



**PTA General Meeting
March 4, 2013**

I Call to Order: 7 PM

II Approval of the February General Meeting Minutes-

Motion to approve February minutes made and passed

III Report of Officers-

Principal's Report-

Letter of thanks from Mrs. Patterson was read by Laura. Not a goodbye, but instead: "See you later."

Dr. Krickovic spoke to the attending members about how she has worked in the past with Mrs. Patterson, that she has her "on speed dial", and about their similar styles. Dr. K wants to support everyone, and looks forward to working with us. She spoke of her "local" roots (she was married at Trinity Church on Forest) but lives in Hanover now. She has a 3rd grader and twin girls who are 5. She's been an elementary teacher, resources teacher, principal, and most recently has been working on leadership succession at central office. She spoke of how she is happy to be back in the elementary school arena. On July 1, she will begin a new job involving elementary schools.

Testing for grades is 2-5 coming up, and lots of field trips. TES just underwent safety audit. Will get results soon. Feedback has been very positive.

Mr. Gordon- Mr. Gordon talked about how he met Dr. Krickovic at VCU when Mr. Gordon was working on his masters degree. Dr. Krickovick was a principal at the time and Mr. Gordon has been in touch with her ever since. He commented positively on how accessible she has always been.

Mr. Gordon also spoke of the Safety audit and how TES had exceeded expectations. He asked anyone with questions to please call or email him.

Teacher Representative

Mrs. Archer:

Thanked PTA for wonderful food in teachers' lounge. Also thanks for Cindy send-off-it meant a lot to her and the other teachers. The teachers are still talking about the parents and their support and really appreciated Friday event. She (Cindy) will be back to attend the 5th grade graduation, and maybe even the Kindergarten zoo fieldtrip.

Treasurer's Report

Diana Alger:

ASE money went out to instructors, chess checks have come in came in from families. Still hoping and expecting Spring Fling income. Corporate matching checks are great. Diana reminded us when you need a disbursement- fill out forms completely. Deposits- don't leave in box without telling her. If you have submitted disbursement check your box to pick up your check. If you need last year's files you can borrow them but need to return.

Corresponding Secretary

Julie Flournoy:

Most recently, TES PTA provided:

- * flower arrangement delivered to Mrs. Shaia for National School Counselors Week
- * Sympathy card and movie gift card to TES staff member, death in the family
- * Welcome to TES flowers for Dr. Krickovic
- * Card and Starbucks gift card for visiting author, Ginjer Clark
- * Card and movie tickets to student whose father passed away
- * Necklace (with TES-green stone) for Mrs. Patterson as her going away gift from TES PTA

Please let Julie know of good or bad news that the PTA can respond to.

President Elect/Vote on the Nominating Committee

Elaine Petersen: Last month Nominating Committee met and came up with nominations for the vacant Executive Board positions. The PTA will vote in April, probably by email. The Committee's proposed slate is:

- Angela Kennedy: President Elect (3 year)
- Beth Robbins: Treasure Elect (2 years)
- Dana Johnson: Recording Secretary (1 year)
- Jennifer Pounders: Corresponding Secretary (1 year)

Motion to accept the slate was made and passed.

Elaine: Kroger points- The points earned this year will be used by resource teachers. Points can be accrued through March. Email Elaine about positive things, thanks. Reminders.

Elaine led a discussion about the possibility of a photo booth at the Ice cream social- where families would be charged about \$4 a session. The consensus was that parents might not want to send their children with cash and so that we would not have the photo booth.

Elaine also discussed and demonstrated, the launching of a pilot program, starting with with Spring Fling, to register for tickets, food and basketball tournament on-line. Annual fund and yearbook donations and payments will be on-line as well as off-line. Enthusiasm was expressed about the convenience for parents and ease for volunteers.

Parliamentarian/Vote on Bylaws Change

Meg Bryant: Reported that the Bylaw Amendments have been received by the VA PTA. She will await comments or approval.

President's Report: Notes & Upcoming Dates

Laura Pleasants: Reported that the event for Cindy was kept a secret. It was a packed house with students and teachers. Nice surprise, teachers put videos and song together, she had positive feedback from every level.

IV Committee Reports

- ASE- Everything is going well. The chair addressed the issue of safety. Chairs have to track down students who are not absent, but do not attend the ASE they are signed up for. Protocol for injury- call parents if hurt or sick. Had an injury last week. Seemed possibly serious but parent was there. Discussion about ASE Chairs' phone numbers being added to the sheet for parents helping with ASE classes. Short term solution: Angela's number will be

- on the sheet.
- Book Fair - Claire reported via e-mail: Book Fair down for May 14-16th. The Book Fair hours will be the same as last spring: Wednesday, May 15th from 1-4 pm and Thursday, May 16th from 8am until 8pm. As a reminder, there will not be a teacher wish list due to time constraints. Also, we won't be able to schedule to class visits for the same reason.
- Buildings and Grounds- Chairs met with Matt Logan and Mrs. McIntyre to begin design of raised beds. Considering fencing off the bunnies and building raised beds. Matt suggested that if we add a small picket fence across the patch we don't need to protect the beds from the bunnies. 3' picket fence with gate. Investigating costs and then would present to Mrs. Krickovic.
- Community Service/SCA- Flinn's next Monday night
- Drama - May 7th & 9th, the curtain time for both performances is 6pm. This is a time change! Please note, 6pm.
- 5th grade celebration- working on getting sub-committees. All events are tentative but working on. Meeting on celebration.
- First Grade Musical- Performances went well. Third performance was helpful. Mugs presented for teachers and Mrs. Tyler
- Room Parents- continued to do a good job!
- Science Fair- Meeting this Friday (Mr. G) should be able to report Friday
- SEATS-
- Spring Fling- Excited about on-line tix. Thanks for everyone working on the baskets. Lots of donations coming in with gift cards. Great surprises with the Silent auction to come!
- Room parents- We discussed extra support for the Resource teachers- Chairs investigated and found teachers did not find it necessary.
- Yearbook –NEED PICTURES!!

VI. New Business

Discussion of new principal selection process and expectations (Dr. Chris Corallo, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Instruction, in attendance)

Dr. Carallo explained that over the next months the County will start to fill positions for principal. Quite a few positions are open. It's impossible to have committees and interviewing for each position in succession. The County will instead conduct a general interview with all candidates. Fit with the school is important.

Dr. Carallo opened discussion about the qualities the PTA members would like in the next Principal. The common qualities discussed included:

- **Accessible** - open to all parents to discuss any topic
- **Innovative** - brings ideas to develop programs that allow TES to take advantage of the SOL waiver and raise the bar on the quality of the elementary education
- **Balanced** - willing to share all perspectives of a problem (county, parents, teachers, administration) to work out a solution
- **Inclusive** - promotes the acceptance of all types of diversity--from students with disabilities to varying religions and more
- **Team-oriented** - works as a partner with parents, teachers and staff, but remains the clear leader of TES

Dr. Corallo indicated that the announcement of the new principal would occur well before the end of the school year. Dr. Krickovic added that any other ideas or comments can be forwarded to Dr. Corallo through Laura Pleasants or herself.

V Meeting Adjourned: 9 PM