

Parent-Teacher Organization

Fostering the relationship between school, community and home for the academic success of all our students

UPCOMING DATES:

- June 7: Final PTO meeting of the year – at the GAI Ratskeller
 June 11: Last day of school
 Aug. 2: Summer PTO meeting, time and place TBA
 Aug. 22: Familienfest, GAI



“No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent.” ~John Donne

Danke, Danke, Danke, to the many TCGIS community members who led the PTO and its committees this year, organized PTO fundraisers and events, signed up to work them, and wrote checks or made donations. Your support helped our teachers and the school to give our kids another great year!



ABOUT THE TCGIS PTO:

PTO meetings are on the first Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are open to all and any parent or teacher can join as a voting member. Sign up at a meeting or by emailing PTO secretary Liane Gale, liane.gale@gmail.com.

To learn more, visit the PTO website at www.tcgispto.org.

Meeting Notice: June 7, 6:00 p.m., at the GAI

The final PTO meeting of the year will be on **Monday, June 7, at 6:00 p.m.** at the GAI's Ratskeller, 301 Summit Avenue. We will start the meeting a bit early, at 6:00 p.m., and will conclude business by 6:45 so that we can spend the rest of our time celebrating this year's accomplishments and welcoming next year's new parents. Please join us! We will not have a childcare provider at the meeting, but your kids are welcome to attend and play in a corner of the Ratskeller. BYOB or a snack to share, if you'd like!



Congratulations 2010-2011 Officers and Chairs!

At our May meeting we elected the following folks to officer positions for the 2010-2011 school year:

Gina Vader - President
 Rebecca Johnson - Vice-president
 Liane Gale - Secretary
 Molly McBeath - Treasurer
 Michelle Sheire – Historian

The four standing PTO committees and their 2010-2011 chairs are:

Classroom Support Committee - Kami Blackwell Kinney, chair
 Parent Outreach Committee - Britta Walker and Kari Swedberg, co-chairs
 Fundraising Committee - Heidi Zimmermann, chair
 Education Support Committee - *chair needed*

Thanks to everyone for stepping forward to lead the PTO next year!

2010-2011 Budget & Work Plan Approved

We approved next year's budget and work plan at our last meeting. Budget highlights include:

- Designation of a \$300 discretionary fund for each classroom teacher and specialist, our director, and the recess supervisor.
- The creation of a \$5000 "rainy day" reserve fund.
- Establishment of a general fund of approximately \$7000 to fund requests that come up throughout the year. Please see the PTO's fundraising guidelines at www.tcgispto.org for more information and a request form.

As part of next year's work plan we agreed to:

- Eliminate several of this year's smaller fundraisers and concentrate on a few of the more successful and popular ones, with an emphasis on those that have some community-building element.
- Actively support the GAI's Familienfest on August 22 as part of welcoming new and returning families to the 2010-2011 school year.
- Produce and sell for a modest price a TCGIS wall calendar that features all school, PTO, and GAI events during the coming year.
- Explore bulk purchasing of common school supplies.
- Adopt the theme of Greening next year, and incorporate that in multiple ways into PTO activities and events.
- Organize the Auflauf competition in October, Maskenball in February, Game Night in the spring, and parents' nights out throughout the year.
- Actively partner with and support the library and serve as its fiscal agent for fundraising during the coming year.

There are many ways to become involved with the PTO, both large and small. If you haven't already, consider joining us--your involvement will be met with a cheery welcome! If you are not on the PTO mailing list and would like to be, please contact PTO secretary Liane Gale, at liane.gale@gmail.com.

TCGIS PTO MEETING AGENDA

Monday, June 7, 2010

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

at the GAI's Ratskeller, 301 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

Call Leslie's cell phone, 612-275-6225, if you need directions.

BYOB or a snack to share, if you'd like!

Time	Business	Who?
6:00 to 6:05 p.m.	Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none">New Business and Approval of AgendaApproval of May minutes	<i>Leslie Watson</i>
6:05 to 6:10 p.m.	Treasurer's Report	<i>Molly McBeath</i>
6:10 to 6:15 p.m.	School Board Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">05/25 School Board Meeting Highlights	<i>Kim Kompel, TCGIS Board's Parent Liaison</i>
6:15 to 6:30 p.m.	Proposed Bylaw Revisions <ul style="list-style-type: none">Up or down vote on draft revisions distributed at May meeting.	<i>PTO Exec. Board</i>
6:30 to 6:45 p.m.	Requests for Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none">School Board trainingPlayground Improvements	<i>Kim Kompel Leslie Watson</i>
6:45 p.m.	Adjourn for social hour and new parent welcome!	<i>Gina Vader</i>

Next PTO Meeting: Monday, August 2

Time and Place TBA

Have a great summer!