



## Tavan PTO Meeting Minutes Tues. Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 6:30-8:00

Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome	<p>Welcome to the first PTO meeting of the year. We are so excited for a great year. Please sign up for the PTO and let us know your e-mail so you can be included on all communication that we provide and also be in the know on what help we need.</p>	
Principal Report	<p>We are experiencing a monetary crisis in the district. We had a lot of resources in the past but they are gone now. Tax credit promotion will occur in Oct and Dec. We need that money no matter how much it is. It does not cost you anything. Write the check to the school and at tax time you get it back. If you owe it will be deducted, if you don't owe then you get that back. See Ms. Serna if you have ideas on how to promote. Look at your family neighbors. Last year goal was 25,000 and got 23,500 Teachers will walk door to door in the neighborhood.</p> <p>Outside programs have been nominated for great programs – 500\$, Ms. Serna up for leadership award for afterschool programs</p> <p>This year 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be kinder buddies. Talk with them, read with them, in café with</p>	<p>See Ms.Serna if you would like to be a Hero for students in need.</p>

	<p>them. Next year 5<sup>th</sup> grade will take them on a tour</p> <p>Every year we have a theme – this year it is Hero’s. How do you become a hero for someone else and what does it mean. Do something for someone with out expecting anything back. Nominated by teachers for kids who need a hero for issues with homework, no mom/dad, troubles at home If you want to be a mentor/tutor and help with a student’s self esteem – contact Ms. Serna or Katie Honeycutt Ms. serna will be a hero to 5 5<sup>th</sup> graders.</p> <p>Students will be applying for the garden club and Ambassador club</p>	
Treasurer report	<p>No updates</p> <p>Last year fundraiser did not earn as much as we wanted. We are going to kick it up this year. This year cash fundraiser only. Also going to do a fundraiser fun run/walk! VP of our fundraisers, Katy Berry, will be working on this.</p>	
Welcome Back Event	<p>In September on a Wed or Thurs. Be on the look out for a day to be announced. Peter Piper pizza. Families can mingle and talk, kids can play. It will be a fundraiser too! Raise money while having fun. Different games and activities for the kids.</p>	
Schedule of events and chairs for the year	<p>We throw a bunch of community events, huge tradition in the area, and they are</p>	<p>Volunteers needed for all events. Be on the look out for e-mails asking for help and</p>

	<p>always super fun! We need your help!</p> <p>Halloween HiJinx –Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday 5-8. The chair for this event is Jaime Lamb. This event is very popular in neighborhood! Need lots of help please! We need chairs for parts of the event:</p> <p>Photo booth Food chair – Emily Curtis need a co-chair, volunteer co-coordinator Ticket tables Glow in the dark sales, Games – communicate with teachers, crafts, trick or treat lane, Cake walk, Promotion.</p> <p>Sweet heart dance in Feb. by the Dad’s club. Moms are always needed to help!</p> <p>Mother son event – cosmic extravaganza in the spring!</p> <p>Tavanival Auction in the spring – another large event that needs lots of help.</p> <p>Movie nights at Tavan– if interested in heading it up with Katie Berry– let us know</p>	<p>please consider donating some of your time!</p> <p>First big event is the Halloween HiJinx. Please help!! Be on the look out for emails requesting help!</p>
<p>Gate to Gate security changes</p>	<p>New program from the district. It’s for the safety of the children and staff. Gates will not be open until 8:10-8:15. If you come on campus will have to check in at the desk, leave your ID and receive a temporary badge. This is a district initiative and we have to</p>	

	<p>follow the rules. Afternoon gates open at 3:20, you will have to wait outside gate.</p> <p>Don't drive to the back lot for pick ups or drop offs</p>	
Spirit wear	<p>We have a new t-shirt design for this year. We will be phasing out the old shirts.</p> <p>We voted on changing the new t-shirt to grey instead of black. We will still have the baseball style. We will be looking for lightweight adult V-neck with the new design.</p> <p>Paw print stickers – will look into it and create a new sticker to include the A+</p> <p>We are looking for a Parent chair of spirit wear</p>	Parent chair needed for spirit wear!
New PTO website	Check it out! Mike Campbell Tavan alum and father of a kinder student– Tavanpto.com	TavanPTO.com – new website!
Board Position planning	Tanya has been president forever. This is her last year on the board. Lots of repeats on the board and we are looking for some fresh faces and ideas! If you are interested in being an elect. You can shadow us and will be ready to take over and go next year!	Looking for new board members....consider becoming a part of the Tavan PTO board.
Scottsdale Override – presented by Tanya Spelts PTO co-president	<p>Yes to Children is the volunteer organization that helps spread the word about voting yes on the Scottsdale Override.</p> <p>Here are some facts about the override: This override in the past has provided free all day kindergarten, specials (music etc), smaller class sizes.</p>	Vote YES on the Scottsdale Override

	<p>If it does not pass, the district will lose 180 positions, have larger class sizes, and music and art will be cut. Last year it did not pass and the district lost 4.5 million this year. On Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> you need to vote to pass this maintenance override. Early ballots will be available later this month.</p> <p>Yes to Children has asked the PTO's to donate to help fundraising. No one opposed to give donation.</p>	
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