

## TES PTA AGENDA

General Meeting  
November 2, 2015

### I Call to Order

### II Approval of the October Minutes – distributed via email and copies provided at meeting.

A motion to approve the October minutes was made and passed. Angela Kennedy made the motion and Heidi Frenzel seconded the motion.

### III Principal's Report – Things are going well. Thanks to the PTA for all of the support

### IV Teacher Representative/Mrs. Archer – Thank you for all of the treats. The students and teachers enjoyed having the Math Maniac come- there was something in his presentation for all students K-5.

### V Report of Officers

**Treasurer's Report – Designations:** no change this month. **Regular budget:** Annual fund budget met, but you still can contribute. Duathlon in the process of being finalized. ASE being finalized for first session only, the second session will also be included. HKC buying all of the gifts. Membership and yearbook and drama club have large deposits and will have checks drawn against them later in the year. Teachers are still spending their teacher budgets. **Other:** Getting ready to file our taxes and getting organized to support Holiday Kids corner. Thanks for the great communication so far and just email me if you have any questions or want to give me a heads up about anything. Typically, I get checks signed on Mondays and they would be ready on Tuesday.

**Treasurer Elect's Report** – All online registrations are closed except Veteran's Day which we will close later this week.

**President Elect's Report** – none

**Corresponding Secretary's Report** – In October we honored our bus drivers! Each driver received a Panera gift card. Mrs. Gerkin said the bus drivers were very thankful!!! Also in October we honored our cafeteria and custodial staff. They each received a movie theatre gift card!

**Parliamentarian's Report** – none

**President's Report** – The TMS PTA has launched "Operation Squeaky Wheel" to try to bring TMS's renovation needs to the forefront. The first step was a letter-writing campaign, and now we are heading to the November 12 School Board meeting (6:30pm at the Newbridge Learning center, 5915 Nine Mile Road) to present our concerns—everyone is welcome to come to the meeting to support this effort. Young families, especially, since any renovation will benefit them the most. Since we launched our campaign many of the safety issues have been addressed: the security cameras and the P/A system will be fully functional by the end of this month, but there is much to be done. TMS has not been renovated since it was opened in 1959. Our classrooms cannot support technology that our county considers standard equipment. We don't have central air-conditioning—making it challenging to hear and be heard in the classrooms. The science lab tables are full of gashes and marks that can prevent accurate experiments from being conducted. The bathrooms and locker rooms are crumbling. The list goes on and on. To succeed in getting TMS renovated, the School Board must include TMS on a list of specific projects to be paid for with a bond referendum. Then the board of supervisors determines when/if to issue a bond referendum and whether TMS belongs on the list. So, there are others to convince, but the first step is the School Board. If you share this and get any questions, you can direct them to Laura Pleasants.

This past week, Mr. Gordon received his book of happy notes and a gift card to a specialty running store. He is at Harvey Elementary School this year. He was ecstatic when he saw the gifts and was very grateful Martha Ann Jackson, one of the women who painted the TES library mural, passed away recently. The PTA made a contribution to St. Peter's UMC in Montpelier, VA in her honor. Mrs. Ford mentioned that while Ms. Jackson was ill, the children of TES drew a picture of their favorite part of the mural and wrote a letter why it was their favorite part. She was able to look through the binder of letters before she passed away.

**.HCCPTA Representative – none**

- VI New Business** – A question came up about having the names appear on conference sign up via Sign UP Genius. If it is not a privacy issue, could teachers please allow parents to see who is signing up in case they need to try and switch times with someone? Mrs. Ford said she would look into it.

