

TES PTA AGENDA

General Meeting

May 5, 2014

I Call to Order

II Approval of the April General Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve April general minutes was made and passed.

III Principals Report

Mr. Gordon gave Mrs. Ford a mention of appreciation.

There will be information in signals about renovations taking place in fall of 2015.

Mrs. Ford was very impressed with Spring Fling and wouldn't change a thing.

She expressed appreciation for the breakfast this morning and for teacher appreciation week. The teachers work hard and it's great for them to be appreciated.

It's very important to finish the year strong. This Wednesday we are going to be talking about finishing strong. The hope is to have the goals on the students desks. We'll have SOLs coming up.

Mrs. Hubard – we are happy for her but will miss her terribly. They are working with Dr. Krickovic to determine how they will fill her position. We don't know if they will interview or if place someone here.

IV Teacher Report

Spring Fling was great fun, and everyone enjoyed seeing the kids in a different atmosphere. For next year's cakewalk, consider putting on favorite songs that the teachers like.

The teacher appreciation breakfast made the day go really well. The way that they end the year has a direct effect on how they start the next year. They are looking forward to the rest of teacher appreciation week.

V Report of Officers

Treasurer's Report – Thanks to everyone who helped Melissa. Prizes are in, all of the big things are in except Benny's and some other food items. The amount should be around \$13,000, which is great.

Corporate support is down based on last year's estimate.

Checks have to be cashed by June 30th.

5th grade money is starting to be spent.

Treasurer Elect's Report

No Report.

President Elect's Report

Thanks to everyone who voted. Votes are in, and the slate has been approved.

This Thursday is the ice cream social. They still need volunteers, they don't have any scoopers or playground monitors for second shift. This is a free event for our families. It's from 6:30-8, and the shifts are 6:30-7:15, 7:15-8:00. It will be sent out tomorrow through the room moms.

Still considering having someone chair our STOP committee – Angela is looking for someone to help.

Corresponding Secretary's Report

Jennifer found out about two or three personal things for families and will reach out with Sweet Frog gift cards.

She will thank our School Nurse with a Short Pump Gift card for National School Nurse Week.

Resource Teachers will get Candy Valley Cake Company custom pops this week.

Facebook:

Make sure you keep liking facebook for our posts to keep showing.

Parliamentarian

Laura's last thing to do this year was the criminal background check and that's all done.

President's Report

Elaine is submitting information about our volunteers. We figured we had 500 volunteers and 5000 volunteer hours. This includes copy moms and committees and executive boards, etc. We have an amazing world of volunteers and so picking the volunteer of the year was daunting. Elaine received 11 nominees, then talked over with the execs. This year, Elaine wanted to recommend all 11 nominees. Lisa Shumadine was our winner. She's detailed and a great leader and has done a great job with seats. She brings wonderful programs, authors, etc. She has agreed to a third year of SEATS.

The rest of our nominees are Jennifer Pounders, Betsy Raider, Amy Ludwin, Mr. Rick George, Niki Davidson, Laura Pleasants, Kate Thompason, Chris Cotriapa, Heidi Frenzel and Martha Zielinski.

VI Committee Reports

Yearlong/Spring Committees

- After School Enrichment – no report.
- Annual Fund – no report.
- Book Fair – no report.

The book fair is all set to come to TES this week. BBGB will be here Wednesday and Thursday - the owners and employees will be on hand with lots of summer reading ideas. There will not be teacher wish lists (normal spring practice.) We will encourage parents to purchase gift cards for teacher appreciation week. Teachers should be reminded that they receive a discount on purchases they make at bbgb ANYTIME. Tuckahoe gets 15% of the book sales.

- Building and Grounds – they are working with the first grade for Peter Rabbit. There is a step by step plan for the Pow wow patch, and they are eagerly awaiting the response from the garden club. Travis Gardner is helping with that. We need a budget before we start anything. It already looks better. It is important to understand the entire plan so that we can make sure that we can support it going forward.
- Chess Club – No report.
- Community Service – no report.

- Drama Club – no report.
- Fifth Grade Celebration – here is the list of events for TES 5th Grade Celebration Week

Monday, June 9 - “Surfs up”--wear wacky sunglasses to school!

*Discovery challenge team building (SEATS) 8:30-10:30a.m *Wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothing* *5th grade musical 7:00p.m

Tuesday, June 10 “Beach Party”--wear flip flops to school and bring a beach towel!! *5th grade picnic 11:30-12:45 (pack bag lunch) *5th grade musical – still waiting to hear on the time. Decided to do a daytime performance – should

Wednesday, June 11 - “Hanging on the Beach”--wear your funkiest hat to school! *yearbook signing and doughnuts 8:15-9:30a.m *SEATS event

Thursday, June 12 - fff“Sail away”--wear your nicest attire! *TES Fifth Grade Completion Ceremony 8:30-10:30a.m *5th grade luncheon (student only) 11:00a.m *5th grade party (student only) *wear 5th grade t-shirt* 6:30-8:30p.m

Friday, June 13 - “Catch the Wave”--wear TES spirit wear! *TES salute 8:00a.m (parents gather on front lawn) *kickball 5th graders vs parents 8:30a.m

- Fifth Grade Musical – The theme is Making the Band

There are performances Monday, June 9th at 7:00 and Tuesday, June 10th in the morning. Mrs. Tyler has not informed us of time yet. They are meeting with Mrs. Tyler this week to discuss costumes and set design. We have gathered more volunteers and have received the 2 scholarship winners from Freeman. Tickets will go on sale the Tuesday after Memorial Day. All ticket sales will go to the scholarship winners, 2 \$1000 scholarships will be rewarded.

- Field Day – it’s Friday! Lunch is at 11:10. Everyone should have heard where your teachers will be. There is something on website for where kids are eating. There will be a sign-in process, outside near horseshoe.
- Henrico County Rep – no report.
- Hospitality – no report.
- Ice Cream Social –discussed as part of president elect’s report.
- Legos – had the informational meeting last week. Mrs. Ford helped. There was a pretty strong turnout for juniors, and they hoping to figure out how many returning people soon. It feels like 2 junior teams. Junior lego will find parents.
- Newcomers - they are working on plans for summer/fall.
- SCA/Spirit Nights - one more at the Mexican restaurant on Horsepen. 5-8:30.
- SEATS April Review:

The rescheduled Dome Theater took place April 7th & 8th. It was a unique experience for students and families alike. Each grade level chose a program that either fit w/in their curriculum or would provide a new learning experience for their students. The 2nd graders were particularly excited about their Titanic adventure while the 5th grade unfortunately found their Molecularium program that they hoped would be review of recently learned material, a bit remedial for their liking. The family event was a great success. Big thanks to Tuckahoe Middle School student Addison Hagan for volunteering his time and earning some community

service hours by helping with check-in at the family event. Many thanks to our daytime volunteers, Elaine Peterson, Claire Newton, Kate Mahan, Lesley Berry, Heidi Frenzel, Suzie Park and Elizabeth Wallace.

Ahead in May & June

May 12th - Dairy Farmer Donna Kerr will be returning for a 2nd year to talk w/ our K students about her working Dairy Farm in Amelia. She brings great visual aids and gives a very interesting, attention capturing presentation.

May 12th & 13th - Matt Baker from the Science Museum of VA will be presenting his Busy Bees program to the individual 1st grade classes. This program is particularly special as the Science Museum no longer travels for outreach programs and Matt has to get special permission from the board to come to present to us. He discusses and reviews the life cycles of many animals, including bees and has beautiful visual aids to share with the classes. He also has them do a special candle making craft using bees wax. I shared this experience with my 1st grader last year as I sat in to observe and it is definitely a favorite with the students and teachers alike.

The rest of May is quiet for SEATS as our students/faculty focus on testing.

We will end the year on a high note with 3 school-wide events in June. We will be supporting a special event that Mrs. Ford has arranged as well as providing some great summer reading ideas and a fun science program.

Diane Strait, a children's literature specialist will be back to present summer reading ideas to each individual grade level. This years theme is "Who done it", a focus on great mysteries. Diane's 30-minute presentations are grade level specific, and full of enthusiasm and information. Get ready to sign your kids up for the summer reading program at the Tuckahoe Library as she will get them excited to read!

I am still working out the logistics w/ the folks at Mad Science to have them come present a Fire & Ice program to students on June 11th. We are planning to have 3 presentations: K/1, 2nd/3rd and 4th/5th with the complexity of the content adjusted to the grade levels in attendance.

Stay tuned to Signals for more details as well as a sign-up genius for volunteers to cover the assemblies to allow the teachers time in the classroom.

- Signals - no report.
- Spirit Wear – We did great at spring fling, sold around \$850! Ending the year with a big surplus is a great way to end the year. We just got in new mugs and little bumper stickers and know they will be a big hit. Currently, Lisa Voeks and I are in the process of determining what to stock up on for next year and what to purchase that's new. We're going to reorder the black and white oval TES bumper stickers and green and white large totes, new T's for girls with a new design and maybe bring back the American Doll outfits. If you have any suggestions, please email me.

There was some interest in small garden flags. We priced them out and they turned out to be about \$25 each, not including the metal stake. In order for us to get that price, we need to have a minimum order of 50 and we felt like there may not be enough interested people to make this worthwhile.

We're getting quotes for other items too such as blankets, kids hats, key chains and Tshirts for the entire faculty and staff for next year.

- Spring Fling

This year's Spring Fling was a sunny and stupendous day for TES community. Here are a few fun facts:

- 505 kite grams were sold, and will decorate the TES hallways for another week with their fun and cheerful messages;
- 660 lemon halves were consumed from Lemon Twist;
- 85 fantastically decorated cakes were won in the Cake Walk (my favorite was the owl!);
- 900 pounds of ice were used to ice down beverages and make the ever-popular snow cones (thanks to intrepid TES parents Chris & Dana Johnson for shuttling all that ice!);
- 17,000 Kite Cash dollars (featuring Mrs. Ford!) were circulated for the coveted and fun Spring Fling prizes.

Many thanks to the 30 dedicated and creative Spring Fling committee members for their months of hard work and preparation; to our supportive TES Faculty and Staff for graciously staffing the cake walk, volunteering to be Pocket Person, and offering their generous raffle prizes for the students; the PTA executive board for providing guidance, maintaining our online ordering website and keeping track of our accounting; the TES Room Parents for rounding up fantastic Silent Auction baskets and forwarding along the plethora of Spring Fling emails; and finally a big thanks to the 400-plus prompt and cheerful parent and student volunteers!

Also, there are leftover books from the book sale - teachers and anyone are welcome to pick out any books.

- Stop – no report.
- Teacher Appreciation - is this week!

Monday- Breakfast in the Teacher's Lounge. It was a good breakfast this morning.

Tuesday- Lottery Tickets and kids bring in flowers, treasure chest gifts donated from Spring Fling in the Lounge in the morning

Wednesday- Moe's is catering lunch

Thursday- Take home dinners provided by Room Parents

Friday- Field Day morning treats and gifts – they will post the gifts on facebook on Friday.

Also, there is usually a luncheon in June when there is off-cycle voting. Probably June 10th – Mrs. Ford and Nikki will talk.

- Volunteers

Over 40 volunteers helped with recent needs for kindergarten registration and school photos. Thanks to all the volunteers!

- Year Book - they still need lots of pictures. Check email for links – school related pictures. Deadline is usually field day. The email address is yearbookTES@gmail.com.

V New Business:

No new business.

VII. Meeting adjourned.

2013-2014 PTA Executive Board Regular Attendees

President: Elaine Peterson

Treasurer: Melissa Sanne

Corresponding Secretary: Jennifer Pounders

Recording Secretary: Dana Johnson

President Elect: Angela Kennedy

Treasurer Elect: Beth Robbins

Parliamentarian: Laura Pleasants