

**TUCKAHOE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PTA BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 12, 2010**

**OPENING**

PTA President, Karen Phillips, called the PTA Board meeting to order at 7:07pm. Approximately 15 people were in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the March 8, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**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: Income is up \$691 due to internet wrapping paper sales. Fundraisers: Spring Fling and Book Fair are coming up soon. Expenses: Guardian Angel Fund is being used, SEATS programs/expenses are coming up, and some teachers haven't turned in reimbursement requests.

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

A ballot with the 2010-2011 proposed slate of officers will be published in Signals this month with ballot. Please vote!

Working on Ice Cream social and considering alternative (Ice Cream Connection) due increase in Bruester's .... Suzie will be checking references. Also suggested was Boyer Ice Cream (a TES family connection).

Also working on next year's Committees – still need chairs for Holiday Kids Corner and Duathlon.

C. **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Mary Neary**

PTA is Continuing to support Mrs. Ramsey with meals.

D. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Karen Phillips**

- 1) This year's Volunteer of the Year is Sharon Brager.
- 2) Reminder – Year end reports needed from committee heads by June in order to pass along critical information to the committee chair for next year. Transition meeting will be on June 9.
- 3) Calendar: April 14: ASE beings  
April 21: Secretary's Day  
April 27: Kindergarten registration (8am – 4pm and 6pm -8pm)

4) Other Announcements: (a) PTA presidents met with Dr. Russo regarding next year's budget. Henrico County Board of Supervisors approved the school budget as presented. (Notes: All jobs kept (County-wide maybe not school specific). (b) HCPS is developing a Strategic Plan for 2010-2015 and will be asking for parental involvement. For more information, go to Henrico County website. (c) There was a nice article about the iPod reading program in the HCPS newsletter.

E. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Muriel Brinkley**

- 1) Kindergarten Registration is on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage friends, neighbors, etc. to come and register. The earlier they know numbers of new students, the better.
- 2) Construction is moving forward. Plans are in the teacher's lounge.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**After School Enrichment – (Reported by Laura Pleasants and Sharon Brager)**

Starts Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. We offered 229 slots in 14 classes. 163 students signed up (71% full compared to 86% in the fall) and one class was cancelled (Creative Writing) due to lack of interest. Overall attendance was down from the fall. The biggest decline in attendance was from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. In the fall 50 attended, this spring only 27 signed up. Of the 78 volunteer positions required this Spring, 9 are still vacant. We sent email confirmations and reminders this year. We'll know on Wednesday whether this method worked well enough to continue. The new language about scholarships did not generate any additional interest in ASE. Only one person requested a scholarship. There is no change from last month about the budget projection. We still believe that we will be close to breakeven for the year.

**Book Fair - (Reported by Karen for Meg Bryant)**

May 20<sup>th</sup>. Bedford Falls is the vendor. (Note: A new committee chair is needed for next year).

**Field Day – (Reported by Leeann Neely)**

May 14<sup>th</sup> rain or shine. T-shirts have been ordered. Mr. Seward has planned rodeo style field games. Volunteers to be contacted this week. Exhibition by Cowboy Brian Soleski (rodeo trick roper) instead of a craft this year. Almost the entire budget is going for the roper but Mr. Seward does have some funds to contribute toward water for volunteers and popsicles for the students.

**Fifth Grade Celebration – (Reported by Karen Phillips)**

Individual groups have been meeting --- fun and wonderful week planned.

**Reflections – (Reported by Loretta Russell)**

The Henrico County Council PTA Reflections Awards Ceremony took place at Deep Run High School on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Entries submitted by three Tuckahoe Elementary students won awards. All entries that were judged at the County level were on display. Alex Aker received an Award of Merit for her Musical Composition. Maddie Mertsch also received an Award of Merit for her Musical Composition. Polly Sommers received the Outstanding Interpretation Award for her Dance Choreography entry. This qualified her to move onto the Richmond District level of judging where she won an Award of Excellence. Next year's theme is "Together We Can".

**Spring Fling - (Reported by Kristi Saunders)**

Various committees are hard at work – everything coming along. A packet to include information on tickets/ wrist band presales, kite grams, 3 on 3 basketball tournament, Spring Fling Idol and BBQ party packs is scheduled to go home in backpacks the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>. Information will also be on the PTA website. Committee is meeting weekly until the event.

**Teacher Appreciation – (Reported by Leslie Willett)**

Week of May 3-7. Cathy Carter, Sharon Nicholson and Leslie are the committee. Plans include a catered lunch by Southern Elegance on Monday. On Tuesday, students bring in flowers and it's "dessert day" in the teacher's lounge. On Wednesday, the room parents are providing breakfast. Room parents are coordinating a take-home dinner and Friday there will be appetizers provided throughout the day and the teachers will get monogrammed beach bags. The committee is still working on getting spas to participate in a one-a-day spa give away.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:  
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