**The meeting took a 5 minute break to mingle and allow those to leave if needed.**

**VII Committee Reports (Executive Board)**

- ASE – After-School Enrichment is winding down for the fall session. Students are expanding their horizons and having fun learning new things. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers for helping ensure the safety of our students during ASE. The ASE committee will meet tomorrow evening to begin planning the winter session, which starts on Wednesday, February 3rd.
- Annual Fund
- Book Fair
- Buildings and Grounds – Anne and Katherine are working to revamp the Fall Clean up. This year there were roughly 40 middle school children, 2 TES kids, and only 3 parents. There was not enough adult supervision. Many of the older children did not attend TES and therefore do not feel loyalty/responsibility to the school. We feel that this day should be focused on teaching our children about community service and getting our TES family involved. Ideas included: Better promoting the Clean Up in the TES newsletter as an opportunity for parents to get out with their children and do community service. Our budget could allow for a pizza party to the TES classroom with the most adult/child participation? If anyone has thoughts or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact Anne or Katherine. Also, we have some eagles scouts who are looking for a substantial project to do. Apparently, they can make benches, etc. If anyone has an idea of something, please let me know.  
There was discussion about possible ways to improve attendance, etc for next years. Ideas included: picking a different day/time as many families have activities on Saturday morning; have a rule that there must be one adult for every 3 or 4 middle school volunteers (in order to have a stronger adult presence for motivating middle school students); and have the sign up genius show specific jobs or tasks to complete. The fact that the weather and rescheduling may have also played a factor in the attendance was also discussed.
- Calendar and Directory- The directories were distributed to teachers and students via mailboxes last Thursday. We printed 645 qty, at \$1.55 per directory. Totaling \$999.75. I placed 30 in the office cabinet for Mrs. Hatcher to sell and I have 29 leftovers stored at my house. Receipts were submitted to Treasurer.
- Chess Club
- Community Service – We delivered some coats to Fair Oaks from last year's lost and found. They gave Tuckahoe a thank you plaque that I delivered to the office and a cute banner with the kids' handprints that we will hopefully display in the hallway later in the year. We will begin a food drive after Thanksgiving. We will put together 30 boxes of food for families in need to help them over the winter break while the kids are out of school. This will follow the same format as last year, with a sign up genius going out through the room moms. Fair Oaks has asked for help with a field trip this year. We will use our community service budget to help them take their 4th graders to Jamestown. They have never been before and are very excited about giving the kids this opportunity. We are looking for helpers to sort and deliver the food before winter break. Contact Laura McCoy if you would like to help!
- Drama Club –
- Duathlon – The Duathlon was a success despite grey skies. We had around 160 registrants, about 155 of which were on-line through paypal. This worked really well but also allowed paper registrations after the deadline. A few people had glitches with their credit cards and registered online but paid by check. Our sponsors brought in \$2700 this year, thanks to Travis Gardner for his excellent job “shaking down” his clients and business colleagues. We also had in kind donations of fresh apples from Farm Table, bags and cups from Martins and bibs from Road ID. Added expenses this year included some permanent directional signs that worked well. We may purchase a few more for next year. The event went very well. We changed the bike parking set up as well as the bike drop off at the end. A highlight was Mr. Seward's participation. He did a continuous circuit on the running portion of the race, picking a few kids to run with and encourage. Thanks also to Laura Walton, Nancy Fabian, Sarah Cochran and Wendy Kang for their great work on this committee.

- Facebook- Please continue sending in pictures (remember to keep students out of the photos).
- Family Night
- Field Day
- Fifth Grade Celebration
- Fifth Grade Musical
- First Grade Musical – Annie Laurie and Cabel are meeting with Mrs. Tyler this week to gather information regarding costumes, set design, props etc. We will be forming sub-committee's this week as well. We are looking forward to the show!
- Holiday Kids Corner
- Hospitality- Teacher's luncheon will take place at a date to be determined in November. There will be light refreshments at the Veteran's Day assembly.
- Lego Team
- Newcomers
- Reflections
- Room Parents – Next Teacher Treat Day is 11/18 in the Teacher's Lounge.
- SEATS – Hosted Math Maniac last week. He was very complimentary of the students and their math skills. There will be a watershed presentation in November and a presentation about Bears in December.
- Signals –
- Spirit Nights/SCA – The next Spirit Night is November 10<sup>th</sup> at Panera. You do need to bring in a copy of the flyer. The link to the flyer can be found in *Signals*.
- Spirit Wear – Spirit wear will be available at HKC. Some teachers have requested to buy Spirit Wear. We are placing a small order of adult sweat shirts and t-shirts and will be setting up in the teachers' lounge ASAP to allow the faculty to purchase at cost. We are coordinating this with Mrs. Michalski. They will be looking for a volunteer to help with the selling of these items.
- Sponsorship –
- Spring Fling – All committee chair positions have been filled. They will be meeting again tomorrow.
- Square One Art - Order packets were received on October 28th and distributed to teachers. Online and paper ordering are underway. Orders are due by November 11th. Products should arrive by December 3rd.
- STOP
- Teacher Appreciation
- Veteran's Day Assembly - Veterans Day committee is gearing up for the assembly on 11-10-15. If anyone is interested in helping with decorations or the assembly feel free to contact Riley Shaia at [lrileyshaia@gmail.com](mailto:lrileyshaia@gmail.com).
- Volunteers
- Walk to School- It was a great day. The percentage of students who walked (based on the information that was turned in by teachers) was 85%. There were over 4,000 schools who participated in this event.
- Yearbook- If anyone got great pictures from the Duathlon or other fall class events, please send them on to [yearbooktes@gmail.com](mailto:yearbooktes@gmail.com)

## **VI Adjourn**

### **2015 - 2016 PTA Executive Board Regular Attendees**

President: Amy Belcher

Treasurer: Dana Johnson

Corresponding Secretary: Blaire Wyatt

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President Elect: Erin Reibel

Treasurer Elect: Emily Hare

Parliamentarian: Angela Kennedy