

# Tara Elementary PTO Meeting

**Date:** September 3, 2024

**Location:** Media

Meeting started at 6:20pm

Angela printed out the pictures of the Board Members and Families. Going to get a frame to hang in NEW OFFICE.

Angela briefly reviewed Treasurer Report (May-Current Expenses) Says we are negative, but we have paid for all major things. We actually have money in CDL (Certificate of Deposit) that matures in October. Might leave in CDL (Certificate of Deposit) just for shorter time if possible.

Megan Morris Spirit Nights are scheduled up until the end of 2024. Have places on list for 2025, just haven't solidified them. Chick Fil A is getting new contact for spirit night, so unable to schedule anything until after the new year. Thinking of using them in March.

Megan Morris; Astro Skate: Discussed pros and cons of being their business partner. Cost \$350 up front. They provide Silent Auction materials ie. party certificates. Free skating certificates for attendance awards. And free things for teachers. Must commit to 3 skate nights now, get the fourth free. BIG CONS with bus pick up from school. Kids carrying skates all day at school, pick up security at skating rink, little kids on bus with big kids. Committed to talking to Astro Skate about doing Family Night, with % going back to the school.

Angela talked about Chuck E Cheese Spirit Night. Was busy for a Tuesday.

Mrs. Campbell talked about Volunteer Orientation.

Angela; Playground Playdate: Reviewed time and location. Added kickball this year for bigger kids. Still need someone to "coach" but working it out. Mrs. Campbell will teach Mrs. Anges rules. Consideration talked about for ages playing against each other, parents only playing with their kids not for them.

Angela spoke about the Tara Dance Team and thier teachers. Same as last year. Dance is FULL! 10 kids on waiting list. Dance is Thursdays 3:15-4:20pm. Having to be more strict on parents picking up kids on time. And making sure payment is coming. Hate to pull kids off the team, but if parents cant work with us they might get pulled. Only 4 students on subscription payment.

Angela/open discussion; Cookie Catalog: PTO profited \$15,000 Last year. Donating money is best for PTO. Try emailing just the link to parents. Flyer goes home with students. Kick off starting with presentation; K-1 1:30pm 2-5 2:15pm Cookie distribution in carline. Start date: September 13, 2024 Orders Due: September 30, 2024  
Delivered On: October 29, 2024 2 Volunteers needed for coop distribution each day. 2 tables set up. 1 volunteer each table. Our school was #5 in sales, we think because of the popular coops.

Angela; School Store Fundraiser: Changed the roll out of this to November 18. Uses a portal to go through website and buy things from big box stores and the school gets a % of what's spent. Unsure on revenue, this is a new to us fundraiser. Hopefully get a bunch of parents shopping on Cyber Monday for Christmas presents.

Book Fair: Megan started a sign-up genius for book fair.

Fall Festival: October 25, 2024. Possibly do Trunk or Treat in loading zone by Cafe. Maybe use tables instead of trunks. Discussed the food options for the festival. Food trucks from last year were too pricey. Committed to Freddy's providing burgers/hotdogs. They will also provide drinks. Kindergarten will also sell drinks for tickets. Activities will be held in Cafe and Media Center.

Mrs. Johnson is looking for volunteers to help with the gardening in garden by Cafe.

Angela talked about when to start "Feeding the Monster" for trunk or treat. Starting beginning of October. Hopefully receive a bunch of candy.

Talked about if we should charge per car for trunk or treat. Pros/Cons.

We had teachers suggest getting the school together with the plastic discount cards for fundraiser. Going to follow up with Freddy's and Little Ceasears. Also going to see about pre-purchased gift cards to sell for fundraising.

Talked about getting "Chairs" for each event to help organize. Decided on going with Board Members being Chairs and recruiting volunteers for "Co-Chairs" Start a clipboard sign-up sheet for Volunteer Orientation.

Closed out @ 7:25pm