduled in February

Holiday Drive: Thank you to everyone and the community who have signed up to help the Thurston families. A short blurb in the newsletter about how many families that we help.

Movie Night: The movie night was a great event. Special thanks to Mr. Newton who donated DVD player and Toy Story 4 and helped during the night to get the equipment set up.

Teachers' Rep(s) Report. No report

Committee Reports

Thurston Community Players. No report.

Fundraising. Kelly Delp reports that the Winter Bazaar brought in \$432.10. Fundraising co-chair Kelly Williams will send a survey to participating vendors to determine if this should be a recurring event. Vendors were charged a per table fee and there were an estimated 150 visitors. The Fundraising team is still looking for a volunteer to help with the Spring Pizza kit. This will be included in the newsletter. Monthly pizza nights should start soon.

There seems to be some glitches with the new Boxtop app has not worked, specifically on Costco receipts. Kelly Delp reminded everyone that clipped boxtops are still accepted and that Boxtops can be both scanned and clipped.

Treasurer's Report. Jon Svoboda reports on the final Fun Run revenues. The total amount is over \$28,000, which is about \$2,000 more than the previous year. The report includes revenues from the The Movie Night (~\$382) and expenses for printing parents guide and directory. The current Projected at Year End balance is \$179 over the 50% targeted surplus per PTOC. This is inclusive of all book room expenses that were approved. There is a discussion about increasing the food expenses for PTO meetings for this year. The current budgeted amount is \$250. The amount spent in the previous year was \$218 but a local pizza business was donating pizza for every other meeting.

Jon Svoboda moves to increase the current budget line item for food for PTO meetings by an additional \$500, seconded by Mary Manthey. 1 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion carries.

Thurston Nature Center. No report

Safe Routes/Safety. Ms. Callahan announces that the safety quiz, previously scheduled for December, will be sent home in January. There was interest in getting a "speed indicator" sign installed on Prairie. Existing signs have disappeared so there was interest in getting new signs installed for the parking lot, e.g. pull-up signs for drop off lane. Ms. Callahan will look into this and report back.

Other Reports/Updates

BTBJ Discussion tabled until January due to the absence of Kevin Cox.

New business

Allison Jeter announces a new series - Family Enrichment Nights - set to begin in January 2020. These events will be supported by funds raised by movie night. These events will be thematic and the first event will focus on science and take place during the Science Fair event on January 30. There will be some STEM demonstrations from Society of Women Engineers. Other groups will be invited to provide hands-on demos.

Other enrichment nights topics will include Math, Reading and the Arts. There was a strong interest in having an enrichment night for the topic of Mental Health.

Adjournment.

Ben Badalamente moves to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jon Svoboda. The motion carries.

The meeting adjourns at 7:20 pm