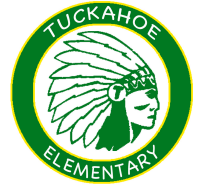




**TES PTA**  
General Meeting  
Minutes  
May 6, 2013



**I Call to Order**

**II Approval of the April Minutes**

Moved and approved

**III Report of Officers**

**Principal Report –**

Dr. Krickovic- Gave a huge thank you for all the PTA's work with students and staff. The staff loved the teacher appreciation breakfast and looking forward to treats and raffle.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a Henrico School Board meeting. Dr, Krickovic believes that there could be an announcement of the new principal on that date. It is also the evening of the TES waiver meeting, so it possibly could be announced there.

Dr, Krickovic also announced the teachers and staff who will follow Mr. Patterson to Kaechele Elementary School: Denise Robson, Brooke Mundy and Karen Shaia. No other teachers will go. Laura Pleasants commented that with Mrs. Stocks retirement there will be a huge impact on the fourth grade. Dr. Krickovic acknowledged this and said that she and the staff and she will work together to address this. She read a paragraph that Mrs. Robson wrote about the difficulty of her decision to leave.

Mr. Gordon spoke to thank the PTA for Spring Fling event and gave further thanks for treats for teacher appreciation.

**Teacher Representative**

Mrs. Archer thanked everyone for the treats and Spring Fling. She spoke of how Spring Fling was an event where all the students were able to see each other outside of the classroom. She marveled that each year she has seen new friendships develop there.

**Treasurer's Report/Budget Discussion-**

Diana Alger spoke about the status of the budget. Key changes- Spring Fling really delivered- hoping for \$8250 net, and to date the net has been \$17,667! End right at about \$17k. Spirit wear continues to bring in extra. And the book fair is last big fundraiser.

Diana also reminded the PTA Board that we need to close out everything we can. Please turn in all receipts by June 15<sup>th</sup>. The books must be closed by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **President Elect's Report-**

Elaine Peterson:

Committee Chair positions all filled! Lots of room still for helpers on committees and volunteers.

Ice Cream Social is on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00pm

The Ice Cream Social will end with clean up beginning right at 8pm due to testing the next day. We want to make sure our students get enough rest that night to still perform well on their testing.

Also, The Playground monitors are a necessary and very important part of our fun social event. As we want to make sure everyone is having fun while being safe. This is a family event so the age ranges of kids playing on the play ground is greater than normal and our playground monitors will need to supervise these interactions. Elaine asked for volunteers that are willing to wear a bright colored vest and really supervise and intervene appropriately when needed. If you or your husband are willing to fill this role, we need 2 for the 6:30pm to 7:15pm slot and 2 monitors for the 7:15pm to 8:00pm slot We also still have spaces available for set up, scooping ice cream, serving toppings, clean up and playground monitors...all available on the sign up genius.

Karen mentioned that Elaine can send volunteer requests through room parents.

### *Online Registration:*

What a great success with Spring Fling Registration online. We had 288 orders online, with few mistakes or complaints! We are going to continue to work towards offering more events/ programs through online registration and payments for the 2013-2014 school year, including

- Initial Membership, Yearbook, Directory information and payments,

- Our Annual Fund Donations,

- After School Enrichment

- Drama Club

- Family Night

- Duathlon

- First Grade Musical DVDs

- Spring Fling

- Volunteer Opportunity Check list is another opportunity.

Angela- Why is paperwork for K registration not available online? Dr. Krickovic will investigate.

## **Corresponding Secretary's Report**

Julie Flournoy: Secretary's day- Mandevillas were sent to assistants. Two teachers were also sent flowers.

## **Parliamentarian**

Via email -Bylaws Approved!

## President's Report

Laura Pleasants:

Thank you to the Spring Fling Committee for doing such a great job and incorporating new ideas. We couldn't have asked for a better day.

Wampums. A parent raised a concern about our use of the term "wampum". Elaine and Laura discussed this with Mr. Gordon because he sits on an HCPS committee called the Coalition for Equitable and Inclusive Schools. We determined that as long as Tuckahoe is represented by an Indian, we are going to continue to support the Indian in respectful ways—we felt the wampum was ok. There is no mandate to change the wampum.

Mr. Gordon stated that being someone who looks different, he feels welcome. Believes team addressed appropriately.

The parent who complained about the wampum was present at the meeting: He explained that he did not want his child to casually toss around terms that may be perceived as making fun. Laura: Wampum is valued and kids see it as positive.

A somewhat lengthy discussion ensued regarding whether use of the wampum was disrespectful or not, with both views being voiced. Dr. Krickovic suggested we continue to poll parents and discuss.

