

## **TES PTA AGENDA**

General Meeting

April 8, 2014

### **I Call to Order**

### **II Approval of the February Meeting Minutes**

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

### **III. SEATS presentation – Lisa Shumadine**

SEATS is Scholastic Enhancement And Teacher Support, and its goal is to support the teaching objectives and the SOL and to help provide enriching activities. It is 100% funded by PTA. Typically, the budget has been \$11,500. The nationally known author is usually around \$5K, but is \$7,900 this year. Also, there is often a designation, this year, it is \$7,678. The committee meets with the lead teachers to get ideas for the plan. They schedule everything from October – September. There are grade level programs and school wide events, and they provide financial support for some projects as well. SEATS also helps with field trips by researching options and assisting with scheduling.

### **IV. Principal report – Mrs. Ford**

There will be a Volunteer reception April 22<sup>nd</sup>, they will be sending home a flyer in the report card envelopes, which are going home this Friday. Anyone who has come into the building at all to help is welcome.

Safety information is going to be coming home and some simple tweaks will be very helpful. We will review the rules and that will also be coming home in the report cards.

Book Bowl is no longer being supported. This event is about reading and doing a lot of work and being on a team. The county thought is that the event does not have enough students participating versus the total population. Tuckahoe will come up with an alternative book themed event. For the 5<sup>th</sup> graders, each 5<sup>th</sup> grade class will be a team. They will be given a list and there will be a class competition. The class will select the team and the class will get the team ready. There was talk of a big trophy and lots of great ideas. Mrs. Ford believes the new idea will reach more of the kids.

Mrs. Mallouix is on Tuckahoe Website teaching math, everyone should check it out.

### **V Teacher report – Mrs. Archer**

Mrs. Archer thanked everyone for the food – everyone loved the bunnies and chicks theme. Dr. Kinlaw came last week, he congratulated everyone how they responded to the fire situation. Mrs. Patterson told them last year how they were

setting an example during the fire and Mrs. Archer wanted to pass along the thanks. The teachers believe that they could not have done it without the PTA.

#### **IV. Report of Officers**

##### *Treasurer's Report - Melissa*

Drama club and chess club have wrapped up, and SEATS has used their SEATS budget, and will be starting to use the designation money.

##### *Treasurer Elect's Report - Beth*

Beth is working on online payments for spring fling.

##### *President Elect's Report - Angela*

Ice cream date – May 8<sup>th</sup>

Kroger points 205,000 points and Mrs. Billeux spend some on exceptional education, and Mrs. Ford was able to get signs for the front hall. Mrs. Hubbard was able to buy some things for some book room.

The buildings and grounds committee could use some chairs or co-chairs.

The biggest news is the new nomination slate. The new Treasurer Elect is Dana Johnson and Emily Hare will be the recording secretary and Amy Belcher is still the president elect and Jennifer Pounders will still be the corresponding secretary.

##### *Corresponding Secretary's Report – Jennifer*

We celebrated Mrs. Ford's birthday this month. The first week of May is national nurse week, we will get her a spa gift card. We will also recognize the cafeteria workers. Mr. Hesham had a new baby boy.

#### **Facebook:**

We are continuing to post of Facebook, the faculty has used facebook a little more, for instance, the t shirt contest.

##### *Parliamentarian - Laura*

No report.

##### *President's Report - Elaine*

Elaine collected 11 nominations for volunteer of the year, and she will announce the winner next month.

#### **VII Committee Reports**

- ASE

After School Enrichment concluded March 12. It was a big success and many thanks go out to all the parents who volunteered their time and efforts to make it special for our kids. 209 children participated and we got great feedback to work on class selection for next semester.

- Book Fair – no report
- Buildings and Grounds – no report.
- Chess – they had a great session, they encouraged people to take it up over the summer to play. All they have to know is which direction the pieces move. He's working with all levels now.
- Community service – no report.
- Drama Club

The Drama Club performances were last week and a great success!

- Field Day
- Fifth grade celebration

5th Grade Musical- theme "Making the Band" June 9th and 10th at 7:00pm. All ticket sales will go to provide 2 \$1000 scholarships to a current graduating senior at Freeman that attending TES. We will be meeting with Mrs. Tyler after spring break to discuss all details. We have gathered some volunteers but are in need of a few more to help with set design, ticket sales, etc.

- Field Day – Kate has met with Mr. Seward.
- Ice cream social – May 8<sup>th</sup>. 6:30-8pm. Book fair is also this week.
- Legos – the kick off is April 30<sup>th</sup> in the evening – Heather is going to talk more about the 12 weeks and how they relate to science, technology, etc. The theme for 2014 – FLL World Class Challenge – is to redesign how kids want and need to learn. Grade level is Junior for 3<sup>rd</sup> and Senior League 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. We are limited by coaches and robot kits. It's 12 weeks. Kids are encouraged to come to the meeting. They want to make sure everyone understands that it's not just putting legos together.
- Newcomers

Nothing new about newcomers. The committee is still mulling over how to welcome newcomers. Next year will just be an assessment year to make sure we are welcoming everyone in a Tuckahoe way. The playdates don't necessarily reach everyone, they have considered an evening thing, but that has other logistics, they would need to consider. Mrs. Ford said she has had heard more about evening requests. Mrs. Archer mentioned that it is

also almost harder to have new students come in during the year versus the new kindergarten class. Millie Becker is trying to write something about “If only I knew now” to help new parents get familiar some things. Comments were made that all of those things are very helpful.

- SCA/Spirit Nights – no report
- SEATS

### **SEATS March Review:**

One School/One Book concluded w/ the student celebration on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Now the focus is to work with the Community Service committee to share this event with Fair Oaks Elementary School.

Young Scientists visited 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (soil) and K (magnets)

5<sup>th</sup> grade has a successful field trip and scavenger hunt at the Science Museum of VA

Alice Ulrichs – Veterinarian and former TES parent concluded her visits to first grade.

### **Looking ahead:**

The Dome Theater visit will conclude tomorrow 4/8 with the remaining grades visiting the Dome and the Family Event from 3pm – 8:30pm.

Young Scientist visited K today w/ a lesson about Time Changes.

The Noetic Learning Math Contest takes place on April 10<sup>th</sup> with 7 teams entered – Barila, Chapman, Siepert, Toy Williams block A & B and Hubard

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebration team has asked SEATS to work with them to bring the Challenge Discovery Team back the last week of school for their teambuilding program.

We are also working on a school-wide assembly for the last week of school.

4/7 Young Scientists – K (Time Changes)

4/10 Noetic Learning Math Contest – a biannual math problem-solving contest. We have 7 teams entering in April. Each team will have 45 minutes to solve 20 problems designed to challenge students and enrich problem-solving experiences. (\$203 total/\$29 per team)

Barila, Chapman, Siepert, Toy, Williams Block A & B and Hubard

- Signals – no report

- Spirit wear –

They are getting ready for Kindergarten registration and plan on being there all day. We've stocked up on all T-shirts. We've ordered mugs and bumper stickers but unfortunately, they won't be here until after spring break. I've just recently gotten prices on garden flags and are going to wait and see if we have enough money at the end of the year to order them. They are a little more expensive than I was thinking but we might be able to do it if there's a lot of interest.

- Spring Fling –

Spring Fling ordering and registration is underway! This year, the committee opted against the large paper packet of years passed and is going with online ordering and information on the [tuckahoepta.org](http://tuckahoepta.org) website. Paper forms can be printed from there or found on the website. The deadline for ordering Benny's Barbecue, 3 on 3 Basketball and Spring Fling Idol registration is Thursday, which is also the deadline for getting the Bonus Kite Cash with your order! Kite grams, discounted tickets and wristbands can be ordered through the 24th. The Silent Auction committee is excited to start sharing some of the class baskets on the PTA facebook page soon, and the Spring Fling Kite Grams have started to decorate the school walls. Please don't forget to go on SignUpGenius to get a shift the day of the event, volunteer to make a fun cake for the Cake Walk, and bring in your books and DVDs for the Spring Fling Book Sale. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day on the 26th, and thank everyone for their help with this big event!

- Teacher Appreciation

TA week is May 5-9<sup>th</sup>, would like to get gift cards for the raffle. Everything is coming along.

- Volunteers

Spring volunteer needs being filled for Kindergarten Registration and Spring picture day (both via Sign-Up Genius). Other volunteer activities are running smoothly (namely copy moms and room volunteers)

- Yearbook

No report.

## **VII New Business.**

Lost and found – there are so many coats and jackets – everyone should check it out.

## **VII Meeting Adjourned.**