

**TUCKAHOE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PTA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 4, 2011**

OPENING

PTA President, Suzie Hendricks, called the Board Meeting PTA to order at 7:05pm. There were approximately 15 people in attendance.

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved and will be posted on the PTA website.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

A. PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT – Meg Bryant

Ballots for 2011-2012 officers will be in Signals and sent home in backpacks this week. Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 19th. Bruesters on John Rolfe Parkway is the ice cream vendor. Plans are in good shape. This month will be a big month for filling new board member/committee chair positions --- information will go in Signals and be passed out at Kindergarten registration.

B. CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Christy Holsten

An e-mail will be going out soon about helping the Nellis and Donnelons with dinners once a week for the rest of the school year.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT – Tracie Gillenwater

We have a big "season" coming up for the budget --- lots of activities with the focus on Spring Fling, 5th grade celebrations, etc. The budget is in very good shape. Cindy is reminding teachers about the 2010-2011 designation/allocations.

D. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Suzie Hendricks

Career days was a big success. Mrs. Shaia did a great job and the children had a great time.

Reminders: Kindergarten registration is April 7th. Science Fair is April 14th. Drama Club performances are coming up on April 11th and 12th. ASE ends April 13th. Race to Nowhere will be shown at Deep Run on April 13th and Christ Episcopal Church (Glen Allen) on May 1st.

Meg and Suzie are attended a meeting with Dr. Russo at the end of the month. TES had two County-wide Reflections "Award of Merit" winners: Lucy Larkin and Alex Aker. Next year the theme will be "Diversity means"

E. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – (Melanie Peugh)

MAPS testing for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade will be on April 11th – April 15th and April 28th. Hide & Lock Drill for the students is coming up and is being coordinated with Office Vitek. HCPS TV will be taping Karen Shaia on Tuesday, April 12th. Drama Club performances are on April 11th and 12th at 7pm. Report cards will go home on April 14th. Spring Pictures will be taken on April 27th (prepay format -- \$\$ day of). Spring Break – week of April 18th – April 22nd. Note: The building will not be open.

Secretaries Day is April 27th.

Career Day was a great success. Many thanks to Karen Shaia.

Teacher Representative – (Melanie for Amy Siepert)

TES teachers appreciate all that the PTA does for them --- thanks especially for the wonder treats each month!

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Book Fair – Claire Newton

Plans are good. Reminder that the book fair will be open from 7:30am – 4:30pm.

Community Service / SCA - (Suzie Hendricks for Julie Flournoy)

The event at Cheeburger Cheeburger on 3/31/11 brought in \$335. The next event is at Chick-Fil-A on April 27th.

Drama Club – (Suzie Hendricks for Mary Neary)

Drama Club's spring productions will be on Monday, April 11th at 7pm. The Wednesday Drama Club will present 2 plays: "The Girl who Wanted the Willies" and "The Junk Food King". And on Tuesday, April 12th at 7pm, the Friday Drama Club will present 2 plays: "There's a Werewolf in Town" and "The King's Creampuffs".

Field Day – Leeann Neely

Field Day is Friday, May 13th. This year's theme is "400 Years of Henrico County". Please order t-shirts! 80 volunteers spots need to be filled – request is going out this week. Funds budgeted will be used for popsicles for the kids and bottled water for the volunteers. This year, there will be a guest speaker in the auditorium to talk with the kids about Henricus.

Fifth Grade Celebration - (Suzie Hendricks for the committee)

The committee is meeting and they have a great week planned --- theme for this year is "It's a Jungle Out There".

Science Fair – (Suzie Hendricks for Nancy Volante)

Many volunteers are still needed – let Nancy know if you can help.

SEATS - Mary Kate Skeppstrom

1. Biggest project this year has been working with the literacy committee. They requested support from the PTA and SEATs committee to bring in authors to help work on writing skills at all levels.

Herman Parrish -k-5

Kim Norman- 1- 3 and 5th grade

Darryl Cobb- k-5 with additional workshops with 4th and 5th grade

4th grade had visits from Nicole Unice- TES parent and co-author of Richmond Rocks! along with a presentation from Knox Hubbard TES parent and illustrator of Richmond Rocks!

