



STEVENS FOREST  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

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**PTA General Meeting- 3/4/15**

**Jill Edelson called meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in Media Center.**

**Board Members present:**

President - Jill Edelson  
Vice President for Membership - Quiana Holmes  
Vice President for Programs – Krista Threefoot  
Treasurer – Meghan Skaggs  
Recording Secretary - Daphne Harrington  
Corresponding Secretary - Jonathan Edelson  
Principal – Ernesto Diaz  
PTA Council of Howard County Representative - Reginald Avery

**General Membership Present:**

See attached sheet.

It is established we have a quorum

**Reading and approval of the meeting agenda:** Jill Edelson

1. Motion to approve the agenda
2. Vote: approved the agenda

**Reading and approval of the meeting minutes:** Daphne Harrington

1. Motion to approve the February 4, 2015 meeting minutes
2. Vote: approved the February 4, 2015 meeting minutes

**Treasurer update:** Meghan Skaggs

Address number of fundraisers versus programs – maintain tax exempt charitable organization status we need to have 3:1 ratio. It should be 3 events per 1 fundraiser

Discussion of what constitutes a fundraiser

Motion to remove penny wars from schedule to eliminate a fundraiser on our budget

The motion is approved and we eliminated the penny wars.

Discussion of making the Oakland Mills bingo raffle and the hot dog sale be a 5<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser not a PTA fundraiser

Discussion about whether ice cream social is fundraiser vs social event, and switching line item in budget

With eliminating penny wars, reducing cost of the flowers during teacher appreciation so no money is raised, and breaking down hospitality events into separate events to make ratio work

**Vice President of Membership report:** Quiana Holmes

The Child of the Month:

### March is the month of the Foster Child

- Nearly 400,000 youth were in foster care in September 2012 and approximately 250,000 of those youth were school-aged.
- During their first foster care stay, a youth experiences an average of 2.8 living arrangements.
- Students in foster care are twice as likely to be absent from school than other students and change schools frequently.
- Students in foster care are 2.5-3.5 times more likely to receive special education services.

Discussion of percentages of foster kids at our school and then lead to “homeless families” and what categorizes them as homelessness

**Nomination Committee:** Jon and Daphne

The submissions from people interested in serving were sent out for the board to review so that we can take the vote to seat the committee.

The committee candidates are: Daphne Harrington, Jonathan Edelson, Lena Kennedy, Krista Threefoot, and Tracy Downard

The motion is made to approve the candidates for the nomination committee

The motion is approved.

One way to help the committee is to have everyone write descriptions of your positions from your perspectives as incumbents. Jill has already started this process.

Any incumbents will have to follow the process we establish for seeking election or re-election.

**Learn2Earn**

-Learn2Earn ended on February 28th. For those who made per-hour bids, they should be receiving e-mails asking them to fulfill their donations. Those who made pledges do have the opportunity to adjust their final donation.

-The final reading tally was 109,170 minutes. The final pledge tally was \$1858.92. So far, \$510 in pledges has been fulfilled, which would net the PTA \$433.50 after fees.

**Hospitality:** Tawania Williams

Trying to do a treat for PI – possibly donate a pie

**Vice President of Programs Report:** Krista Threefoot

Brigitta needs to know about the raffle decision if the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team was going to do it or how to handle. Mrs. Lannon is going to contact 5<sup>th</sup> grade team about this situation.

**PTACHC** – Reginald Avery

Last meeting was canceled and hopefully reschedule for next Monday – Rebecca scheduled to talk about PARCC –

Looking at the wellness policy – again – establish a committee

CA – looking at the pools – swim center in particular – particularly the water slide –

Expansion of the sidewalk – still in the works

**Principal's Update:** Mr. Diaz

Mr. Diaz discussed the option of an awning in the front entrance of the school – they are not sure what the plans are or how they'll do it, but they realized that the students need shelter from the entrance doors out into the courtyard area where they wait after school to be picked up – it will be a permanent fixture or piece of construction, not just a temporary fix – hopefully construction will start in the summer

As part of a school that receives title 1 funding, we have to have surveys to evaluate how we're spending the money – surveys will be electronic but also available at the meeting to be filled out. – continue for the next few months

Planning stages for next year: Kindergarten team and PreK team have set up 3 playground playdates

Tues. June 9<sup>th</sup> 4:30-5:30 pm

Thurs. July 9<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Sat. Aug 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am – 11:30 am

**Save the date:**

March 9, 7:30 pm PTACHC Meeting

Teacher Treat Pie Day (3/14)

March 20 – 6:00-8:30 pm Dinner and Auction

April 8, 6:30-8:30 pm – PTA meeting

April 13, 7:30 pm – PTACHC Meeting

April 29, 7 pm, Other Barn, Education town hall meeting with HCPSS

May 4-8 – Staff Appreciation Week, lunch 5/8

March 24 – Unos Night

April 17, 6:30 pm - Bingo Night at The Other Barn

April 21 – Red Robin Night

May 23 – Spring Fling

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:45pm