

Here are the February 8 TFT Meeting Minutes.

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TFT Meeting
FEBRUARY 8, 2010

In Attendance: Dawn Weaver, Kerri Creager, Catherine Murphy, Nikos Tzetos, Nina Thompson, Leigh Ann Kennedy, Johanna Norton, Robert Ping, Mary Drinkhouse, Linda Horsfall.

Minutes by Catherine Murphy

Introductions

TFT Grants

-Teacher Nick requested and was awarded \$20 to purchase simple calculators for math classes.

Raffle Baskets Fundraiser

TFT will, once again, raffle off baskets. Last year there were 13 baskets and we made about \$ 8,000. The system was very time consuming and arduous for volunteers so we will streamline it this year. Mary Drinkhouse is coordinating effort.

- There will be 4 baskets of prizes of various themes, most likely *GARDEN, MUSIC & DANCE, COOKING* and *BEST OF PORTLAND*. Another possibility is *ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION* basket but someone must come forward to solicit businesses. Each basket will be put together by cohort, i.e., K-1-2, 3-4-5, etc. Liaisons will be in contact with parents to gather donations for same. Looking for items, cash donations for items, donated labor, solicited donations, gift certificates, etc. **Items will be gathered until 3/17/10.**
- Basket catalog photography will be taken during spring break, btw. 3/20/10 & 4/4/10.
- Raffle Tickets to be sold starting 4/4/10 until 5/7/10. Tickets will cost \$5 - \$10 each
- Drawing will take place Friday, 5/7/10. Winner need not be present but should be able to transport prize basket within a reasonable period of time.

Safe Routes to School National Partnership –

Parent Robert Ping gave presentation about Safe Routes Program: it's general mission and an update of status Trillium with same as well as what is in the works.

- Program focuses on getting children to walk and bike to school for health, school performance and community strengthening. For more information, go to www.saferoutesinfo.org
- Passes around a **engineering plan** for Trillium which includes a restructuring of Maryland, where drop-off and pick-up take place. The street will become a N to S one-way street with diagonal parking on W side of the street and unchanged parking for E side.
- **SRTS Walking School Bus** to take place around Earth Day (4/22/10) from Peninsula Park to TCS. Nikos T. has volunteered to coordinate this event which will include walkers, and kids on wheels. Robert P will present idea to staff to get buy-in for event. Event may include some sort of raffle and public safety personnel like fire fighters in order to promote. Liaisons will be notified when details come together.

Volunteer Coordinating Committee Plans

- VCC has compiled & entered parent volunteer info into googledocs
- Volunteer opportunity – Someone needed to coordinate staff snacks for the rest of the year.
- Volunteer portion of TCS website is being developed with a blog & list of teachers' requested donations. Will try to get folks to post needs there. Andrea F and Kerri C working on this.
- Setting up email for TCS volunteers as well as online form for same.

Senior Project Grant Update

In January, 4 grants were given out for a total of about \$ 550. Four more students have applied for second round of grants with \$ 450 left in budget. Catherine M & Nikos T have reviewed applications and conducted interviews of seniors. Details of grant awards will be published in the next TCS Newsletter.

Upcoming TFT Events and Ongoing Fundraising

- **Swim Party Friday, 2/26/10** 1:00 – 3:00pm at Mt Scott Community Pool. Posters will be put up around school and Nina will coordinate kids to make these. Folks will have to sign up at front desk in order to attend. \$1 will be asked from each individual (actual cost for TFT is \$ 2.20/kid & \$ 3.40/adult). *Children must be accompanied by adult in the pool.*
- **Intensives for Grownups** - will take place Sunday, 2/28 with one morning session and one afternoon session. List of classes given.

Talking to your teenagers about sex Parenting	Riding bikes with kids	Connected
Astrology Basics 101	Salvage workshop	Group
Beginners USA Boxing		
Stitch & bitch	Making sauerkraut and kimchee	

Organizing your computer 101
crafts

Basic sewing and pattern-making
Vegetarian/vegan parenting

Coffee Roasting

Bicycle maintenance

Paper

Look for more information via email. Need to gather descriptions. Need to set up daycare. For info email Nikos T at nikobeck2@dslnorthwest.net

- **Scrip** – Program is doing much better than last year but could do better. Suggested that scrip program should be presented to TCS parents whenever they are gathered
- **TCS sweatshirts** – 36 were made and 30 have been sold. Remaining are available.

Beautiful Trillium Report

- BT group met with City Repair Project to help decide priorities for TCS front of school project. CRP coordinates resources from general community incl. skills, labor, materials. Their goal is community building through community enhancing projects.
- First Project for TCS will be an outdoor classroom/stage to be built next to S tree in parking lot. It may have a wall. Re-imagining Trillium has become a many-stepped process.
- Village Building Convergence is partnering w/TCS to do this.

NEXT TFT MEETING: Monday, March 8, 6:30pm