

TARA ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING AND MINUTES

September 6, 2022

Topic 1: Welcome to Tara Elementary PTO

- Introduction of our Board
 - President: Lisa Jobst
 - Vice-President: Amanda Hall
 - Treasurer: Angela Sauro Davis
 - Co-Secretaries: Dannin Grosso and Rebecca Shoun
 - Teacher Liaison: Luci McGee
- Meetings and Involvement
 - Babysitters are now available at our meetings for all ages. Bring students and younger siblings and attend SAC and PTO monthly meetings in person!
 - Thank you to Lakewood Ranch High School Key Club Volunteers for providing babysitting at our meetings.

Topic 2: Past Events

- Open House Night was August 8th.
- Boohoo Yahoo Breakfast for Pre-K and K families was Aug. 10th.
- Kindergarten Night was August 24th.

Topic 3: Rhea Lana (Angela)

- Rhea Lana Consignment Fundraiser benefits our school and local families.
- Thank you for the over 700 items donated and our volunteers that helped prep and deliver.
- We raised \$1035 as a school fundraiser!

Topic 4: Treasurer's Report

- Please sign up for Amazon Smile!
- www.smile.amazon.com and go to your profile and click on "your amazon smile" and select the charities of your choice, please include Tara Parent Teacher Organization! A percentage of the proceeds will go to Tara PTO at no extra cost to you!
- Teacher Appreciation at the end of the school year for 2022, the PTO gave teachers and staff Amazon Gift cards! Thank you teachers and staff, we appreciate you all!
 - The PTO paid for the Accelerated Reader Program and for the Star Fall for the students and for all of the agendas for the students. And the PTO paid for the tax prep and liability insurance.

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Topic 5: Upcoming Events and Making Connections at Tara Elementary

Add these events to your calendars!

- Spirit Day at Maple Street Biscuit Company.
 - Saturday, September 24th 11 am-2 pm.
- Costume themed Spirit Night for Tara at Freddy's
 - Wednesday, October 26th 4-8 pm.
 - Students in costume from Tara enter to win a Freddy's gift basket.
- Goldfish Swim School exclusive Family Swim for Tara Families. Call to reserve a spot, more information will be sent out soon.
 - Friday, October 14th 5:30-7:30 pm.

We are looking at hosting the popular "Playground Play Date" again in November.

- PTO will again offer families the opportunity to be part of our Family Connection Digital Student Directory.
 - Will be divided by grade level and list student's first name and last initial, teacher's name, parent's first name and email.
 - It is to be used for organizing play dates and helping families make more connections.
 - More information about how to opt-in to being part of the Family Connection Digital Student Directory will go out later this fall.

Topic 6: Box Tops

- We need a new Box Tops Coordinator and an Amazon Smiles Coordinator! If interested please email us at: taraptorocks@gmail.com

Topic 7: Decorating

- Amanda, our VP, heads up our Decorating Committee. We will send out information on when we need volunteers for decorating.

Topic 8: Fall Fundraiser

- Kick-off will be September 16th.
- Students will again be selling popular cookie dough and gift items.
- Too busy to raise funds? There is also going to be a donation button on each student's individual website, with 100% of donations going directly to Tara Elementary PTO. That was an easy button!
- We need volunteers to help us organize and distribute all the sold items in October. Sign ups will be sent out soon.

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- We need volunteers to help with organizing the key chain prize incentives. Sign ups will be sent out soon.
- Do any parents, students, and staff want to be in a video about the fundraiser and our school to be featured on Tara's ordering page?
- Our goal and BMX show prize!

Topic 9 Fall Festival

- Date will be Friday, October 28th at 6 pm- 8pm.
- At our Fall Festival we will be having a Trunk or Treat in the parking lot.
- Families can decorate a trunk. Business can also have a trunk for \$25.
- Teachers will have game stations for students.
- PTO will have a spooky themed house.
- We will have a sign up for spooky baked goods donations to be sold at the event.

There will be food and fun for everyone!