
2022 23 Call for Candidates

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Thurston Elementary PTO

Call for Thurston PTO Candidates!

President, Co-Treasurer, Co-Fundraising Chair, Thurston Nature Center Chair



Hello Thurston family!

As we head into May, there are so many exciting things to look forward to, including International Night (our first community-wide event since the pandemic hit - May 6th, 5:30-7:30 pm).

It has been an honor to serve this community. Despite all of the challenges and uncertainties, Thurston's families, students, teachers and staff have demonstrated resilience and grace throughout the last few years. I am proud of this special family of friends, its teachers and staff, and, especially, our amazing kiddos.

As I look to the future, my family and I are sad to miss the coming years, but I am excited for Thurston as it takes steps to restore some of its traditions and regain its sense of togetherness. **While we have a fantastic set of volunteers currently serving on the Board and other parents volunteering for various events, we are missing some vital pieces to ensure that Thurston can continue to move into a new and exciting 2022-2023. If you are able to consider providing a bit of time to help harness the bubbling energy and enthusiasm to rebuild the strong sense of community that exists at our school, please consider running.**

Currently, we have NO (zero) candidates for the following positions:

President: main role is to liaise between the parents, teachers and staff; provide support for different events and projects (e.g., helping people connect with one another); run meetings

Co-Treasurer: work with a co-Treasurer as a partner and a "second set of eyes" with the following divided work - help write an annual budget and balance it; handle income and reimbursements; file tax and organization documents

Co-Fundraising Chair: help to support individuals who wish to pursue fundraising projects; help to coordinate the school-wide FunRun (lots of team support included)

Thurston Nature Center Chair: this is a subcommittee of the Thurston PTO which manages its own budget and projects, which includes maintenance, science projects in coordination with Thurston educators, etc. Thurston's acreage of nature makes it very special and provides endless educational resources for the students!

If you are curious or interested in any of the above roles, please reply to this email or contact the PTO President at pto.thurstonelementary@gmail.com!

TIMELINE:

May 9th, midnight: Candidate self-nominations to be submitted via email to pto.thurstonelementary@gmail.com

May 10th: Thurston PTO will circulate a special newsletter announcing candidates and call a virtual election in 2 weeks

May 24th: PTO will open the virtual election via an emailed Google Form to fill vacancies

More information:

1. President

Are you a facilitator? Do you enjoy finding ways to bring people together to support parent and teacher projects and interests?

Bylaw Description: Preside at general PTO meetings and PTO Board meetings, serve as the primary Thurston PTO contact to the Thurston Elementary Principal, and represent the PTO at meetings of other groups, if needed. The President shall also serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

2. Co-Treasurer

You are not alone! Corinna Burghardt is our amazing PTO Co-treasurer. The Bylaws require an overlapping second co-treasurer to ensure continuity and oversight (Tayfun Ozdemir has completed his term and we are grateful for his work)! If you like numbers, this might be the role for you!

Bylaw Description: Serve as custodians of the PTO's finances, collect revenue, pay authorized expenses, follow all financial policies of the PTO, and hold all financial records.

3. Communications Co-Chair: Newsletter and Social Media

PTO is lucky to have a web manager with Jeremy Bricker. However, PTO needs a newsletter writer and Facebook poster. Do you like composing fun messages and communicating important information? Sarah Surerus has done an amazing job and is ready to hand over the reigns.

Bylaw Description: Coordinate and integrate PTO communications (including parental support materials, teaching aids, etc.) into multiple media forms (Weekly newsletter, Facebook, PTO website). Oversee, organize and obtain answers to general membership questions. Bring areas of opportunity or concern to the Board. Manage and update the PTO website, Facebook page, monitor posts and responses, flagging and removing when necessary.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION!

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