

**TES PTA AGENDA**  
General Meeting  
June 3, 2014 – Approved September 8, 2014

**I Call to Order**

**II Approval of the May General Meeting Minutes**

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

**III Presentation and Approval of 2014-2015 Designations**

Projected amount to designate \$23,415

Nationally known authors - \$5,000 – Lisa says this amount will be great for SEATS.

New Spring Fling Banners – for the auctions, prizes, directional banners – vinyl banners - \$300.

Powwow patch renovations – the idea is to make the pow-wow patch an outdoor classroom, hopefully by the fall, it will look more like a classroom. Water Street Studio put together a plan and Travis was working to get pricing from James River Ground Management, and they are going to come take a look. Homescapes will look at the area around the bench. The way that the plan is coming together, additional money will be needed down the road. Some of the things will require professional installation. There are some grants to fund the work, too. It's a great master plan but it may take a few years to finish. \$2,000

Ipad for art classroom – the iPad would be used for many things, including things the kids could do.

Teacher Book Room – Mrs. Ford has indicated that the book room has been building up over the first few years. In any given class, you will have readers on many different levels. The idea is to have each student reading what's appropriate for their reading ability. Teachers are expected to incorporate more non-fiction, and incorporate social studies and science into their reading blocks. The bookroom is separate from the library and has multiple sets of each book. Companies that provide book rooms are very organized. There is a literacy committee that helps with this. They would need to come up with a checkout system. \$7,000

RTI Program - \$3,000 – RTI is a new system instead of Child Study, the county is going towards this Response to Intervention program. Next year is the last year of the cycle to get into RTI. This system asks for teachers to progress-monitor their students, all students, not just some. We need a system that all of the teachers are using so that it will all be on the same basis. The county is going that way and we want to be ahead of the curve. This is a quick system, easier to administrate. There is a math component to this system as well.

Accelerated Reader - \$1,000 – this still will be optional for teachers next year – it is only for motivational policies, it can't be used for a grade.

New Bike Rack - \$250 – for in front of the school. Over near Mrs. Toys room, there is a little concrete pad to prevent the kids from having to bike around the school.

Directional Signs for Horseshoe - \$500 – directions on how to go through the loop – big sign to help. Sometimes grandparents come through or people that don't know what to do to help the flow. Also, they will get bigger cones and hopefully maintain safety.

Color printers - \$500 – The school is getting new computers and they are going to purchase one for the office and one other one.

Reading A to Z - \$600 – on line resource – in line with book room theory except on-line. Teachers love it.

SEATS programs - \$2,765 – This is anything in addition to the money that was estimated, so if we have more

money left, we would increase this budget.

A motion was made to approve the designations which were approved.

#### **IV Principals Report**

We are almost done with testing and it's been a great year! On Friday, there will be a fun assembly to celebrate the end of testing. Fifth grade celebration is getting ready. Mrs. Ford is so grateful to be at Tuckahoe and said it was a great year. Also, they do plan to do the One Book, One School program, and they plan to get parent input. There will be a survey on the three books. Book Bonanza information will be coming home in report cards, also.

#### **V Teacher Report**

Today was treat day and they did cheeses around the world, which they really enjoyed. It has been a wonderful year. Teacher appreciation week was very special and they loved the little notes that the kids do. All of the faculty know how much is done for the teachers and so do all of the teachers all around the county. Mrs. Archer said that other schools were always talking about the wonderful things that our PTA does.

#### **VI Report of Officers**

*Treasurer's Report* – all checks do need to be cashed and remind all committees to check their in-boxes.

The book fair did better than expected. They are spending 5<sup>th</sup> grade celebration money now. The empowering readers spending budget was a 3 year program. There was some discussion about the recipients of the Freeman scholarships and how those winners are selected.

*Treasurer Elect's Report* - no report

*President Elect's Report* - Angela is looking for a person to help the Duathlon committee with sponsorships. Travis said that he would help with this.

*Corresponding Secretary's Report* - a few families have lost parents, there have been some health issues, and Jennifer took these families sweet frog cards. Tomorrow, resource teachers get Target cards. Some discussion as to whether assistants or bus drivers should get recognized. The bus safeties are going to give every bus driver a treat to thank them.

*Facebook*: 30 posts in May, the link to the dispatch article had the highest reach. We have so many people sending Jen pictures and news for posts.

*Parliamentarian* – no report.

*President's Report* - We had a productive year, 9 meetings, afterschool meetings, lots of seats events, drama club productions, 500 volunteers and 1700 volunteer hours, among other things. We have raised \$61,000 and spent \$40K. We are very active, great job to everyone and thank you!

