TRE PTSA Meeting Agenda

January 17, 2023

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Meeting Attendance: Colleen Emmons, Lance Riegert, Sadie Szarma, Amy Ord,

Tharaha Thavakumar-Slavin, Vicky Lagoe, Megan Bonafonte

# Call to Order at 6:12 PM

# Quorum established

# November meeting minutes approved

# TRE Chair Update – Colleen Emmons and Lance Riegert

## TRE PTSA Updates

### PARP is coming back in March! The PARP committee will be led by Amy Ord. They are in the process of getting their first meeting set up. PARP stands for “Pick a Reading Partner.” It’s a nationally recognized literacy program supported by PTA. The program takes place primarily out of school, and it involves students and families doing a reading challenge. Thari is on Genesee Valley PTA Regional PARP Committee for DEI. They are also doing PARP across the region with recorded read alouds.

### We will be hosting the first ever Winter Family Fun Night on Friday, February 3rd from 6-8 PM. Lots of great activities for families to come in and enjoy including BINGO, cookie decorating, dancing, sledding and “books and crafts.” The event flyer and volunteer sign-ups will be released on Friday, 1/20. The event should have minimal cost for PTSA, though we are waiting to hear the cost for the Silent Disco services and the DJ.

## District PTSA Updates

### District PTSA meeting is scheduled for January 18th at 9:00 AM, Mendon Center

### District PTSA is now beginning the process of electing a nominating committee for elections in June.

### A district wide parent survey will be released to gather information to help us make decisions in the future.

### Ad hoc organizational review is moving forward.

# Treasurer Update

TRE PTSA exceeded budgeted income on both spirit wear and holiday shops. In addition, we had an exceptionally large donation from Can Kings; over $700! Keep returning those cans! We are still hoping to run the Basket Bonanza at the spring picnic. It hasn’t been run since pre-Covid.

# Committee Reports

## Enrichment

Winter enrichment opened this morning at 9:00 AM. It will likely have an evening opening for the spring due to the availability of volunteer technical support. The volunteers were increased to three per session as the old ratio was 24:2. Art is already full, and yoga and chess have 10+ students. It’s likely another art class will be needed as that enrichment fills up so quickly and there are already 7-8 kids on the waiting list. **Volunteers are the biggest barrier to after school enrichment.** TRE is the only building without a Lego Club even though there’s wide interest. We just don’t have parents to help coordinate.

## Membership

Staff membership is at 52.38%. TRE leads the district in staff membership! Family is at 38.53% with a total membership of 41.27%. Discussion was held about ways to increase membership through community business partnerships. To do so, we would need to add a business membership to our process and procedures. We could provide a card or sticker to indicate there is a partnership where members could receive a discount at that business. There is template available via NYPTA. Also, creating more ways that families can come together through a PTSA event.

## Yearbook

Baby pictures are done. Yearbook is asking for pictures of clubs.

## DEI

DEI will be holding a book talk next week for 90 Feet Under January is poverty awareness month. Woomba will be visiting all nine schools again this year. TRE will enjoy the presentation on Friday, February 3rd.

## Spirit Wear

We received notification that spirit wear should be shipped this week. The sale went well. Future sales will be discussed.

# Looking Ahead

## Spring Book Fair – 3/6 through 3/10

## Visiting Author – 3/14 for grades K-3

## Thornell Road Night at the Amerks – Friday, March 10th.

4th Grade Chorus will be signing the National Anthem. Tickets are $18 and will be handled through the Amerks site.

# Questions, Comments, Suggestions

## Recess and Lunch Times – Students and parents have expressed concern about how short the lunch period is. Multiple students report having to throw away their lunches if they choose to buy and are last in line.

## Creating New Programs/Bringing Back Old Programs – The question was asked about how new programs are created or how decisions are made to bring old programs back? Regarding old programs, Thornell Road no longer does International Day with passports due to cost and Covid. The current format is a digital version for 5th graders. There’s interest in bringing back an international event for the whole school. Parent support would be needed and that is currently very difficult to find. Regarding new programs, bring them to PTSA! Our programs must support NYS and National PTA Positions and Initiatives.

## We need parents to get involved!

# Next PTSA Meeting – Tuesday, March 10th @ 10:00 AM, TRE Room 203

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM