

**TES Minutes
Board Meeting
September 22, 2011**

I. Call to Order 7:00 pm by Meg Bryant

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Officer Report

- **President Elect**
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Julie shared that there is a list of military families to support and please let her know of others. She shared a thank you note from one of the teachers who recently had a baby.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Molly Gorman reviewed the budget, which is attached. She reviewed and explained highlighted areas, which the executive board had discussed in detail. She explained the areas in the Designations budget and expressed excitement to use the money this year. There was a question about the book room. Cindy Patterson explained its purpose and goals—to serve as a teacher resource room. There was a motion to approve the proposed budget and it was seconded and approved.
- **President's Report:** Meg thanks everyone for coming together to get school ready after the Hurricane. Coffee and Kleenex was successful as well as other playdates. Hospitality teacher breakfast has been rescheduled for September 28. Sally Foster has kicked off—please spread the word about the separate envelopes. Thanks to Heidi and her husband for starting work on the POWWOW Patch. If anyone wants to help mulch, please come. Reminders for Back to school night on 9-22. 9-28 is a half-day. 9-30 and 10-2 are the drama tryouts in the auditorium. October 3 is the next board meeting and Flinn's Spirit Night. Week of Oct 17 is TES mania...activities all week.
- **Principal's Report:** Ms. Patterson shared how “wild” the opening of school was but all seems smooth now. New wing is ready to go—3rd grade is in it and all settled. We have all new sod on the back field but it will soon be strong enough to play on. All of this work is connected to the new wing and was provided with stimulus money. The rooms look great with new interactive boards. Excited about the money in the playground fund. We have new staff this year and she will introduce them during the general session.
6:00-6:40 K-2
6:45-7:15 General PTA Session
7:15-8:00 3-5
- **Mrs. Archer:** The teachers want to thank PTA for support. There were so many parents who came to help. THANK YOU!

IV: Committee Reports:

ASE: Up and running. The kids will be enthusiastic about the choices. She explained the lottery system how kids are picked for each activity. \$50-60 per child

Bake Sale: Will send reminders in Signals

Book Fair: W, Th, F and Sunday. 9 to 4. There will smooth transactions, less volunteering, and less waiting. The new vendor (BBGB) promises to be convenient for everyone. She will ask about gift certificates. They do gift wrap! There were a couple of questions posed about discounts for teachers and about selling during the school day. Ms. Patterson clarified these questions.

Buildings and Grounds: Need volunteers to help mulch and finish shed

Community Service/SCA: Cheeburger Cheeburger – some dates nailed down for family night – possible night at The Tavern.

Drama Club: New instructor hired as well as the returning instructor from the last few years. Might need 3rd day or 3rd teacher for the 2012-2013 school year. Switching auditions from afternoons to weekend. Dates will be posted. The try-outs will be streamlined for less waiting. (everyone gets in, but it gives them experience.)

Duathlon: Oct 23. Underway. Will incorporate running on the new track. Still looking for sponsors. Will use volunteers from middle school IB students. Meg added that there is a contact for these students if anyone needs help.

Family Night: Friday, Oct 21. Very similar to last year. Catered by Joe's Inn. Seatings 5-7 pm.

HKC: Dec 2. In the midst of digging through and planning supplies. Looking for volunteers and setting it up. Meg commented that the ideas they have are very cute

Hospitality: Going as planned

Journalism: Group meets once a month and kids choose articles. One paper in February and one at the end of the school year.

LEGO: Two older children teams and two Jr. teams. They have coaches now. First meetings are this week. On track. They have robots, tables, and are good to go.

Newcomers: One event left

Reflections: Similar to last year. Deadline Oct 20. Online registration. Raidah has local artists to judge the work. Similar advertising as last year. Having a local prize for grade with most participants. "Diversity Means..." is the theme.

Room Parents: There was a short discussion of eliminating general PTA volunteer sign-ups on back to school night and doing this through email.

SEATS: “Shadow” report. This group is on target to bring in some nationally known authors.

Signals: HUGE September issue almost ready. Meg added that the website transfer of responsibility is in transition.

Spiritwear: great sale

Sponsorship: 10 issues for signals is 9-12. \$200 for the year.

STOP:

Volunteer Coordinator: On target to fill volunteer positions

Walk to School: October 5. On target. She provided some “walk to school” activities to Ms. Archer.

Sally Foster: On target

Square One: Ms. Ranson has materials and children will make art in the next few weeks.

PTA Website: In transition. Excited about taking over website and new ideas coming forth.

Yearbook: Request from Sema for someone to take over production of the yearbook.

IV. New Business:

Laura distributed volunteer nametags for everyone

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25.