#### **VII Committee Reports**

##### ***Yearlong/Spring Committees***

##### **ASE**

We started the brainstorming session by going over the list of vendors that have contacted us and shown an interest in our program. Some were better suited to the younger grades and some for the older grades. We discussed having athletic, arts, and enrichment options for each set of grades.

Committee members will contact the various vendors over the next week to determine interest, possible class size, and cost. Once we have a solid list, contracts will be sent out in mid-June.

- Book Fair – Book fair saw a profit of \$1,090 this Spring. The numbers from this year were down slightly from last year (by only about \$200 overall.) We are discussing with the vendor the possibility of holding one bigger book fair in the winter - allowing more families time to shop. A common concern/complaint from this spring was that people just did not have the time to come. May is a very busy month for us all! bbg is moving to a store on Cary Street - next to the World of Mirth. I am looking into the possibility of an on-site book fair as well. (This would be in addition to the one in school.)
- Chess club – going to have three sessions 3 8 week sessions, fall, winter, and spring. You just have to know how to move the pieces.
- Fifth Grade Celebration – here is the list of events for TES 5<sup>th</sup> 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\* \*5<sup>th</sup> grade musical 7:00p.m

**Tuesday, June 10 - “Beach Party”**--wear flip flops to school and bring a beach towel!! \*5<sup>th</sup> grade picnic 11:30-12:45 (pack bag lunch) \*5<sup>th</sup> 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 8:15-9:30 a.m. \*SEATS event

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

**Friday, June 13 - “Catch the Wave”**--wear TES spirit wear! \*TES salute 8:00 a.m. (parents gather on front lawn) \*kickball 5<sup>th</sup> 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 at 9:30.

- Newcomers – they distributed a flyer on kindergarten playdates. It will be on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup>, maybe have ice cream. Might have a playdate in September, too.
- SCA/Spirit Nights - Christie had no report.
- SEATS May Review:

May 12<sup>th</sup> - Dairy Farmer Donna Kerr visited the Kindergarten students

May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – Matt Baker from the Science Museum of VA presented “Busy Bees” to our 1<sup>st</sup> graders

#### **Ahead in June:**

Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> Thomas Lancaster, a local builder will visit the Kindergartners to talk about his profession.

Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – SEATS is supporting a special school-wide event planned by Mrs. Ford

Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> - The Challenge Discovery Team Mobile Group will run a 2-hour teambuilding event for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders. (8:30 – 10:30am)

Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Mad Science will do 3 presentations of “Fire and Ice”  
(8:30-9:15 K/1<sup>st</sup>) (9:30-10:30 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>) (12:55-1:55 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>)

- Signals - our current Signals chair is stepping down, and Amy Belcher will be taking it on as part of her role as president-elect. Dot was grateful to the PTA for allowing me to do the work of Signals for the past three years. She met with Amy and Angela in May and we discussed the transition and had a short "training session" to prepare for fall.
- Spirit Wear –

Spirit Wear had another successful year this year. Our total sales as of 6/3/14 were over \$8,000! We met our goal of \$1,000 and exceeded it by \$3,000, which left a lot of money to spend to stock up for next year.

We started off the year by donating over 50 bumper stickers to the new incoming families and giving T-shirts to all the new teachers.

New for this year were sipper cups, thermal mugs, insulated bags in green and white and multicolored, socks in royal and green and cute TES ornaments. We also added ceramic mugs and small Indian head stickers in the spring. For the first time we had a link to our inventory through Signals. By doing this, we received more orders throughout the year than the past. We know each year this will increase as more and more people become aware that this is available.

In the spring we donated some headbands and socks to new families that had come midyear to TES and mugs to the volunteer-of-the-year nominees.

Lisa and I are excited about next year. We will be introducing a whole new design of Ts for the kids. Also because of our large profit, we are gifting embroidered Ts to all faculty and staff. We are thrilled to be able to do this for our wonderful teachers and excellent staff!

- Teacher Appreciation - TA appreciation week went well. One last teacher lunch next Tuesday the 10th due to voting and the cafeteria being closed- we are getting pizzas delivered. Also salads and treats brought in from parents.
- Volunteers

-We met with Mrs. Ford to discuss needs and process improvements recently; we'll be working with the teachers a little differently next year to get their classroom needs met

-Over the summer we will be verifying the wording/needs of for the committees for the Constant Contact form. Also, we'll be asking for volunteers in August to help put together the PTA/HCPS/TES folders. More to come on this.

-We want to give our sincere thanks to so many that have volunteered for throughout the year...with special gratitude for the Copy Parents and Classroom Volunteers that have given so many hours every week throughout the school year.

- Year Book - fifth graders get them first on that Wednesday, and the rest of the school will get them right after.

## **VIII Installation of New Officers**

## **IX New Business:**

No new business.

**X. 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