

Minutes for the meeting:

## TARA PTO MEETING

Date: February 7, 2023 Time: 6:15 pm Location: Media Center

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

- ❖ Child care is now available at our meetings for all ages. Bring your 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 child care at our meetings. And for helping out at our school events.

- ❖ Fill out a District Volunteer Application to volunteer at school events this year. ❖ We have a new email system to keep everyone up to date with all PTO news. E-mail taraptorocks@gmail.com if you are not yet on our email list, and we will add you!

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Topic 2: Past Events- Thank you for participating!

- Blaze Pizza PTO Spirit Night Wednesday, December 7th 4-8 pm
- Candy Wonderland Friday, December 16th 6-8 pm

❖ Thank you to our teachers and volunteers for making this such a memorable event!

- Playground Play Date Saturday, January 21st 9-11 am Topic 3: Tara Dance

It was a great success, the PTO rented a pavilion and had a good turnout.

- Our Tara Dance Team will perform at the Sweetheart Dance. Topic 4: Treasurer's Report

- Order your Tara Drinkware at our new website tarapto.com.

- Last chance for Amazon Smile! Topic 5: Upcoming Events and Making Connections at Tara Elementary
- Texas Roadhouse PTO Spirit Night

❖ Tuesday, February 28th 3-10 pm.

❖ Free kids meal certificates are also coming home in February.

- PTO is again offering families the opportunity to be part of our Family Connection Digital Student Directory.

❖ It will be divided by grade level and list student's first name and last initial, teacher's name, parent's first name and email.

Amazon Smile Program is going away.

Nominating Committee was formed to review the current PTO board members to see who are interested in running again and to notify the school of the opportunity to run to serve on the PTO board for the 2023-2024 school year.

Dannin, Melanie, and Megan will send out invitations for serving on the PTO board and come up with a slate to be voted on.

Official vote and decision was made with a majority vote to donate the popcorn maker to the local Law Enforcement Department of Children and Families.

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- ❖ It is to be used for organizing play dates and helping families make more connections.
- ❖ A google form link will go out to opt-in to being part of the Family Connection Digital Student Directory.

Topic 6: Sweetheart Dance

- Friday, February 10th at 6-8 pm
- Fliers recently went home for this family event.
- Our food vendors include: Freddy's, Jaxx Sports Bar and Grill, and Tacos de Carne Estrada.
- We will be having a DJ, dancing, bake sale, photo booth, and auction.
- Volunteer to help with decorating, bake sale, set up, and take down.
- Bake sale items needed! Sign up to let us know what you are bringing.
- We are collecting donations: gift cards and gift baskets for this event. Contact: [taraptorocks@gmail.com](mailto:taraptorocks@gmail.com)

Topic 7: Nominating Committee

- Angela Sauro Davis is leading our nominating committee.
- The PTO Board election will be held in April.

Topic 8: Ideas for PTO activities this spring

Another Park Play Date with a Coffee Truck that also would have hot chocolate for the kids.

The Desoto Parade is coming up in April and the dance team has participated in that in the past. When looked into further the rules say that all kids under the age of 14 must be on a big float and at this time we don't have a float big enough to fit 30 people on it so that idea will not float for this year.

Math and Science Night will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, so Tara Dance may need to practice outside instead under the pavilion.

Tara Dance next year the idea was brought up about splitting the time on one day between the 2 dance classes if the instructor is available for that.

With the facility cost of renting the space in the cafeteria for the Tara Dance Team, the PTO may need to contribute a couple of hundred dollars towards funding the program.