

**TUCKAHOE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PTA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 2010**

OPENING

PTA President, Suzie Hendricks, called the Board Meeting PTA to order at 7:06pm. There were approximately 17 people in attendance. Suzie gave a nice welcome.

MINUTES

Approval of September minutes were suspended until November meeting and will be approved when October minutes are voted on. Suzie asked that everyone take a minute to look over September minutes for any changes and please email any needed changes to Paige.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT – Meg Bryant

Nothing new at this time or Pres. Elects' position.

B. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Christy Holsten

Have been getting a few cards or flowers out to families as needed. One parent's father died and Lynn Barry's father passed away. Lynn is a substitute in the office and previous TES parent. Also, Officer Vitex has a baby girl and Shannon Spring (1st grade) just got engaged.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT – Molly Gorman filling in for T.G.

Annual Fund: Annual Fund is currently about \$9500 and not expected to go much higher at this point in the year. This will bring it in slightly under budget.

Membership Dues: Currently about 510 people have joined and about \$2324 has come in but a large portion of this will go back out as we forward these dues onto to the PTA associations..

Duathlon and Yearbook: Moneys are coming in for these two line items, but will go back out again as they are break even services/events.

D. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Suzie Hendricks

SCA: Julie Flourney has agreed to be the SCA Parent Liaison this year and they will begin to schedule some spirit nights in conjunction with local restaurants like we've done in years past. (Ex: Chick Fil A or Moe's Nights)

Henrico County Council for PTAs will be holding Leadership seminars for PTA members. Anyone is welcome. They will be held October 12th from 7-9 pm on a first come first serve basis. Flyer was sent around room.

Website Update: Two fathers have volunteered to take over the website from Gordon Saunders. Currently it is just a matter of them meeting for Gordon's information. Gordon has updated the Calendar, Roster and continues to add information to the website for upcoming events.

ASE: There may be a strong lead on ASE for the spring. Once we can pin down a lead there are plenty of people signed up to volunteer for the program so it still looks like a go for spring.

November Meeting Time Change: It was decided to move just the November 1st meeting to 6:00 as it will coincide with Teacher Conferences and may be easier for some folks to coordinate.

REMINDERS: If you are distributing flyers, please be sure to have them in teacher's boxes by the previous Friday as many teachers only distribute once a week. Also don't forget the copy for the front desk binder, so Ms Hatcher and Ms Watkins will be able to answer question regarding them.

Connect Ed Messages are available to committees with events if they email Ms Patterson in time and keep them concise for limited time that she has on the message.

Aprons for volunteers have been laundered and are in plastic bins under the Community Service Table next to the far left auditorium entrance door.

Don't forget that there are two additional marquis that can be used to advertise information. But please do not confuse the letters between the two as each one needs set quantities of each letter.

And again, please return the PTA tables to the green containers when you are finished using them. They are high demand items.

E. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Cindy Patterson

October will be a busy month. The week of October 4th is 3rd Grade cognitive testing and the following week is 4th grade achievement testing. Practice is also underway for the Veteran's Day Assembly which will be on November 11th.

New Parking Lot Construction will begin October 18th. It will not infringe upon the horseshoe use or traffic. It will interrupt the sidewalk traffic up to the front of the building. Walkers will need a few extra minutes to take the

sidewalk that goes along the corner of Lindsay and Forest. Also the construction company has offered to move the Cherry trees that border the walkway. PTA will not have to pay to have them moved.

New building is still moving along very quickly and is still on schedule.

Sarah Buss previously a 4th grade teacher who moved to N.C. has just had a baby.

Teacher's Representative – Amy Siepert (4th Grade)

Science Fair date is being selected. Most likely, Nancy Volante, Kristin Davis and Mary Kate Skeppstrom will help with the fair.

Thank everyone for the great treats the last Wednesday of the month. They were much appreciated.

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Book Fair – Claire Newton submitted Report - Read by Suzie.

Book delivery is the week of Oct. 18th. Delivery has been scheduled and teacher requests are being taken for their request pockets. They have access to website to check out selection. But they are coming in slowly.

Buildings and Grounds - Meg Bryant

Fall Clean Up is scheduled for October 23rd from 8am-noon. Per Karen Philips, it will always conflict with something so stress that people can come and go during that time and put in however much time they are able. Since construction company will move trees for us we can go ahead and order mulch for fall clean up. (Jesse will mulch in spring.)

Directory - Reported by Suzie Hendricks(?)

Amy is ready to print directory by mid October, but they are still getting a few more forms in. Will probably have to go ahead and print regardless of late forms coming in.

Drama Club – Reported by Suzie Hendricks (for Mary Neary)

Auditions were quite the success. Rain kept many away the first Wednesday of Auditions, but 56 children showed up on Thursday for a total of about 90 children - up from last year. Mary and the 2 instructors are working quickly to put the children into 4 groups as it will begin next October 13th and 15th 7:00 am sharp.

Duathlon – Reported submitted by Kristin Davis - read by Suzie

Kristin needs a few more volunteers, registration is done, they are getting good sponsorship and the 5th grade t-shirt contest winner will be chosen October 5th.

Family Night – Reported by Dana Johnson

All volunteers are lined up, Flyers have gone out to students and are due back by October 13th-15th. They will be able to give Joe a head count then. Also decorations are in and will be available for reuse by any other committees who need them.

Holiday Kids Corner - Reported by Leslie Willett

Leslie will be sending out emails and flyers encouraging folks to craft. She is pinning down a few dates to have large craft nights at her house for possibly a Thursday night and a Friday morning. She is still looking for more volunteers to work the "Day Of" and the Thursday before. And she is looking for available storage space beyond the green container.

Lego Team - Reported by Suzie for Melody Snesil

Melody would like to have a year long club of 4th and 5th graders that will work on the project for the year on their own. While the competition is too overwhelming to start at this point on such a short timetable, they may be able to visit the competition and be ready for next year while enjoying the challenge of the tasks.

Reflections -

October 22nd is the deadline. Some 5th grade classes are being required to apply.

Room Parents – Reported by Suzie

Treat day went well. A thank you to those involved. All room parents are assigned and things are going well.

Sally Foster – Reported by Ashley Evans

Sales are still coming in. The deadline is October 5th. Ashley doesn't have a good feel yet for sales considering change in program. The grandparent sales seem to be more difficult, while younger adults appreciate not having to decide what they want that minute. She will have a better feel after the 5th. There were comments that even the web seemed to have diminished wrapping paper selection and subpar merchandise. May want to consider Innsbrook next year.

Signals – Reported by Amy Knowles

Nothing to report. Just have had a couple of questions for individuals who submitted things.

String Ensemble - Reported by Suzie

So far going well. Suzie met with instructor and was encouraged.

STOP - Reported on by Ms Patterson

They will be using some of STOP funds to buy new rain ponchos for horseshoe safeties as well as a few other safety items. The poor state of the ponchos snuck up on them during the first rain and they are in bad need of replacement. There were a few horseshoe questions/answers: Occasional horseshoe users do not need to have windsheild signs, goal is still to car riders out of horseshoe by 2:15 for the walkers, Safeties are no longer opening car doors as of this year for their safety and liability (stepping up to still moving cars or door breakage on automatic doors, etc.)

Spirit Wear – Reported by Diana Alger

Diana is making a special Adult's order for the teachers if anyone wants anything - contact her. Don't forget you can purchase your own merchandise and take it up to AEW. They have all our logos. Also new hoodies and t-shirts for kids look great.

Walk-To-School – Reported by Noel Watson

Noel is getting ready for Walk to School Day this week, Oct. 6th. There will be 2 county police officers as well as 12 folks from the Federal Highway and Transportation Dept. handing out pamphlets and give aways. Noel is still putting up posters. Please remember to take photos for the yearbook.

Volunteers – Reported by Ashley Stalker

All the forms have been returned. Parent volunteer matching is almost complete. Should be finished up by end of this week. Still awaiting information on school picture day so that she can set up volunteers for that.

Upcoming Event Reminder - Suzie

Sally Foster Deadline	Oct. 5
Walk to School Day	Oct 6
No School/Wkshp Day	Oct 11
Drama Club Starts	Oct 13 & 15
Picture Day	Oct 15
Book Fair	Oct 18-22
Family Night	Oct 22
Clean Up Day	Oct 23
Duathalon	Oct 24
Future Rebel Night	Oct 29
Teacher Conferences	Nov 1
Next Board Meeting	Nov 1

With no further business to come before the Board meeting was adjourned and Suzie's Birthday was celebrated. Folks departed approximately 8:10.

Respectfully Submitted
Meg Bryant filling in for Page Booth
TES PTA Recording Secretary