

TUCKAHOE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PTA

March 8, 2010

OPENING

PTA President, Karen Phillips, called the PTA Board meeting to order at 7:08pm. Approximately 14 people were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the February 15, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved with an addition made to the President Elect report and a correction to the name of the trees purchased.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. **TREASURER'S REPORT – Ashley Hinkle**

The treasurer reviewed the financial reports as of today's date and offered the following notations: Annual Fund: corporate match funds in the amount of \$200 was received. Communications: an additional sponsor was added. The balance to this account increased. First Grade Musical: All expenses have been paid. Expenses have been paid from Journalism Club, String Ensemble, Teacher Appreciation and Landscaping. Outstanding items need for the "To Go Kits" were purchased with funds from Teacher appreciation. Trees were planted using money from the Landscaping Fund.

\$500 check was sent to the Henrico County Council for the scholarship fund.

B. **PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT – Suzie Hendricks**

Is looking for people for next years board positions.

C. **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Mary Neary**

The lost and found has been moved to outside the cafeteria. Any unclaimed items will be donated within a week.

Ms. Hillsman won Teacher of the Year Award.

Ms. Schukman won the Christy Award.

Sara Branch lost her father. Amy White lost her mother.

A web based scheduling tool is being used to provide the Ramsey family with meals through mid May. The meals are to be dropped off at school. Mrs. McIntyre will deliver the meals until Mrs. Ramsey returns to school.

Mrs. Patterson commented that she does not know of any other school that provides the kind of support TES provides to staff and families. She said it is one of the things that makes our community special.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Karen Phillips

1.) The copier code has been changed. The PTA now has its own unique code.

2.) First order of paper will be in this Friday. The second order will be in one week later.

3.) "Volunteer of the Year" nominations are being sought. The form is located in this months issue of Signals.

4.) Ipod program. Amy Liebowitz and Melody Snésil have been trained. Other parents will be trained to assist the children.

5.) Upcoming dates to note:

3/25 –Recorder Concert

3/31 & 4/1 – Drama Club performances

4/1 – Cheeburger Cheeburger fundraiser night.

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Cindy Patterson

1.) Making a Difference was the focus of the most recent Pep Rally. The SCA donated \$2100 to Children's Hospital and \$500 to the Red Cross for Haiti. Jump for the Heart was recognized. Each grade listed their most recent good deeds on their grade level banner.

2.) March is Music and Art month. The music classes are highlighting their talents and interests. Art work is on display at the bank in the Tuckahoe Village Shopping Center.

3.) Construction planning for the 6 new classrooms is moving along. The proposal goes before the school board this week. Ground breaking is expected to occur this summer with construction completed by the start of the 2011 school year. The auditorium will be renovated this summer, renovation to include replacing the chairs and flooring.

4.) Safety Audit was completed several weeks ago. A written report will be sent to Cindy however, the school came through with "flying colors." They especially liked the Welcome Center and the "Go to Kits". The Deputy Fire Marshall indicated the location of the lost in found in the rotunda stairwell was unsafe and asked that it be move. (The items are currently located outside the cafeteria, however, a permanent location is being sought.

5.) Every staff member has its own copier code number. The PTA has its own unique number. It will be posted in the PTA mailbox area in the office.

6.) The county continues to work on next years budget. Cindy believes that Dr. Russo is very instructionally oriented. She feels good about the schools ability to continue to provide the current level of service and instruction at TES.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

After School Enrichment – (Reported by Laura Plesants)

After school enrichment is well underway. We have 14 classes scheduled, and classes will begin on April 14. We are offering 225 spots which is just 4 fewer than the fall session. New or returning after a long absence this year are creative writing, soccer, yoga, juggling, and flag football. Registration packets will go home on Monday, March 22 and are due Friday March 26. We have made a concerted effort to reduce our paper usage: the packet will use 1/3 less paper than in the fall and we will be sending out the confirmations by e-mail. Confirmations will be emailed before Spring Break; anyone

without e-mail or a valid e-mail will receive a paper confirmation. Per the board meeting in January, we have added the proposed language about scholarships and the need for a new chairperson next year. Regarding the budget, we currently have a \$300 plus profit from the fall session, and we will likely break even in the spring, so the \$800 that was budgeted for ASE may become available.

Fifth Grade Celebration – (Reported by Karen Phillips)

Kickoff meeting scheduled for 3/9 in the auditorium.

Nominating Committee – (Reported by Julie Black)

The committee proposes the following slate for next years Executive Committee:

President Elect – Meg Bryant
Treasurer – Tracie Gillenwater
2nd Vice President/Treasurer Elect – Molly Gorman
Corresponding Secretary – Christy Holsten
Recording Secretary – Page Booth

Thank you to the committee members for all their hard work: Shelly Shiflett, Colleen Messick, Melissa Sanne, Nicole Unice.

Spring Fling - (Reported by Katie Harlow)

Committee chairs, Katie, Sue Proffitt and Christy Saunders are hard at work. The event is scheduled for 5/1 from 10-2. There will be no candy shack this year.

We have decided not to have a particular Spring Fling theme that changes each year, and for this year continue to play off of the “Kite” as Spring Fling’s continuous theme. The committee has met and all sub-committee leads are in place and have made great progress. The building has been secured. We have met with Mrs. Patterson to address any concerns or questions from the school and have developed a plan for the use of the grounds and building. A Save-the-date has gone out in this month’s Signals newsletter. Kite gram information will also be included in Signals. Contact has been made with each class in an effort to secure adequate volunteers for the event.

Teacher Appreciation – (Reported by Karen Phillips for Cathy Carter)

The committee is looking for vases and baskets or other donated items. Teacher appreciation is the first week of May. Contact Cathy or Leslie Willett if you have any items.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Suzie Hendricks on behalf of Page Booth
TES PTA Recording Secretary