

TES PTA AGENDA

General Meeting

February 3, 2014

I Call to Order

II Approval of the December Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the December minutes was made and passed.

III Principal report – Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Ford announced that the One Book, One School program is coming up. It is new to TES, but it has been done at other schools in the past. Mrs. Hubbard is sending home a flyer this week with detailed information about the program and how to get the book. The entire school will be reading The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies. There will be trivia games for the kids, and a celebration at the end.

She thanked the PTA and the SEATS committee for bringing Eric Litwin, author of the Pete the Cat books. He was amazing.

She also thanked the PTA and SEATS for all the SEATS activities this year. The teachers feel that the events have been integrated well with lessons and seem better than last year.

The STOP committee meeting is being rescheduled because of snow days.

The coffee about the waiver was cancelled because of the snow, and information about the waiver may be included in a future PTA meeting.

IV. Teacher report – Mrs. Archer

Mrs. Archer also thanked the PTA and SEATS for bringing Eric Litwin. He was great for the little kids. She didn't know how the book sales went, but they may not have sold well because of the snow days.

V. Report of Officers

Treasurer's Report - Melissa

Melissa pointed out that Holiday Kids Corner made over \$5500 this year.

She stated that we have used all of our money designated for nationally known authors for the year. However, SEATS does still have lots of money available for programs.

Treasurer Elect's Report - Beth

No report

President Elect's Report - Angela

A motion to approve the nominating committee members of Dottie Eldridge, Maggie Leahy, Christie Montgomery, Lila LaCroix, and Heidi Frenzel was made and passed.

Also, the spring book fair and ice cream social dates have changed. The book fair will be May 7 and 8. The ice cream social will be May 8.

Angela is also in the process of filling all open committee chair positions. Please spread the word about how being involved in the PTA is a positive experience. No previous experience is necessary. There was discussion on how to get kindergarten parents more involved right from the start, maybe do something at kindergarten registration.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Jennifer

We did not acknowledge the bus drivers in September as we have in the past, so we are going to send them notes and gift cards in February. The 12 TES bus drivers will receive Valentines gifts and handwritten notes of thanks from the PTA on Friday, Feb. 14. Jennifer Pounders will deliver to them and hopefully take a picture she can post on facebook to highlight the PTA's care of our wonderful bus drivers.

This month is school counselor month and we will be sending them a gift as well. Jennifer took gift baskets from For The Love of Chocolate to Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Ozmore during National School Counselors Appreciation Week (first week of Feb) along with handwritten note of thanks from the PTA.

Flowers were delivered to Principal Ford in early February expressing the PTA's thanks for her efforts on behalf of TES.

Jennifer passed around thank you cards from various people.

Facebook: There were 58 different posts in the December/January timeframe. Our most popular post was the picture of the Fair Oaks food collection. About 1.3 million people viewed that post. A second runner-up was the post about Mrs. Archer. Facebook continues to be effective tool for the school and the PTA to get news to families.

Jennifer asked for any ideas or suggestions of things to post to FB or to improve our FB site. Mrs. Archer suggested she follow up with the guidance counselors because February is kindness month and each grade has a specific community service project, which she could share on FB. Please send any other ideas and pictures to Jennifer. We always need a picture to accompany a post and the content of the post needs to relate to the school or the PTA.

Parliamentarian - Laura

Laura went over all the proposed standing rules (see attachment). A motion to

approve the standing rules as written was made and passed.

President's Report - Elaine

Elaine requested some media coverage for the dome theater visit on February 12 and 13. Mrs. Ford is working on getting Henrico County TV to cover it.

She is also looking for nominations for volunteer of the year. If you have someone in mind, please contact Elaine.

VII Committee Reports

- Annual Fund

If you have donated money to the annual fund, you should have received a thank you letter for tax purposes. These letters went home in backpacks. If you have not received yours, please contact Laura Pleasants.

- ASE

After School Enrichment begins on Wednesday, February 5th, and will run for 6 sessions. Over 200 TES students have signed up, and we are excited to offer a variety of learning opportunities for our students. We are still in need of volunteers, so please consider signing up through the sign up genius link provided in Signals this week.

- Book Fair

The dates of the Spring Book Fair have officially been changed to Wednesday and Thursday, May 7th and 8th. The times remain the same, and bbgb will be back as our vendor. (Weds 1-4; Thurs 9-8)

- Buildings and Grounds

No news to report for Grounds Committee other than proposed plans are drawn up for the Pow Wow Patch renovation and will be presented to Mrs. Ford and the committee soon (it has been delayed a couple of time because of snow days.) Mrs. Ford updated us that they did meet, and the plan looks good. We hope to get started soon.

- Chess

Spring Chess Club will start again this week. We will meet for 8 Thursdays right after school in the Tin Building. We have 21 students registered. We are excited that 10 of the students are new to Chess Club. It is also great that more than half of the students from the fall are returning. Mike Callaham will continue as coach.

- Drama Club - nothing new to report from Drama Club
- Field Day

Kate Gardner will be the chair of field day this year. Elaine will forward her information to Mr. Seward.

- First Grade Musical

The first grade musical was held on Dec. 16th in the daytime and December 17th in the evening. We came in under budget for the first grade musical. It was a success and lots of DVDs sold.

- Newcomers

7 new students have joined TES recently, and we will be sending them a valentine. Students who came to TES after the start of the year will receive a TES Loves Its New Students goody bag on Thursday, Feb 13 from the PTA. Jennifer Pounders will deliver to classroom teachers of the eight new students.

- SCA/Spirit Nights

The spirit day at the UR basketball game on 1/25 was a big success! UR sold out of all the seats they had reserved for TES. More than 165 tickets were sold. While we don't have a final dollar amount (since some of the tickets were part of Kids Club purchases), the total amount raised for the PTA should be around \$800. Thanks to everyone who supported this event.

- SEATS

Elaine shared some information about upcoming SEATS events. These include:

- **2/7** VCU Rams Hall of Fame Basketball Player Calvin Duncan will visit to talk with our 4th and 5th grade students about what it means to be a Champion. ****Black and Gold will be the theme for the day - dress accordingly**** Reminders will come home in backpacks.
- **2/11, 2/27 & 2/28** Local Author Ginjer Clarke will be back by popular demand to interact with our 3rd graders and conduct writing workshops.
- **2/12 & 2/13** The Dome Theater Visits. This is an exciting school-wide and parent/family event. The Dome is a Mobile Digital Theater featuring highly innovative, immersive and educational programs. Each class will visit The Dome and view an educational program chosen specifically for them by their teacher. All programs directly correlate with our K-5 curriculum in a variety of areas with a strong focus on Social Studies and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). **PARENTS:** Stay tuned and mark your calendars for your own special family experience in The Dome the afternoon & evening of Thursday, February 13th. More information as well as a Sign-Up Genius will be coming your way later in January.

- **2/21** The Ezibu Muntu African Dance Company will perform for our K, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Graders. Ezibu Muntu African Dance and Cultural Foundation is a professional organization of dancers, drummers, entertainers and other individuals dedicated to invoking a better educated, positive understanding of African culture, values, traditions and the cultural arts as a whole.
- Spirit wear

If you are interested in ordering spirit wear, there is a link in this week's Signals for you to print out an order form. Simply fill out the form and drop it off in the Spirit Wear mailbox in the office.

- Spring Fling

The Spring Fling committee has been hard at work gearing up for April 26th! The inflatables, petting zoo, and DJ have all been reserved, and our first official committee meeting is tomorrow night (rescheduled from last week due to snow). We are excited to have many returning committee chairs and several new enthusiastic ones. The Spring Fling Silent Auction will return again this year, so look forward to seeing more information about that soon!

- Volunteers – No report for Volunteer Coordinators.

VII New Business.

It was announced that there is a free UR lacrosse game this Saturday, 2/8 at 1 pm.

It was also announced that the Freeman Rebel Run 5K is coming up on 3/22. In the past, several classes have participated. In addition, the running club is planning to participate this year.

Teacher appreciation week is the same week as the book fair and ice cream social.

VII Meeting Adjourned.