

**Tuckahoe Elementary PTA
General Meeting
February 5, 2018**

Meeting opened at 7:03 pm

Vote taken on December minutes, motion to approve, approved, accepted.

Alfreda – Ms. Ford went home not feeling well, not in attendance at the meeting tonight.

Ms. Archer – Exciting times – our Ms. Ford was on national TV on Saturday at the U of R game! Thanks for the treats (January), we all look forward to those. Young scientists SEATS funding is also so helpful, Kindergarten teachers look forward to that

We are still looking for a Kindergarten copy parent. Ms. Estes is pinch hitting for us but we need a regular. About 1.5 hours. Louise is here at the time needed and offered to help, but need to get approval since usually don't like copy parent to be same grade. We will check with Ms. Ford to see if we can make an exception because we need it.

Thursday is conference night: Short night, approach parents to sign up for a conference. When the teacher recommends a conference, parents should not jump the gun and assume that is a bad thing.

Casey/Treasurer's Report - Copies of budgets are on each table for review. Book Fair and Spring Fling are the only items left for fund raising. We need to remind everyone to stay on budget! Short \$800+ on Square 1, did well on Holiday Kids Korner and Duathlon, but not breaking even yet. No designations this year.

Drama Club: No monies paid yet so need to know where to pay the funds. Casey will follow up but wants to pay them for what's owed.

ASE was short in the fall, but got two donations back from vendors, so all good there.

Denise – nothing to report

Alyson – not in attendance, nothing to report on her end

Angela – Nominating committee – we are in the process of creating a slate for next year's board. Amy Boyer, Meredith Flippin, Shannon Reppard, Jody Rogish, Renee Gallahan will be part of the committee.

Erin – Next two meetings are important for attendance as we will be voting – especially on by-laws. Need a quorum for both. Need 20 people so encourage others to join the meeting! Bring a friend. Voting will take place on early side of meeting, will need a quorum.

Alfreda - Annual fund will be opened back up. Tuckahoe Middle has a list of corporate individuals who match donations from families who have already donated. Going to get the list and post here at TES so individuals donating can submit for matching funds if their employer participates.

Sprit Night – February 24th is the U of R basketball game night. Tickets are \$12.00, school gets \$7.00 back! Tix need to be purchased by Friday. Information will be coming home in envelopes with kids. It's a fun night out for kids and parents. Plus it provides another donation back into budget for 2017/2018 school year.

Committee Chair Reports:

ASE: starts on Weds. 172 kids participating, only one glitch so far, mad science unexpectedly closed right away and is not participating, all parents re-issued a choice for their kids. Ready to go otherwise.

SEATS – Young Scientists coming through, pay for one for each grade level. Ginger Clark (author) will be coming to TES as well.

“One school One Book” project – starts on February 19th. Books are being shipped, and once received will come home with the suggested chapter reading schedule. March 12 done, March 16 will be BMX presentation at 1:00 pm at school outside.

Spring Fling: first committee meeting is 1/16. Lots of volunteers so far. Committee positions filled. The following are confirmed items:

- Bounce houses (same vendor as was used at Daisy Days),
- DJ Mark,
- Petting Zoo,
- Concessions, food trucks,
- Henrico providing tents and tables (uniform look)

Save the date going out in mailboxes, need to make sure it's well attended event. Will issue weekly announcements, and put teasers on the calendar to be sent out to families. Corporate sponsors will be needed as well, would like to start with a \$250 minimum amount.

Book collection and sale - coming up, focus in late February. MS Ford will be helping by wearing something fun to help with book collection. There will be boxes in the lobby for donations. Save the date going out in next Signals.

Volunteer save the date in teacher mailboxes. Feeling pressure to make sure it's a great, well attended event. Weekly announcements, teasers on the calendar to be sent out to families. Corporate sponsors needed for spring fling. Sending out asking for sponsors. Starting at \$250 minimum sponsor amount. Will use the name of sponsors on event materials, as extra

advertisement for those giving \$\$\$. Intimate ask. Not blanket ask. We will give free tickets out to those donating. Committee will consider on case by case basis depending on amount of donation.

Working with K2 for our t-shirts to get a good spring fling shirt created. Will focus on a global citizen theme, something catchy. Will thank sponsors on back of t-shirts. Need sponsors secured soon. Advertise on signals as soon as ready as well.

Couple new things adding to the fun this year – hair spray painting, cash cow – volunteer Dads needed to wear the cow costumes. Raffle tickets 50/50 will be sold by Dads in costume.

Balloon splash, dunk tank-type. Throw balloons at target, will break and water goes on the person standing in the 'tank'. Next committee meeting is 2/21, with updates following that.

Average attendance at the event? Well over 1500 – 2000 people come through, great advertisement for sponsors! In the past have sold up to 32,000 tickets and 800 wristbands.

BBGB Book Fair this week! Will be open til 4pm, with class visits on Thursday and Friday to get books also. Come! Louise could use help on all three days. Sign up on Signals if you can help.

First Grade Musical – Mr. Pierce saved the day and played the piano. Videographer was only able to get one of the two shows. Not re-doing for the second performance. DVD will use footage that they have. Don't want to take instruction time away from teachers, so not re-doing the second show.

Minutes approved from last month, Allison to send to Angela Verdery for posting on PTA website. Will include the Treasurer's Report with the posting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm