

Tewksbury Twp PTA
GENERAL MEETING
Monday, June 3, 2024 ▪ 7:00PM
Tewksbury Elementary School

- I. Introduction & Call to Order – Jen Prisco
 - i. 7:09pm
 - ii. 12 members of the community present.

- II. Reading and Approval of Minutes from General Meeting in February – Jessica Cooper
 - i. Minutes are approved

- III. Officer Reports
 - Membership Report – Jess Petrognani
 - 188 members currently, 208 members last school year
 - Treasurer’s Report – Jessica Shalhoub
 - See attached budget
 - Separate savings account was created for the playground fundraiser
 1. \$13,995 has been raised so far
 2. Lisa Moore would like the fundraiser to continue for a 2-3 year project.
 3. Next school year, develop a committee with students, parents and staff as well as with a company in the community to brainstorm ideas and set forth on a plan.
 4. The exact plan can be shared with the community and then possibly have pledge drives toward a specific playground plan.
 - School supplies have 65 boxes sold so far. The deadline is July 1, and it cannot be extended. Fliers will go out this week to incoming kindergarteners and will be placed in the TES newsletter this week.
 1. There has been some interest from the OTS parents, however it was decided by teachers at OTS to not move forward with this.
 2. Might be helpful to put a comparison of prices of buying it on your own vs. buying the box.
 - President’s Report – Jen Prisco
 - Summary of events for school year: Kindergarten Playdate, Welcome Back Breakfast, Back to School Nights, Fall Spirit wear, & Harvest Fest. Created Welcome bags for new families and helped find volunteers for Hay bale decorating at TES. Hosted Candidates Night and Trunk or Treat. Ran Fall and spring After School Clubs with record enrollment. Organized Spirit wear shops in the fall and spring. Hosted 2 free family events this year: puzzle night and Bingo night—which was a big hit. Holiday Shop, Gingerbread Workshop and Valentine’s Day Workshops, Scholastic Book Fair at TES, helped organize 2 OTS Dances, and supported TES in the Tewksbury’s Got Talent Fundraiser. Set up School Supply kits. Ran teacher appreciation week. Have provided Field Day shirts and ice pops for both schools, and bounce houses for the TES field day.

- Grant requests fulfilled: Gaga Pit at OTS, Wobble stools for OTS, Grant for TES Nurse, Playground supplies for TES, Penguin Visit for 1st/4th, Flexible seating for Mrs. Peticari and Mrs. Gentile, and supplies for Mrs. Polinger for music classes. Fulfilled a grant for Mrs. Tibak and Kinsel for sensory items for their resource room classrooms. Supported the 8th grade students at OTS for the Leadership Conference/8th grade trip. Funded a grant for the 4th grade at OTS to have a “glow day” with math activities and supported the Odyssey of the Mind team on their journey to the World Final competition.
- A special thank you from Jen Prisco, outgoing PTA president:
 1. I just want to say THANK YOU for this experience. I started on the PTA Board in 2019 and it has been so many things to me... fun, crazy, challenging (especially keeping things going during covid and after), hectic at times, but overall, I have loved being part of this group of caring and supportive individuals. I’m proud of the things we have accomplished for the schools and for our kids.

IV. Reports of Special Committees

i. Nominating Committee

- Presentation of Nominees – Nominating Committee Chair Liz Zusman
 1. President – Jessica Petrognani
 2. VP – Vicky Schwartz
 3. Secretary – Liz Zusman
 4. Treasurer – Jessica Shalhoub
 5. VP Fundraising – Jessica Evenson
 6. VP Membership- Claudia Mecca
- Election
 1. All nominees are elected

V. New Business

- Grant Requests
 - TES Nurse Grant for 24-25
 - Planning for next school year, a grant will be submitted soon. Approved.
 - 8th Grade Dance DJ
 - It was discussed this year that the money given to the 8th grade class per year should be increased, especially with increase in prices, etc. It was decided that this year the PTA will fund the DJ for the 8th grade formal. Starting in the 24/25 school year, the PTA will increase the amount given to the 8th graders and they can use it for what they deem necessary. The PTA will not pay the DJ outright in years to come. It was approved for this year only.
 - PTA will organize with Mr. Madlinger to get the courtyard at OTS planted this summer.
- Upcoming Meetings / Events
 - PTA Social – June 7

- 4th Moving Up Day – Wednesday, June 12
 - PTA provides the pizza and ice pops.
- Summer Meeting August TBD
- Kindergarten Playdate – August 22, 2024
 - It was asked if the PTA can provide Den shirts for the incoming kindergarteners. It is also nice to have a stash for students who move into the district or teachers new to the school.
 - It was also suggested to combine the spirit wear and the den shirt orders, so they can be available at the same time.
- Tewksbury's Got Talent
 - It was suggested to open it to other kids who have talents as well.
 - There will be a committee next year that will meet to discuss how to move forward with it.
- Summer Enrichment
 - There was money given from the government to each school district to help with learning loss due to Covid. The teachers were paid their pre-diem rate. It was asked of the PTA to consider running a summer club session, 9-12pm 4-5 days in a row. In the past they did math, art, music, reading, etc.
 - It was suggested that the schools organize the event, and the PTA could facilitate the sign-ups for students and pay the teachers.
 - It was decided to revisit this conversation in the Fall to get the ball rolling on this for summer 2025.
- Welcome Back Breakfast – August 26, 2024
 - PTA will provide breakfast. The district is not allowed to provide food or drinks for their teachers.
 - It will be discussed at the August meeting to stock the fridges for the teachers during conferences.
- PTA General Meeting Dates 24-25 School Year – Oct, Feb, May TBD
 - Ensure financial review for 23-24 school year is completed by first General Meeting
 - Ensure Standing Rules are updated before first General Meeting and vote on them in October.

VI. Announcements

- SEPAC Meeting – Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30pm at TES
- Tewksbury Harvest Festival – Saturday, Sept. 21 (rain date Sunday, Sept. 28)

II. Member Discussion

- It was suggested that it may help interest to broadcast the PTA meetings via zoom, teams, etc.
- Membership dues are to support the PTA, it does not mean you participate in activities.
- It was requested to have the directory printed again.

- It may be helpful to ask about the directory on MemberHub when people sign up for a membership.

VII. Adjournment

- i. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

2024-25 CHAIR POSITIONS

Harvest Fest:

Fall Spirit Wear:

After School Clubs:

Candidates Night:

Trunk or Treat:

School Directory:

School Dances:

Holiday Shop:

Book Fair:

Spring Spirit Wear:

Bulletin Boards:

Holiday Workshops:

Teacher Appreciation
Committee:

Parent Nights Out:

Special Projects/
School Improvements: