



## **TES General PTA Meeting June 3, 2013**

### **I Call to Order: 7 PM**

### **II Introduction and Welcome of Mrs. Sonia Ford**

Laura introduced Mrs. Sonia Ford, the next principal of Tuckahoe Elementary.

Mrs. Ford said she is excited and blessed to come to this school. She said that she understands that the TES team is passionate, committed, organized and team oriented. She thinks it's a wonderful match. She has been an Associate Principal for 8 years and had other leadership experience earlier.

Mrs. Ford introduced her husband Ted, who she brought to the meeting because she believes family is important- her family is committing to her new position, along with her. She has two children at Fox Elementary. She provided her email address and encouraged us to contact her:  
[smford@henrico.k12.va.us](mailto:smford@henrico.k12.va.us)

### **III Approval of the May General PTA Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve May minutes was made and passed.

### **III Report of Officers**

#### Principal's Report Dr. Krickovic /Mr. Gordon:

Testing is going along well. Days added b/c math over 2 days instead of one in some areas. Power went out with car accident and delayed testing for 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Otherwise all is fine.

Laura announced that Mr. Gordon- as announced in Signals- will be here next year .  
(Applause!)

#### Teacher Representative- Mrs. Archer:

We're all in this together- without the PTA , year would have been tough. Thanks to everyone.

#### Corresponding Secretary- Julie Flourney:

National school nurse day in May- Cathy Carter was recognized. The PTA also sent Thanks you cards to the teachers leaving next year and have a present present for Dr. Krickovich.

#### President Elect- Elaine Petersen:

This Thursday we will have a brief meeting for the transition of chairs at 6:30. Please join us and discuss transition.

#### Treasurer Elect- Mellissa Sanne: No report

#### Parliamentarian -Meg Bryant-

Reminded the Association that we will need to amend the by-laws again in 5 years!

#### President's Report- Laura Pleasants:

Thanks to Dr. Krickovic for stepping in for Cindy without missing a beat  
Thanks to Mrs. Archer for being our Teacher Representative this year  
Thanks to the Spring Fling team—they deserve two months worth of thanks for the great day

we had in April

Thanks to Nicki Pugh for doing such a great job with the Drama Club with the move to SPARC and for managing all the scheduling problems associated with the fire

Thanks go to our Teacher Appreciation team: Niki Davidson and Brooke Wojdyla

Thanks to our Field Day team: Jennifer Mayes and Mindy Notley along with Mr. Seward

Thanks to Elaine Peterson for our Ice Cream Social and not freaking out about the rain

Thanks in advance to Karen Phillips and Angela Wright for their efforts on the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebration

Also, thanks in advance to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade musical team: Suzette Cavallo, Sally Diers, and Sharon Nicholson. Scholarships will be given out to Freeman- Abby Wall and Jacob Safinski. Presented on Tuesday

Next week, we will see the new yearbook, thanks to Suzanne Shaia and Sharon Cox for all their hard work and starting from scratch

We had some yearlong committees that are also wrapping up, so thanks to Dot Heffron for all her work on Signals;

Thanks to Karen Phillips and Kate Thompson for managing our room parents

Thanks to Ashley Evans and Leeann Neely for handling last minute school volunteer needs

Thanks to Coco Provance and Christie Montgomery for managing all of our Spirit Nights and developing the partnership with UR that will pay off next year

Thanks to Chris Cotropia for his yearlong attentiveness to the website and acting as our defacto Chief Technology Officer

Lastly, Laura thanked the members of the executive committee Diana Alger, Elaine Peterson, Julie Flournoy, Heidi Frenzel, Melissa Sanne, and Meg Bryant for working so hard and being such a great team this year

### Treasurer's Report- Diana Alger

Diana presented the 2013-2014 Designations proposed by the Executive Committee. She explained that as a non-profit organization we must designate our excess funds. These must be fully designated and ear-marked by June 30th. We also have some funds left over from last year's designation that need to be re-designated. Diana led discussion on budget designation items. Discussion included nationally known authors arranged for next year by the SEATS committee authors Diane De Salvo, Eliza Carbone, Dan Gutman- (via skype), Eric Litwin of *Pete the Cat* and Ginjer Clarke- local author.

Other items for discussion included in the proposal:

- Microphones for sound system for auditorium. Niki is working with SPARC, school etc.
- AR program upgrades requested by library. The program has been upgraded with many more books. We match the school-the proposal would cost \$1200 each year, and cover the whole school. Discussion about whether AR is used. All but 2 teachers said they want the program.
- BrainPop and BrainPop Jr. Gives all kids opportunity to use BrainPop. Extra \$600 for using it at home. Used to be provided by county- teachers love it. Move to add on at use home \$600.
- Wordly wise- no need for designation- TES will pay for it
- Level B boxed set of reading materials for Mrs. Siebers- She asked for very specific group. Unique offering.
- Tactile measuring sets for Kindergarten- Will extend waiver hands on activities. Math Manipulatives- in order to restock the class added when kindergarten enrollment increased.

A detailed discussion was held about the proposed writing program called Empowering Writers- research based writing program- consistent framework for all students. Now teachers use different material with no consistent vocabulary. Start with Kindergarten and follow students along the way. Large up front cost- includes grammar materials. Asked the TMS folks and they suggested some research based program. Twin Hickory, Gayton, River's Edge are all using and they say it is great for all students. Content helps with SOLS. County will help with training. All teachers trained this summer. Some this year, some over next two year.

Question- how will it play out in their academic result? Mini lesson and then test. Now skills taught but less application. Activities are more meaningful when they connect.

Karen Phillips noted that as a current Middle School parent- it has been a concern about gap to Middle with grammar and writing skills. Much harder to make up gap in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The

attending members also asked for the HenricoCounty Perspective- Dr. K responded that the County thinks there should be a balance between teacher independence and writing programs. There was some discussion about math/ science vs. reading writing funding. Dr. Krickovich noted that the proposal for the writing program came from the teachers. The SEATS committee is hoping to focus more of its funds on math. Question about funding of library hours for PTA? Taken under consideration.

Motion for designations as presented by proposed chart, but adding additional dollars to brain Pop to allow children to also use at home:

Author 7,900  
Sound system 2000  
AR 1,465  
BrainPop 1,785  
Lakeshore 480  
Kapla blocks 594  
Math manipulatives 300  
Empowering writers 17,750  
SEATS 7,678.11  
Total 39,952.11

Motion passed.

#### **IV Committee Reports**

- Book Fair- - very successful- \$21,000
- Buildings and Grounds- Teachers reconsidering plans for Powwow patch so improvements on hold
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration- on schedule
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical-Suzzette-collecting tickets. We need to replace the cords for the mikes
- Room Parents- great year, great parents. Niki is doing the last luncheon on June 11<sup>th</sup>
- SEATS-today last Young Scientists, June 7 and 11, Diane-talks to each grade about summer reading.
- June 10<sup>th</sup> Challenge Discovery to 5<sup>th</sup> graders June 12<sup>th</sup>- Joe Romano on SuperHero Math
- Teacher Appreciation- providing lunch for teachers June 11<sup>th</sup>. Also did small appreciation from the safeties to the bus drivers.

#### **V New Business**

Induction of 2013-2014 PTA Officers-  
President- Elaine Petersen  
President Elect- Angela Kennedy  
Treasurer- Melissa Sanne  
Treasurer Elect- Beth Robbins  
Recording Secretary- Dana Johnson  
Corresponding Secretary-Jennifer Pounders

The officers- Laura read the purposes of the PTA to the incoming Board, and inducted the officers

#### **VI Meeting Adjourned**