



**STEVENS FOREST ELEMENTARY
PTA**

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PTA Board Meeting 2/8/20221

Maya Green called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m. Meeting took place in a virtual format.

Board Members Present:

President - Maya Green
Vice President of Fundraising – J’Ne St Cyr
Vice President for Membership – Andre Neuland
Vice President for Programs – Nadia Herron
Treasurer - Mike Elser
Recording Secretary – Sylvia Hennesie
Corresponding Secretary - Mary Amponsah
PTACHC Delegate – Rikki McCoy

Other Members Present:

Dr. Joy Smith
Mrs. Katie Carter
Lena Kennedy
Jenny Flores
Julie*
Averie*
Megan Williams
Samuel Pearson-Moore
Sandi*
Brandi Dant
Elizabeth Lakey
Nathan*
Julia*

*full name not given during meeting

Board Members Absent:

PTACHC Delegate – Nina York

We do have a quorum. It is established that we have a quorum for this meeting.

Agenda

Motion to approve meeting agenda at 7:04pm by J'Ne St Cyr

Seconded by – Mrs. Katie Carter

Call to vote; motion passed unanimously.

Approval of past meeting minutes

Motion to approve past meeting minutes at 7:09pm by Mike Elser

Seconded by – Andre Neuland

Call to vote; motion passed unanimously.

Membership Report – Andre Neuland

- General recruitment updates: 74 members, 9 new members - all teachers (yay!)
- Teacher recruitment raffle winners: Victoria Meyer, Jennifer Kitchen, Ann-Marie Kasuda, Asha Johnson, Kristen Bacon, Cynthia Rainey
- Grade level ambassadors - email was sent to team leaders (ITLs) of grades still needing ambassadors; ideally looking for 2 per grade, preK and 3rd grade have no volunteers as of yet

Action Item(s): Andre will reach out to teachers who won raffle via email to Dr. Smith

Administrative Report: Dr. Smith

- Teachers love notes around the building, thank you for gratitude notes and the surprise; please continue to do this moving forward - it's very encouraging
- Math conferences Th 2/10 and Fr 2/11, sign up window has closed, reach out to your child's teacher if you'd like to schedule a meeting
- Tu 2/15 is the 100th day of school
- Tu 2/22 is Twos Tuesday
- Field trip support - 5th so grateful for support from PTA
- Hard copies of report cards were sent home, hope they were helpful versus just online access, want families to have information about student progress
- Will update with school improvement goals next meeting
- Time to start brainstorming ideas for SFES's 50th birthday (Sept 2022)

Administrative Report: Mrs. Carter

- PBIS pamphlet came home with report cards
- Parents/Guardians of 3rd grader (all) or 5th grader (only new to HCPSS or current GT students) will have CogAT testing coming up at end of the month
- Title 1 info - some information on website; <https://sfes.hcpss.org/about/title-i-program>, Central Office would have more specific information about how much money SFES has received for programs

Treasurer report: Mike Elser

- Books for Restorative Justice group purchased and budget updates shared
- Reflections Contest (Krista Threefoot/Jenny Flores) - request for money from pta to use for gift for Reflections participants (6 students) - PTA will reimburse for purchase

- Will be used to purchase model magic
- 2 students went on to the state level of the competition!!
- If you have receipts please give them to Mike to be reimbursed

Committees

VP of Programs - Nadia Herron

- STEM Night (Samuel Pearson-Moore) - committee has met twice and there are 5 volunteers along with Sam working on STEM Night/Week
 - Nadia and Jenny worked on proposal for kick off event, proposing to move STEM Night to the last week in April (week of 4/25, after spring break; date for STEM Night is 4/29)
 - goal to have program outside, Idea Lab is good with outdoor plan and they are available Friday 4/29
 - will need to send 20% deposit
 - will be three stations via Idea Lab plus 2 additional stations (organized by SFES)
 - Plan to have Science Fair kits for students who need (at least 20), ordering about 60 tri-fold boards for students
 - next meeting will be Feb 17
 - Family Fun Night for Engineering will be - focus will be minorities in STEM, tie in to Black History Month and support with gap in International Night

Action Item(s): *Sam will reach out to Mike about deposit, supply closet will be check for science kit supplies*

- Family Fun Library Night
 - March 2, East Columbia Branch - Opportunity to announce STEM Night; will be a tour and resource workshops to support with planning for STEM Night
- Art Night - postponed
- Staff Lunch, Thurs 2/10, will be grab and go
- Yoga for staff - Nadia's sister has a yoga studio, will send out survey to staff to gauge interest
- Field Trip funding update
 - 3rd grade request for enhancement on trip to Museum of Industry, received after deadline, is PTA able to support? Cost would be \$6/per child (\$340)
 - *Motion at 8:08pm by Maya Green to reallocate \$340 from OMCA donation (\$300) and Valentine's Day dance (\$40); seconded by Sylvia Hennesie*
 - *Call to vote; motion passed unanimously.*
- Valentine's Day Dance (Maya Green) - Mon 2/14 @ 6:30pm, virtual - will be games and music, about 1 hr
- Author Visit (Sylvia Hennesie) - postponed to May, Kevin Sherry is willing to be outside if necessary, will check back in March/April
- Hospitality/Books for Bobcats/Bookmobile (Jenny Flores)
 - February - sending notes of love, posted notes around school for staff and students, included complements and quotes
 - It's School Counselor Week - send email to Mrs. Carlson!, her door was decorated
 - Feb 22 - Bus Driver Appreciation
 - Feb 28 thru Mar 4 - Employee Appreciation Week

- March - would like to provide ice cream for staff, also would like to chalk sidewalk again
 - Have any ideas? reach out to Jenny
- Maryland Book Bank has a hold because of Covid, Jenny has reached out to Mrs. Ferrara about current need
- Always Reading, Inc./Achieving through Reading program
 - <https://www.alwaysreading.org/>
 - Organization provides continuous supply of diverse titles to Title 1 schools
 - Jenny is going to reach out to organization
- Spring Book Fair - will check-in with Mrs. Walker
- Jenny has valentine boxes - if teachers need

VP of Fundraising - J'Ne St Cyr

- Joe Corbi's - most lucrative fundraiser, raised almost \$1000, J'Ne is looking into more fundraisers that are similar
- Restaurant Night last month (Chipotle) raised \$245 - highest so far this year
- Red Robin restaurant night this Thursday
- Scrip (Raise Right) Gift Card Program - 9 teachers enrolled since staff meeting, doubled enrollment, earning about \$200/month
- feedback from teachers to plan for restaurant nights to not be when teachers have meetings/conferences so teachers can attend

PTACHC Rep – Nina York & Rikki McCoy

- n/a - representatives were unable to attend meeting

Other Updates

- ***SECAC Rep - we are still looking for a representative, please contact Maya if you are able to fill this role!***

New Business:

- Rainbow Ribbon schools - CARY, <https://www.cary-hoco.org/> - looking into applying to be a Rainbow Ribbon School next school year, Maya to let Mrs. Carlson know that PTA would like to support where needed
- Parent concerns about school meal options - concern has been forwarded to administration, Dr. Smith sent an email out to Food and Nutrition and is waiting for response

Meeting Closure

Motion to adjourn by Maya Green at 8:14pm

Seconded by Sylvia Hennesie

Call to vote; motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14pm.