

TSPO
March 08, 2011

Attendees:

Officers and School Representatives

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| Dr. Williams | Chalin Anton | Teresa Ellis | Lisa Llewellyn |
| Mrs. Wohner | Lisa Panozzo | Pricilla Joyce | |

Parents

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| Kathy Kamholz | Roland LaPointe | Andy Dempsey | Joanne Konald |
| Phoebe Durst | Jennifer Slayman | Leslie Loder | Kim Pettitt |
| Lynn Wittstadt | Tania Grier | Brandy Walton | |
| Jonathan Walton | Leah VanHorn | | |

The following is a summary of the March 08, 2011 meeting:

Arts Council, Lisa Llewellyn

Shakespeare Festival began this week. It is being conducted by Michael Carlton, from Young Audiences. The eighth grade and one group of seventh grade students are participating.

Programs:

1. Music trio, Nada Brahma, will perform for Grades 1 - 12, on March 23, 2011.
2. Drama Club will perform their play on April 1, at the Elkton Station.

Treasurer's Report, Kimberly Gillen

The previous account balance was \$3,474.89. There is no update for March.

LS Update, Lisa Panozzo & Priscilla Joyce

LS Honors breakfast is scheduled March 17.

Family Bingo night will be held on March 12.

Spring concert will be held March 25. See the Friday Flyer for volunteer opportunities.

MS Update, Melanie Hale

Honors breakfast is scheduled on March 18.

Grade 6 & 7 will attend the Walters Art Museum on May 13.

Grade 7's Sultana trip is scheduled for April 18.

The grade 7 DI team, Tome Nuggets, won first place.

US Update, Jane Swoboda & Trish Kline

Honors breakfast is scheduled on March 18.

Envirothon training is April 13. The Envirothon will be held on May 11.

Prom will be held on May 13

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US Update, Con't.

White water field trip is scheduled for May 10.
AP Exams will be held the first week of May.

Social Committee, Jane Decourcey

Teacher Appreciation week will begin May 9, 2011 through May 13. The teacher's luncheon will be held on May 11. Please see the Friday Flyer for details.

New Business

Eco 5K

Tome Eco 5K Run will be held on April 16th. Flyers have been distributed. Registration are currently being accepted.

Head of School

Mr. Kemp attended the March TSPO meeting to discuss the transition of Head of School and the process for identifying qualified candidates. The Board of Trustees has previous experience in identifying and placing qualified candidates. While they work through this process, the Board has asked Mrs. Wohner to serve as the interim Head of School. She will serve in this capacity for one year, after which the new Head of School will move into the position.

Under the new Head of School there will be no changes to the core curriculum. The Board is very satisfied with the education that the school offers.

Dr. Williams will become a member of the Board Trustees in the fall of 2012.

Fund Raisers

A concern was raised regarding the increase in fund raisers. Dr. Williams provided an overview of the school's fund raisers versus those held by individual grades and the Sports Boosters. She also provided information regarding how the individual classes use the money (underwriting yearbook, Gettysburg trip, Ashland trip). It was emphasized that any participation is optional.

Tome Wear

It was suggested that Tome Wear be added to Jacob's Closet. If a larger space can be obtained for Jacob's Closet, it is feasible that this request could be accommodated.

The Trojan symbol is not proprietary and could be used to enhance athletic wear. The Tome School patch is proprietary and can not be reproduced.

Access to the Playground

One of the possible reasons that recess has, on occasion, been canceled is because of the muddy path that leads to the playground. It was suggested that a landscaped or hardscape walkway should be constructed to provide access. A volunteer is welcome to put together a plan for a walkway and present it to the school.

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Until a safe and clean resolution can be found, it was suggested that, on those muddy days, alternate recess arrangements be made (eg. walking the driveway). This would allow the children some physical movement and social time, versus having them return to the classroom and their desk.

Kindergarten

An evaluation was conducted to see if it was best to continue with the half day kindergarten or change to full day. At this time it is not considered cost effective to have full day classes.

The next TSPO meeting is scheduled for April 14, 1:45pm.