

# THE THOMAS PRINCE SCHOOL



General Membership Meeting  
Thursday, January 18, 2024  
6:00 PM TPS Library and via Zoom

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89160786659?pwd=UVplTbSXKoccjGbxDkpqer7lPiFfuL.1>

## Meeting Agenda

### 1. Call to Order and Welcome

### 2. Principal's Update - star assessments to see where kids are at near the midyear point. Weather: We don't make the call at TPS. If you don't feel safe, you can choose to keep your student home.

### 3. Administrative Update

- a. Set date for next board meeting
- b. EVO scheduled posts (see PTA email) - Now have a schedule of posts which is in the PTA email.
- c. Applied for a Booster grant for Teacher/Staff Appreciation (will notify by 2/16) - 3 \$2000 grants to PTAs/PTOs for staff/teacher appreciation.
- d. Shop Local banner update - In PTA closet but will go up once Spring weather comes to avoid weather damage.

### 4. Guest Reports

- a. Student Council - read minutes updates from PTA email - Lego collection didn't go well. Maybe will do it as a drive for new things vs used next time (?). Movie night next Friday. Late Feb teachers vs students basketball game - sending out survey to see how many kids want to play, get a ref etc. Prizes. Tentatively 2/28.

### 5. Funding Requests and Allocations

- a. Request from BethAnne for a Buddy Bench
  - i. <https://www.thebenchfactory.com/traditional-inground-buddy-bench>
    - \$788.85. Location? Who to install? On sale from 899. This is for 4 foot. There is also a 6 foot option. Motion passes to set aside up to \$1200 for Buddy Bench and BethAnne will shop around to find the best option.

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## 6. Operating Expenses

- a. Swank Movie License set to begin on 1/26/24 through 1/25/25  
Once we get the receipt of order Allyson will go to the next Parks and Rec Meeting to get the half amount reimbursed from that committee

## 7. Finished Initiatives Reporting

- a. Holiday Shop - 3500 net. Success! Next year, all classes need to come for first visits in first 2-3 days and then last 1-2 days for revisits only.

## 8. New Initiatives Reporting

- a. Book Fair (Share the Fair initiative) - Nicola to have a call this week. Refining things to make them more user friendly for teachers (teacher wish list). People can contribute funds to share the fair to make sure all kids can experience the fair.

## 9. Budget Update: Raised 53000 so far not including special initiatives (not including acuto family fundraiser). We have underspent on several items, so in good shape. Have second cycle of teacher mini grants coming up. Have only spent 2200 of our 5000 budgeted.

## 10. Events and Programming

- a. Movie Night hosted by 8th grade on January 26th - Elemental
- b. Len Cabral final details/schedule - February. Will check in 2 weeks out.
- c. Scholastic Book Fair moved to week of March 18th. Family night - March madness event? Ace to talk w/ Student Council
- d. Andrew Hacket author visit reserved date April 23rd (payment due day of) - coming for the whole day and will make different presentations based on needs of each grade etc. Partnered w/ Silver Unicorn Bookstore in Acton. Will purchase at least 1 copy of each of his books for the school library.
- e. Braveheart's Reading Program - No showed! They were just sold and are rebranding and they'll reach back out to Nicola. ??
- f. Spring event - Small and Tall Ball? Other ideas? - Parent child dance? Cake walk event? - culturally insensitive. Spaghetti dinner? Movie date night w/ adult? See who wants to form a committee, date sometime in May (?)

## 11. Community Events

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- a. Movie Nights - we'll start planning some regular ones after the 8th grade movie night. Ours will really just be community outings. Maybe entry is a nonperishable food item? Concessions can be fundraising?
  - b. Worcester Railers night - link to click on for tickets and can see JV and V games pre railers
  - c. Playful Engineers options - Husband and wife in Amherst who come and do STEM activities that can be catered to different age levels etc. Done during the school day. Can do a 3 day residency so they hit every grade level. \$1200/day, but offer evening community night events for \$600-\$700ish (2 hours) - anybody can come. Could do a community event first and feel it out and then book the more expensive option for next year if we like it. Maybe the week of the book fair?
- 12.** Subscription box for max? Support packages for families and kids who are fighting cancer. Sports cards and binder. Mail order mystery. Magazine subscription. Audiobooks. Headphones.
- 13.** Survey the community to see who has skills that they'd be willing to come in and teach for 4-6 weeks after school and they can set up their own criteria and cost. Art, cooking, sports, wood working. Can say this class comes w/ a material cost etc, and then leftover money is a fundraiser. Baking, yoga, cooking - BethAnne has done this in the past and would be willing to help.

## **14. Adjourn**