

## TPSA General Membership Meeting February 7, 2019

### President's Report:

- The TPSA Web site is [www.tecparents.org](http://www.tecparents.org)
- Look for TPSA news in Mrs. Berman's newsletter.
- The TPSA Board gave Mrs. Oxner a card and flowers for School Counselor's Day.
- Nominations for seats on the TPSA Board will take place in April; the election will be in May.

### Treasurer's Report:

- The Toledo Community Foundation gave TPSA money to reimburse Randy Nissen for camera equipment.
- We have \$1,940 in our account. The Teacher Appreciation Day and the School Picnic will be paid for from these funds.

### Fundraising:

- We had 18 orders at BW3, netting us \$108.
- The Dave & Buster Fundraiser will be held April 8 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. We will receive 10% of all food sales and power card sales for people who have a TEC flyer.
- A fundraiser is planned for May at SkyZone or Get Air.
- Amazon Smiles takes just 15 seconds to set up, and the TPSA benefits from Amazon purchases.
- Please sign up for Kroger Community Rewards and choose TPSA.
- Box tops have to be turned in by the end of March. Please bring them to the next meeting or send them to school with your student to put in Mr. Nissen's classroom.

National Honor Society for juniors and seniors. Videos are due February 15. A 3.0 GPA is needed. Contact Mrs. Al-Hayani with questions.

NHD contest registration deadline is February 21.

Student scholarships are available. Contact Mrs. Oxner. Due dates are February and March.

### Mrs. Berman:

- To access the Parent Portal, the username is the student's ID number, and the temporary password is TPSProud. Mrs. Berman will contact TPS administration for those parents who are having trouble accessing it.
- Parent University has lots of classes that are free and very helpful. They are listed at [PartnersToledo.org](http://PartnersToledo.org)
- A new TEC app will be ready to launch in fall. There will be a rideshare feature. Please look at the TTA app to see what sort of things can be included on the TEC app. Mrs. Berman would like parent and student input.
- TPSA has been recognized by the Governing Board for being a great Organization.

### Mr. Nissen:

- Today is International Clash Day.

- The Pillowman will be performed at UT this weekend. Grace Mulinix from TEDC is performing in it.
- The Winter Dance has been cancelled.
- Rocket stages cultural events: The Monroe County Library is holding a Blues Fest, with shows every Tuesday. On Saturday, The Big Gig is at 7 p.m. at Monroe County Community College.
- Poetry Out Loud regionals are in Findlay on February 13.
- Parent-teacher conferences are Feb. 28 and March 1.
  - National History Day is for all 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - Paper is due February 11. If the student wants to enter the contest, they must do so by Feb. 14.
  - Project is due Feb. 27. If the project is a web site, it will be locked March 1.
  - The contest is March 16 at BGSU.
- Yearbooks are on sale through March 18. The cost of \$27 just covers the cost to produce the book. Ad space is available; deadline is Feb. 28.

#### Principal's News:

- There is a new safety protocol. The building is now locked at 6 p.m. at the west end. All students must be out by 6 p.m. Security gates going to the science department are now locked at night, as are lecture halls. TPS has assigned an officer to the building. A UT officer is also on hand and eager to get to know the students.
- The Megabus no longer comes to the Scott Park parking lot.
- The newsletter will start coming out on a monthly basis.
- Information Friday: The Lucas County Suicide Prevention folks will speak to the grades 9-12 tomorrow.

#### Guest speakers: Treva Jeffries and Dr. Hope Land of the TPS Department of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- This department is still being formed.
- A blackface photo was posted on social media.
- Teen pep and SMART students are taking the lead to let younger students know why this was offensive. This was facilitated by the Department of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.
- Feb. 19: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies classes
- Feb. 21: 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders talking about school cultural climate
- Feb. 27: Cultural sensitivity training for parents
- March 12: Meeting with teachers to talk about next steps
- If students act in a discriminatory manner, they will be asked to leave TEC. Students are told in orientation that what they do on their private social media impacts the school and will be addressed at the school. Parents must monitor their children's activities online.
- The district's social media policy can be found at tps.org under Board, Board docs, Policies

Next meeting: March 14.