Tanglewood Middle School  
PTO Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2019

In attendance:  
Bailey Kinney, Gretchen Hoffman, Julie Economides, Melody Saueressig, Victoria Ffrench, Rhetta Detrich, Natalie Clark, Jill German

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

Bailey Kinney motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Julie Economides seconded the motion.

Treasurer’s Report - Jill German

* School Store is doing great. $2,000 expense came out of Store but maybe shouldn’t have. Trying to get to the bottom of it.
* More dollars coming in from Randalls, Amazon Smile, etc.
* Family Donations - $4,400; $2200 more than last year
* $19,900 right now – ahead of last year – but we still need to pay for department needs.
* Goal for Gator Crawl - $8,000

**Principal’s Report**

* Gretchen is now Lead Principal for the West Region Office – which means we don’t have a full time SSO; her schools are Herod, Lovett and Sharpstown International (K – 12)
* Has meeting with other Lead Principals every Tuesday for 1.5 hours
* Legislature is working on how to fund schools – state funding issue
  + Tax checks we’re writing does NOT go to our kids
  + Decline in enrollment; increase in property taxes – we pay more in recapture – pay more to state but less students
  + One idea is to award school districts according to test scores
  + The Governor is saying “teachers should have $5,000 more in pay” but that means the schools have to find that extra money in budget.
  + Gretchen got her budget this week and she would have to cut by $200,000 which = 4 staff members. She doesn’t know where she’ll cut the budget.
  + Every school in the district will struggle
  + Cut to PUA (per unit allocation)
  + 846 students – building capacity 850
  + We’re capped, BG and St. George, too
  + Write to legislators!!!!!

**President’s Report – Bailey Kinney**

* Veteran’s Day
  + PTO did donate to the speakers charity of choice
  + Q & A happened after
* Renaming of Grady Park on hold
  + Uptown District overwhelmed with expansion projects
  + They will be in touch with us – we have opportunities to talk to parents in the Spring
* Fundraising
  + Family letter went out in November – good response
  + Bailey to recognize families on website
* Gator Crawl
  + Corporate fundraising – pushing for sponsorships now
  + Making 250 shirts for students – will be spirit shirt; using logo from last year; $10
  + Roseann has the artist – Hahn Tran; will be coming to school to meet art teachers
  + Roseann lining up morning news spot
  + Probably won’t have as much art work this year – higher quality
  + Do color run as the first activity? Sell wristbands for activity PLUS shirt, etc.
  + Do need volunteers – May 3rd from 5 – 7
* House and Grounds
  + Becky has been working with Mr. Hennington – he wants to do a Pocket Prairie; Pollenator
  + Could we do pavers as fundraiser?
* Box tops
* $93 collected

**Teacher Appreciation – Melody/Natalie**

* + Larry at Whataburger gave us 50% discount
  + Working on Valentines – Michael’s Cookie Jar willing to donate
  + Melody to remember to tell Gretchen which companies donate so she can put on the marquee

**Honor Roll**

* + Kids are excited to get cookies
  + Rhetta needs to turn in receipts! :)

**Gator Elite**

* + Got 300 gift cards donated from Canes - kids meal!

**8th grade week**

* + May not do BINGO this year
  + Committee to talk to Mr. Snyder about getting more information to put together an overall schedule

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm