



**PTA General Meeting
February 4, 2013**

I Call to Order: 7 PM

II Approval of the November General Meeting Minutes-

Motion to accept made and passed

III Report of Officers

Principal's Report

Mrs. Patterson: A letter about her departure will be going home tomorrow. She has loved being principal at TES, but has been presented with a great opportunity. The chance to be involved with a new school is rare- she couldn't let it pass by professionally. She'll be here for another month. Dr. Krikavich will be here this month as well. A Meet and Greet is scheduled from 4-8 in Cafeteria on Weds. The County will begin the process of hiring a permanent principal in Spring. Mrs. Patterson worked with Dr. Krikavich for many years-they have similar backgrounds and style. She was at County office coordinating leadership, and is a past principal.

PTA questions:

-Will we get more of Mr. Gordon's time? Mrs. Patterson: He has been here three days a week; there has been no discussion about change.

-Can Mrs. Patterson come to 5th grade graduation? Mrs. Patterson: Yes, she is planning on it.

-Has Kaechele opened? Mrs. Patterson: No, they are in the process of finishing building the school. There is redistricting but it won't be at full capacity this year. The majority of students will come from Shady Grove.

Mrs. Patterson presented video from County which highlighted TES during move to Short Pump after fire. The video is on the school website.

Mrs. Patterson highlighted Random acts of kindness this month by the children and teachers. The school is warming up for writing on Wednesdays. In Feb.

Question- For newcomers- how is news of Mrs. Patterson leaving being publicized Mrs. Patterson will ask about it. Associate Superintendent- will designate new person by July 1. Search process? Mrs. Patterson thinks that as we approach the time, the position will be advertised, then the county will collect information from parents and teachers. They will share the process ahead of time.

Teacher Representative

Mrs. Archer: She was on a search committee years ago. She reassured the PTA members that the County ensures that the candidate matches the population.

Teachers and parents gave input. Question: What is the norm- do principals stay for a while? Mrs. Patterson- It varies. Laura- Dr. Russo said if a principal has been with a school for 6-8 years, it might be time to move on.

Mr. Archer: Faculty is thrilled for Cindy, though sad to see her go. Since Mrs. Archer was not at the December meeting she wanted to thank everyone for all the help at Short Pump. Especially for help with the younger grades- Bathrooms, etc. And for snacks in January in teacher lounge.

Treasurer's Report

Diana Alger: Holiday Kids Corner missed goal by \$900 but Spirit WEar caught us up. Hopeful Spring Fling will make up for no bake-sale. If you pay someone for ASE or other reason you need a new tax form.. Diana picks up from her box on Tuesday, back on Thursday. She returns to mailboxes, Still have teachers who have not spent any of teacher funds. There have been two claims for relief/instructional fund. Mrs. P is still working with County to see what is covered on other claims.

Corresponding Secretary

Julie Flournoy:

She Provided:

- * TES ornaments and Starbucks gift cards for Short Pump Middle staffers as a 'thank you' for sharing their school with us
- * Thank you card and spa gift card to Laura Pleasants, TES President, for her tireless work in helping to coordinate volunteers, keep parents informed, etc. during the fire crisis
- * Martin's gift card to TES family to help out with a meal while dealing with health issues for their child
- * Poinsettias and Brio's gift cards to TES senior staff (Mrs. Patterson, Mr. Gordon, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Hatcher, Mrs. Carter). The extra Brio's cards represent an added 'thank you' for all they did during the fire crisis

January

- * Starbucks gift card and note for visiting author

President Elect/Vote on the Nominating Committee

Elaine Petersen: President Elect selects Nominating Committee to propose candidates for the Executive Board next year. Open positions are President Elect, Treasurer Elect, Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary,

The proposed Nominating Committee is:

Kerri Green (chair), Lisa Shumadine, Riley Shaia, Betsy Rader, and Christy Holsten. 2 people are from the board, 2 must be at large, fifth can be either.

Motion to approve the Nominating Committee made and passed.

Elaine- Laura Pleasants set up a facebook page for the TES PTA and Elaine finished the page, "TESPTA" If you like, you can friend and read Elaine's posting. No people pictures will be posted. Elaine hopes it will make people feel more welcome and part of PTA. It is an additional resource, it , won't replace Signals, etc.

Parliamentarian/Vote on Bylaws Change

Meg Bryant: Bylaws have been posted for 30 days. Meg recapped quickly: She passed around a copy of the proposed changes. The blue changes we are required to make. The changes in red were mostly language corrections. We wanted to make it more formal that the Treasurer Elect becomes the Treasurer automatically the following year, so that the Nominating Committee does not have to nominate a treasurer. We also changed the minimum for a quorum from 30 to 20. This was based on the number of folks coming to meetings.

Question was asked about the bylaws and timing of nominating Committee. Is it correct? Meg: It was actually ok as long as we corrected our personal task list.

Motion to adopt by-laws as presented made and passed. Will need to be approved by state PTA

President's Report: Notes & Upcoming Dates

Laura reported on a meeting between Dr. Russo and PTA Presidents:

- 6-7 elementary principals will be asked to change schools for next year
 - There are 4 additional half-days proposed for teacher development in the calendar next year
 - The HCPS budget is essentially the same for next year
 - No staff reductions or official class size increases
 - If meals tax is approved, half of the income would go to school and the spending priorities are 1) teacher raises, 2) class size reductions, and 3) additional programs
- Chesterfield is considering a 10-pt grading scale, if they do it, Henrico will likely follow

Question: Are we going to continue to be an early start. Mrs. Patterson: yes, as far as she knows.

IV Committee Reports

- ASE- 212 ASE students this Spring. Grades 3-5 had a big turnout. ASE can always use volunteers. Remember you do not need to send in a COT form since your registration served as notice that your child will attend ASE.
- Annual Fund- Receipts for donations have been sent out,
- Book Fair - Claire reported via e-mail: She Book Fair down for May 14-16th. She will confirm this with the girls from bbg soon. Unless there are any special requests/complaints, she will stick with the formula we've been using with them. It has worked out well. Through our relationship with bbg, some authors from Harper Collins are coming to visit the school soon as part of a program sponsored by the publishing company. Mrs Hubard and the SEATS committee have been working on the details. The program is designed for middle level readers, so I think that the 4th and 5th graders we take part in this event.

- Buildings and Grounds- planted daffodils with some of the first graders in the Peter Rabbit Garden.
- Community Service/SCA- TES families purchased 370 tickets to the UR basketball game this Saturday, February 2nd. They had to open up 2 additional sections in the coliseum to accommodate us and more than expected was earned for this event. There is some discussion with Laura Pleasants and Mrs. Patterson about these funds going to the PTA instead of being earmarked for SCA. In the future, we will be doing this as a PTA event and not specifically SCA due to the large amount of money raised and a desire for this money to go to the main PTA fund. We will plan something similar for a football game in the fall. Discussion about Café Mosaic at River Road Shopping Center possibly doing a Spirit Night there in the fall. Some thought not "kid friendly but maybe a good place for an adult event. Kristy will consider. March 11th Spirit night is planned at Flynn's.
- Drama - The casts have been selected and rehearsals have begun, they will be performing "Seussical", it is really cute! We are still trying to pin down a performance date; it will possibly be the 1st week of May.
- First Grade Musical- going forward- 3 performances
- Hospitality- luncheon was given for SPMS
- Room Parents- Karen- weekly communications have gone well, Treat day was above and beyond. Laura- thinking about room parents for resource teacher and request volunteers. Concern mentioned about teachers downstairs, for appreciation days but it was clarified that they are covered as well as part time. Just need support in room itself. Special Ed room support? They can get extra materials, and have funds too. Start with Hubbard, art, music, Mrs. Patterson: need to ask resource teacher what they want. Laura will do. Maybe source from parents from one grade. Or Elaine suggested maybe just helper?
- Science Fair- Any more information? Wanted to change it around b/c of SOL waiver. Later at end of year in May. No decision. Suggestion- maybe just do 4th and 5th grade. Mrs. Patterson : It would be a way to demonstrate what students have done in classroom.
- SEATS- Ginjer Clark author visiting. Dan Gutman re-scheduled for Feb 12th. Dentist for Kindergarten Feb 26th.
- Signals – Will be out tomorrow, weekly after from then. Committees send blurbs by Weds.
- Spring Fling- Have had their first meeting. Katherine Davis taking over for next year. Still looking for help on food, idol, and shadows. Big kids sport zone. Also silent auction. Themed baskets, parents will put together. Setting up volunteers by class. Assembling baskets by class.
- Square One- Our Square 1 profit check before the winter break is in the amount of \$5,584.85. After consulting with Elaine Peterson, the decision was made to continue with Square 1 next year with a similar schedule. Tracy Jebo contacted Square 1 to reserve our time slot and commit to a 2013-2014 fundraiser.
- Volunteers- think about what chair you want to be in 2013!
- Yearbook send photos to yearbook TES

V Meeting Adjourned

