

TPA-CC Meeting Notes

August 10, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Commence. In attendance:

Michael Roberts (TPA-CC Chair), Kelsey Cartwright (Secretary), Jessica Haussy, David Melby-Gibbons, Beth Schmidt, Stephanie Schrader-Lawson (Committee Representative), Tasha Sorenson (Fund Development Specialist), Monica Zamzow (Faculty Representative)

Primary Discussion: Fundraising for Tamarack in the 2016-2017 School Year.

Overview:

Tamarack Waldorf School relies heavily on fundraising to meet annual financial goals. A percentage of the school's budget relies upon creative fundraising by Tamarack Parent Association-Community Circle (referred to as TPA-CC), parents/families/friends of Tamarack, school administration and faculty activities, and student fundraising.

TPA-CC also organizes fundraisers to pay for Tamarack's Urban Ecology Center membership. These fundraisers include Brady Street festivals, the weekly Bagel Sale fundraisers, and other TPA-CC organized events to benefit TPA-CC.

In addition to Tamarack and TPA-CC fundraisers, beginning in 5th grade, classes fundraise for their class trip, to be taken during the 8th grade year.

It is important to clearly define and raise awareness as to where and how the various fundraisers are benefiting our school and community. It is also important to continue to try new fundraisers that encourage donations and monetary contributions from outside of our community to increase financial impact on our goals while not continually burdening the community with donation requests.

- I. Parents are continuing to devise new and different ideas for school fundraising, these efforts help make up the fundraising portion of the school budget. Potential fundraising ideas include: chili cook-off and deviled egg contest, vending at Miller Park, a Carnival, and holding a booth at a regular Farmer's Market.
- II. All Tamarack and TPA-CC fundraisers that have a presence on Brady Street need to include Enrollment Committee and the Enrollment Specialist, Sarah Stokes, as a platform for enrollment and community outreach. These include, but are not limited to: Art Walk, Pet Parade, Brady Street Days, etc.
- III. TPA-CC is currently paying for a half Urban Ecology Center Membership. This allows for classes to attend one field trip each school year. Teachers have expressed interest in purchasing a full membership. Pricing and additional TPA-CC fundraising efforts will be discussed as to the feasibility of purchasing a full membership for the school.
- IV. Spirit wear fundraising and Yearbooks have in some years previous been a grade help fundraiser (benefiting the organizing class's fundraising efforts). In previous years, 7th and 8th grade held the respective fundraisers. There has been interest in TPA-CC taking over these fundraisers to help raise TPA-CC funds, but also to maintain consistency from year to year. As it stands for the 2016-17 School Year, TPA-CC will do Yearbooks as a fundraiser.

- V. Designated class Fundraisers that are not claimed by the designated class for the school year will be opened as fundraising opportunities for the other classes, and if not claimed by any class will become available to TPA-CC, High School or for the Fund Development Committee.

Policies regarding fundraising at Tamarack (Tasha Sorenson, Fund Development Specialist)

- Fundraising to benefit individual classes is not allowed prior to the 5th grade.
- Parents or teachers should submit a Fundraiser Approval Form to Tasha as soon as they have determined to hold a fundraiser. All fundraising activities must be submitted, even if it is a traditional or ongoing fundraiser. The form will be reviewed by the Fund Development Committee (FDC).
- Only after the fundraiser has received approval by FDC may the fundraiser be publicized.

Final profit from the June Rummage Sale was \$740. Discussion about whether to include this as a fundraiser next year was not discussed.

Upcoming events and topics to be discussed at the September meeting

Tamarack to Host Workshop in September, "The Art of Teaching Mathematics"

- I. Nationally renowned educator Jamie York is giving a lecture Friday, September 16, 6:30 p.m., at Tamarack Waldorf School entitled "Robots, Socks and Alligators: The Crisis in Math Education". The lecture is open to the public and all Tamarack parents, staff and faculty. A sign-up form will be available outside the office before the event.
- II. A weekend workshop will follow open to public, private and homeschooling educators.
- III. Website for more information and workshop registration:
<http://www.jamieyorkpress.com/wisconsin-math-workshop/>

AWSNA visit October 23-28, 2016. A reception will be hosted with the assistance of TPA-CC Hospitality Squad. Please consider being available to help with donations or volunteering as may be requested.

Governance Workshop Friday, August 26, 2016, 5:30-8:00 p.m. Review and discussion at the September TPA-CC meeting.

Bagel Sales begin Friday, September 9th 7:30 a.m. in the Tamarack Waldorf School basement. September sales will be hosted by TPA-CC and the year schedule for hosting will be discussed in the September TPA-CC meeting.

Ice Cream Social is Friday, September 9th beginning at 2:45 p.m.

Two parents are requested to sit as voting members on the Tamarack Waldorf School Board. Responsibilities include attending monthly board meetings and participation in a board-mandated committee OR project task force within Tamarack Waldorf School. Please contact TPA-CC Chair, Michael Roberts if interested.