Already working on literacy requests for next year-

Got confirmation last Friday to book Ted Arnold of the Fly Guy series next Spring and currently waiting on word from Michael Buckley's publisher who is planning a book tour next fall- bbgb is helping us get on the tour-fingers crossed

Plan to bring Kim Norman back for a workshop with next year's fifth graders. Would like to schedule Elisa Carbone author of *Blood on the River*. She will discuss her book as well as do school-wide writing workshops.

Overall feedback from these workshops and presentations have been very positive from students, teachers, and parents.

2. Some other presentations/projects by grade include:

- K - fireman, chef, science - magnets and matter
- 1st- Bears discussion, Vet- Alice Ulrichs, Science Museum- Bees presentation
- 2nd - Chinese Storyteller
- 3rd grade- Young Authors- Helped schedule, Virginia Art Museum, and BFG
- 4th grade- Social Studies Visits from Va. Historical Society, American Civil War Museum, Force and motion Science Lesson, Weatherman
- 5th Grade- Capitol Visit,

3. Other school-wide initiatives-

- Field day with Mr. Seward- wanted to celebrate 400th anniversary for Field day- negotiated with Henricus Park to come make a presentation- were going to charge- \$7 to \$8 to \$600 for two presentations in auditorium.
- Helped pay for some of the bully presentation
- Researched and providing "Community Scientists" for the Science fair- 8 to 9 scheduled to attend so far
- Theatre IV- 2 shows

Still researching-

- Society of Architects for 4th grade- Math/ maybe electricity for review
- Susan Greenbaum/ Geologists for 5th grade
- Diane Strait visits with k-5 for Summer reading
- Year End programs- 4 programs to choose from Diggity Dogs, 2 Math oriented- Magic shows, and one "Minute to Win it" style Math program. Waiting to see what testing schedule is going to look like and what our budget looks like.

Might have to cancel - Theatre IV - Songs of the Soul - they had a system malfunction and the options they have left for dates may not work for us.

Spring Fling - (Suzie Hendricks for Katie Harlow and Sue Proffitt)

All the Spring Fling Committee Chairs met on Monday, March 28th to finalize plans for Spring FLING. Needs Assessments (volunteers, equipment, etc.) have been collected. Benny's BBQ will be back again this year. An inventory of the items in the cage was done on March 31st. Spring Fling reminder has been submitted for Signals. Spring Fling forms will be given to students today (4/4/11) and are due back by April 13th. If anyone has tents, coolers and generators that can be borrowed -- let them know. Supplies are needed for the Kooky Clinic. The next Spring Fling Committee meeting is on Monday April 25th. Spring Fling is April 30th from 10am - 2pm.

Spirit Wear - Diana Alger

Indian head stickers are selling like crazy. Spirit wear will be sold at Kindergarten registration – volunteers are needed to work the 1-4pm time slot.

Teacher Appreciation - Karen Phillips

Lots of exciting things are planned for the week --- breakfasts, lunch, head and neck massages, room parent take-home meals, flowers --- to name a few. Vases are still needed for flower day. Donations, gift cards, etc. are still needed for daily raffles. Gift baskets are being discontinued this year - -- they are working on an individual gift for each teacher.

Volunteer Coordinator - Ashley Stalker

Volunteers are still needed for Kindergarten registration.

Yearbook – (Suzie Hendricks for the committee)

Going well. Send pics!

G. New Business

Election of Executive Committee (2011 – 2012) – Meg Bryant

The following slate was presented:

President Elect:	Meg Bryant
1 st VP - President Elect:	Laura Pleasants
Treasurer	Molly Gorman
2 nd VP - Treasurer Elect:	Diana Alger
Recording Secretary:	Betsy Reid
Corresponding Secretary:	Julie Flournoy
Parliamentarian:	Suzie Hendricks

A motion was made to approve the slate as presented. The motion was seconded and passed without exception.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted
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TES PTA Recording Secretary