

**TUCKAHOE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PTA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 7, 2010**

OPENING

PTA President, Karen Phillips, called the PTA Board meeting to order at 7:08. Approximately 13 people were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the May 3, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

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

Budget Review:

Operating Income: Exceeded budget by \$2,955

Fundraisers: Exceeded budget by \$6,978.

Total Income: \$51,083 (exceeds budget by \$9,933).

Expenses (estimates – won't have real numbers until 6/30/10):

Management/General: Expected to be under budget by \$479.

Program Expenses –

Services expected to be under budget by \$4,731

Scholastic Enrichment expected to be under budget by \$7,457.

School Support expected to be under budget by \$1,644.

Total expenses expected to be \$14,310 under budget.

Net Operating Income projected to be \$24,244.

Designations: Of the \$17,624 designated for 2009/2010, we spent only \$3,196 which leaves \$14,428 to add to this year's designations.

Total to Designate: \$38,671

A motion was made by Suzie Hendricks to designate according to Ashley's proposal (to be attached to minutes) and seconded by Mary Neary. The motion passed.

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

Ice Cream Social was a success and ran smoothly. According to Brusters, 1025 scoops served. All chair positions for 2010-2011, with the exception of ASE, have been filled.

C. **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Mary Neary**

Mrs. Robson's husband passed away – PTA is supporting her with meals, and, sent a rose bush for her yard. PTA also acknowledged Mrs. Paciocco who became grandmother. Note: Retirees love their bracelets and sent thanks for the flowers and reception.

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

Upcoming Events: June 9th transition meeting (Suzie to preside); June 14 & 15th is the 5th grade musical (on the 14th the Freeman scholarship will be presented); June 18th is the 5th grade luncheon and the party is that evening;
Note: TES will be losing 53 families with children graduating out of 5th grade.

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

Thank you to PTA volunteers for helping w/ Nepal students this year. Students are finishing up SOL testing this week. Online SOL testing has gone very well. Staff changes to include Sarah Hubert (new resource teacher); Karen Shaia (new counselor); Katie Parsley (new Math Teacher in Residence – 1 year position); transfer teacher, Becky Baldwin, coming from Three Chopt for 3rd grade; Julie Ransone, Art teacher, is coming from Longan Elementary. Patsy Bolling's position has not been advertised yet.

SEATS activities are kicking in.

Names of Freeman scholarship winners: Rachel Barry and Philip Rorer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

After School Enrichment – (Reported by Karen Phillips)

After School Enrichment concluded on May 19. We had a total of 166 participants in 13 classes. In comparison to the fall session, we had about 40 fewer kids participate and one less class. We had approximately 80 volunteer slots to fill during this session and had very few no-shows which helped everything run smoothly. The increase in the ASE fee to \$50 helped us stay within our annual budget, and some instructors were willing to reduce their fees to meet our budget. After all payments for both sessions, ASE had income of \$141. Many of the instructors expressed interest in returning for future ASE sessions.

Book Fair – (Reported by Meg Bryant)

This year's book fair went very well. The committee likes Bedford Falls. TES made \$1000+/- over budget.

Teacher Appreciation – (Reported by Karen Phillips)

Teacher Appreciation went very well – teachers felt appreciated. PTA has received many notes for all of the goodies.

Field Day - (Reported by Page Booth for Leeann Neely)

We had a successful field day with everything going *almost* according to plan. As always, Mr. Seward did a fantastic job of planning lots of fun activities! The western theme was a great one to work with! Our 70 or so parent volunteers did a wonderful job running the stations, and thank you to the wonderful TES staff for being helpful and flexible. Our cowboy had car trouble and was late arriving, so the schedule had to be altered to accommodate that. Because of the heat, we moved the 3rd-5th grade cowboy performance into the auditorium, which made everyone happy. Most importantly, the children had a great time. I think they enjoyed the change this year of having the cowboy program instead of a craft. There was plenty of cold water for the volunteers, and all of the students got popsicles at the end of the day.

Fifth Grade Celebration (Reported by Karen Phillips)

All events are well planned and underway.

Fifth Grade Musical (reported by Cristin Bernhardt)

This year's theme is "Go West". The committee has a lot of volunteers and help. Rehearsals are going on this week. Costumes and props are wonderful. They are currently working on the program and tickets. DVD and slide show will be produced.

SEATS (reported by Karen Phillips for Mary Kate Skeppstrom)

(*be sure to include information about Weather Bug program w/ Ms. Siepert).

Upcoming Events: June 16th - K-2 – "Books- The Magic is Real" - Highly acclaimed magician that promotes reading in the process. June 17th - 3rd grade- Hands On science presentation about Alternative Energy. 4th grade- Science Museum- StarLab- Portable Planetarium- Focus on Earth, Sun, and Moon- will explore moon phases and how it affects our oceans. 5th Grade Celebration- Request to help find a speaker and someone to sing the national Anthem. Secured- Rob Ukrop to speak about our school theme "Making a Difference" ***Thanks to Julie Eddins for securing a Quartet from Freeman Choir/Chorus- one of whom is previous Grad from TES.

2009 – 2010 Summary: We spent a lot of effort this year exploring Social Studies Opportunities here in Richmond, especially with the 4th grade. This research resulted in bringing new programs to TES as well as short scheduled visits to local spots. Some of the highlights included the following: Va Historical Society; American Museum of the Confederacy; Va. Parks at Tredegar - A Common Soldier presentation and their Civil War Trunk; 5th Grade visits to the Capital and the Governor's Mansion. A special thanks to Suzanne Monroe for all of her effort in researching Social Studies Opportunities in Richmond.

SEATS is a work in progress. We plan to help the Fifth grade teachers explore similar opportunities as they begin to tackle the new social studies curriculum for the fifth grade next year. Other big efforts this year for the SEATs Committee included: Science Fair- especially working with TES parent scientists and other scientists in our community; Susan Greenbaum- Poetry for 5th grade; U.S. Olympic Speedskaters; Local athlete readers--Richmond- Squirrels and the Richmond Revolution; Reading/ Writing initiatives- Diane Strait; Young Authors day for third graders; 4th Grade Parent authors visits. Next year we are planning on stepping up support for the reading/ writing initiatives- specifically working with the PTA to bring in some good authors to visit school-wide while continuing to support 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade writing initiatives.

Budget: We are under budget this year so far, but still have some outstanding school-wide science initiatives that we are pursuing. We secured over \$700 of grant funding to support various programs this year through the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the Virginia Historical Society. We also took advantage of the programs provided through Parks and Recs and the Game and Inland Fisheries.

Yearbook (Reported by Wendy Daniel)

The yearbook has been printed and is at the bindery now and should be distributed next week.

Drama Club (Reported by Karen Phillips)

Karen read a letter written from Sara Sommers (which will be attached to these minutes and printed in Signals).

Recognition of and Thanks to the Current Executive Committee (by Karen Phillips)

Installation of New Executive Committee (by Karen Phillips)

Suzie Hendricks – President
Meg Bryant – President Elect
Tracie Gillenwater – Treasurer
Molly Gorman – Treasurer Elect
Page Booth – Recording Secretary
Christy Holsten - Corresponding Secretary
Karen Phillips - Parliamentarian

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

Respectfully Submitted By:

Page Booth

TES PTA Recording Secretary