Henrico County Update: Laura went to the County PTA meeting last month where Dr. Russo gave a presentation that strongly urged us to get out the vote on the meals tax to support the 2014-2015 budget. (Laura handed out materials on laptop contract and meals tax. ) Next year's budget is fine, but the following year is problematic. Dr. Russo gave this talk on a Tuesday and on Thursday he and school board approved a deal to get new computers without public comment and no indication of how this would impact the 14-15 budget. The county manager has halted the deal until public comment can take place. Dr. Russo is going to present an updated version of the talk he gave to the PTA presidents on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Tuckahoe Branch library. Laura encouraged all to go to get the information straight from the source.

Volunteer of the Year: The volunteer of the year at TES and at most schools is really a lifetime achievement award, and this year is no different. This year the award goes to Karen Phillips for her continual involvement at TES. Karen has taken on many committee chair positions and is a past president of the PTA, but her true impact has been her behind-the-scenes focus on keeping our teachers happy. Just last Wednesday, Karen asked if we can replace the coffee maker in the teacher's lounge. Unfortunately, volunteer of the year does not come with a cash prize, but Karen will come with the executive committee to the HCCPTA banquet at Glen Allen High School next week to be recognized with all the other school's volunteers of the year. Congratulations, Karen!

Designations. Our next meeting will include our voting on designation spending. As a non-profit, we need to identify how any money that went unspent this year will be spent next year. The executive committee will have a meeting prior to our general meeting to discuss any proposals. Our PTA has always preferred to spend any excess on purchases for the school. This could be capital equipment, classroom materials, teacher training—anything that improves the learning environment for our kids. However, if there is a need in your committee, please submit

it to Laura. We don't know exactly how much will be available this year—we want to wait until after the book fair. It is also very important that we have a quorum at our next meeting so that we can complete the vote.

Diana- Anything not spent does not carry over so it must be designated.

## **IV Committee Reports**

### ***Yearlong/Fall Committees***

- Drama- Performances Tues and Thurs at 6. Doors open at 5:30

- SEATS activities for May:

May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – Matt Baker from the Science Museum of Virginia presented “Busy Bees” to the individual 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Susan Walton from the VA Museum of Natural History presented “Fossils” to the individual 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes.

May 8<sup>th</sup> – The Science & Math Center will come present “Chemistry Measures Up” to the individual 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

May 10<sup>th</sup> – The Diggity Dudes will provide after-lunch entertainment to the entire school in 2 separate concerts, K – 2 and 3 – 5.

May 21<sup>st</sup> – Donna Kerr a Dairy Farmer from the Southeastern Dairy Association will talk to the Kindergartners about dairy farming, feeding, milking and the importance of dairy to our overall health.

May 24<sup>th</sup> - Linda Fang, Chinese Storyteller will speak to our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in a 1-hour presentation to all classes. (\$500)

May 30<sup>th</sup> – The rescheduled Griot visit for our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. (\$414) Mali oral history.

Dottie Eldridge has joined SEATS for the 2013/2014 school year to help with Literacy and School-wide Events.

- Spirit Wear- great Spring Fling. Sold out of boys' sport t-shirts. Some Tervis cups left.
- Angela- Brought up[ idea that we could publish an old TES Cookbook
- Room parent- Karen (Volunteer if the Year) Thanks you, means a lot. Leaving the school is very hard. Very hard year for Room parents but it has been great. Communication and volunteers. Last treat day end of May. Do meals for full time teachers and faculty. Robin will remind people to get their meal.

## **Spring Committees**

- Book Fair: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2pm – 4pm and  
May 16<sup>th</sup>, 8am -8pm
- Field Day- Going well. After lunch is diggity doo.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical- Music Through the Decades. Each class is doing a different decade. Students can walk through the dress rehearsal. Karen- Never a problem getting in. On-line registration? Too expensive in light of inexpensive tickets.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration- Going Well. Up and running. Theme is On Top of The World and Ready to Rock. All fun, not forcing knowledge. Events are established and committees together. Parents not invited to lunch on 5<sup>th</sup> grade luncheon day. Tues cafeteria closed forelection, Thurs for 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Spring Fling- Kathryn- Thanks to everyone, great success
- Teacher Appreciation- Niki- Great volunteers, everything asked was taken within a day. This afternoon, vases for the teachers. Activities have been sent out to kids. Lottery tickets out today. Resource teachers were recognized. Thurs catered lunch, treats for field day. Discussion about date for teacher lunch.
- Yearbook- Working hard!

## **V New Business**

Charlotte Dillard ,TES parent. Cheryl is teaching a VMFA class this summer in recycled stuff. So TES collecting bottle caps, Discussion of creating a mural. Talked to Julie Ranson. Looking at gym facing blacktop- made out of caps. Current 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Not sure how to proceed.

Mr. G- great idea. Concern about wall location.

Dr, K- Would have to involve building and construction team.

Motion to move Family night net proceeds of \$714.59 to Teacher Appreciation budget was made and passed.

## **VI Adjourn**

**8:18**