

Tilden PTSA Meeting
January 14, 2020 Meeting Notes
Updated 2.18.20

The PTSA Meeting started at 7:04

I. Principal's Report

- The first semester is wrapping up and the sixth graders are going to Outdoor Education.
- The students are in the middle of MAP tests.
- Staff is preparing for the future sixth graders to visit Tilden. There will be a growing sixth grade class next year.
- There will be a Holocaust survivor coming to talk with students at Tilden. There will be students gathered in the library to hear the talk and then the talk will be broadcast throughout the school for other students.
- Tilden is expanding the STEM program. This would be adding more engineering and art classes. Students are encouraged to try these classes in middle school.
- Staff are preparing for the move to new Tilden location. Plans are still moving forward, but parents will probably need to wait until August for a school tour.
- During the March PTSA meeting, there will be an update on the building and the move to the new Tilden. In the meantime, we do know there will be a bus for the students that are on the opposite side of Old Georgetown Road. Students will be bussed to school even if they live within a mile because the students should not cross Old Georgetown Road as it is considered a highway.

II. Officers' Reports

A. President's Report

- Day of caring- The Tilden MS community participated in meaningful projects throughout the day.
- The PTSA hosted a candle-making event and it was fun for all who attended.
- In mid-December the PTSA provided teachers and staff with gifts and treats for the holiday season.

B. Secretary's Report

- The minutes from the November 13th meeting were approved.

C. Treasurer's Report

- The PTSA members as of the meeting is 431.
- The finances look good and there is no concern with the budget.
- The Fall Book Fair sales were around \$1700.
- The PTSA is looking into a partner school to see if we can help support them financially since we are in good standing.

- D. MCCPTA News- (no updates; defer to Cluster update)

III. Committee Reports

- A. Charity Basketball: There are issues with the date (conflicting events) and we need to get a new event chair. We are looking to shift this event to April. We are looking for volunteers and sponsors for this event.
- B. Restaurant Nights: There have been several successful restaurant nights this year. Even with snow and early dismissal, one of our events still brought in \$250. We are looking to have future events.
- C. Spirit Wear: These were on sale through December and sales have been steady. The PTSA will purchase some items for future sales.
- D. Cluster Updates:

Walter Johnson Cluster includes North Bethesda and Tilden. The cluster was explained. Currently the MC Board of Education is focusing on the Operating Budget. The cluster representatives testified and explained that Tilden and WJ are large schools and have specific staffing and technology needs which require additional resources. They also asked for special education needs and safety requirements.

MCPS has contracted with a company to conduct a boundary analysis for the full school system. They are looking at various factors including equity, geography and utilization. The cluster representatives are asking the school board to look at how they are making decisions and what they are doing with this information. The representatives are also asking that when the County makes decisions about our specific WJ cluster, that they do it only once in light of the Woodward High School decisions (current Tilden MS building). There are also issues of keeping kids in neighborhoods and transportation issues (walkers and those who take the bus). There were questions about the boundary study and when there might be some action. There is no answer to this, but there was speculation that this could be as early as in 18 months.

IV. Other Business (N/A)

- V. Guest Speaker: Vicky Nogales, from Expressive Therapy Center, was the guest speaker for this meeting. She spoke on "Emotion Coaching, the Heart of Parenting." Also attending was, Stephanie Natter, the Clinical Director at Expressive Therapy Center.

The formal meeting ended at 7:45pm. The guest presentation immediately followed.

Upcoming Events:

January:

17th – Online sale of Spirit Wear (Socks & Flannel Pants) Closes

Go to: <https://tildenptasocksandpjs.itemorder.com>

20th - No School - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

24th - Early Release Day/End of Q2

27th - No School- Professional Day for Teachers

February:

17th - No School- Presidents Day

21st - *Now updated to April* Charity Basketball – Staff vs Students, 7-8:30pm

Please email CelinaSchmidtPTA@gmail.com if you're interested in being a sponsor or volunteer!

28th - Early Release Day

March:

10th - PTSA meeting at 7pm – Construction Update on the new Tilden at 7:30

16th - Panera DineOut Restaurant Night, 5-9pm

26th - Family Heritage Night, 6-8pm