



STEVENS FOREST
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

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PTA General Meeting- 5/6/15

Jill Edelson called meeting to order at 6:40 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
PTA Council of Howard County Representative - Reginald Avery
Principal – Ernesto Diaz

Board Members absent:

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 April 8, 2015 meeting minutes
2. Vote: approved the April 8, 2015 meeting minutes

Treasurer update: Meghan Skaggs

Amended budget passed out

VP Membership – Quiana Holmes

National PTA Student of the Month: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

- Approximately 16.6 million AAPIs reside in the U.S. (Approximately 5.4% of U.S. population ; 4.8% at SFES
- Nearly one out of four AAPI students is Limited English Proficient and/or lives in a linguistically isolated household where parents have limited English proficiency.
- There is a need for greater accommodations for English Language Learners on assessments and in the classroom; additional staff is needed
- AAPIs have suffered the largest percentage decline in homeownership of any racial group

Committees:

Teacher appreciation – everything going very well – flower sales are a huge success – lots of bobcat tickets used this year, more than money, which is different than the previous year. This plus decreasing asking prices of students means the flowers cost a lot more than expected. We bought approximately \$2,000 carnations from a wholesaler, and had another amount donated from a couple of PTA families

Fiesta Lunch – Tawania Williams - everything going well – so far there seems to be a lot of items being prepared and Fabiola is working with Tawania to coordinate the event

Bucks for books – Jill Edelson - ask teachers to pick out 6 or 7 books students from their class might be interested in buying and appropriate reading levels – the students will preorder the book that they want and the books will be delivered to the school so that they will all be there available instead of selling out – it is still buy one get one free

Spring Fling – Quiana Holmes

Magician with magic show, balloons, photo booth

Oakland Mills High School Jazz band perform

Star Wars figures come and walk around possibly

Hot Dogs and Kona Ice, CA camps, Martial Arts, Howard County Community Hospital , Oakland Mills Pharmacy

Corresponding Secretary: Jonathan Edelson:

-Arranged discount meals and did social media promotion of Family Bingo

-Worked with VP Programs and OM Village to distribute Family Bingo flyer

-Social media promotion of hot dog sale

-Worked hot dog sale

-Built sign-up form and did social media promotion of April staff treat for Hospitality

-Worked with Hispanic Liaison and Hospitality chair on staff luncheon flyer

-Worked with VP Programs on Staff Appreciation Week Flyers (she did all the work; I fixed one word)

-Built sign-up form for Staff Appreciation week

- Social media promotion of Staff Appreciation week
- Multiple Updates to website
- Wrote PTA newsletter
- Reviewed and re-distributed PTACHC election procedures
- Prepared election ballot
- Shared questions from SFES PTA (anonymized) with HCPSS at Town Hall
- Shared busing exception proposal with our BOE cluster representative, who shared with the HCPSS COO for further review

Community Update – Reginald Avery

BOE, Dr. Foose, etc supporting asking governor to put money back into education

PTACHC voted to approve also supporting backing asking money to be put back

Also voted to ask County council, County exec, and governor to make sure that the money gets put back

Scholarships – PTACHC offers scholarships to high school seniors

Budget – every year 1,600 new students entering the system – Along rt. 1, new elementary school – new middle school around rt. 40

MDPTA membership last year 26,199 down to 22,009 this year

SFES membership 233 down to 178 members (we’ve also this year eliminated automatically making community donors members)

PTA participation in middle and high school is very low

A MD PTA had board officers resigned, treasurer handed over the existing funds from the PTA, and then wanted to reestablish right after and it’s much more difficult than that to do

Nomination Committee: Lena Kennedy

The PTA elections procedures are read aloud by Jill to ensure SFES PTA is following procedures.

The president (Jill) restates the slate of nominees and asks each one to stand. The president conducts the election of officers even if (he/she is) nominated for an office. The president thanks the nominating committee for its report and states:

“According to our bylaws, nominations from the floor are now in order.”

The privilege of nominating from the floor is extended to members of the association who are present, whose dues are paid, and who have been members of the association. A qualified member may nominate his or her self.

Nominations do not require a second, only the nominee’s consent.

The president will then ask:

a. Ask for additional nominations for all positions in the order in which they are listed in the Bylaws for Local PTA/PTSA before closing nominations for all elected offices and then proceed with the election; or

b. Ask for additional nominations for each position, one at a time, in the order in which they are listed in the Bylaws and then proceed to elect the officer after nominations are closed on each position.

The president states,

“_____ has been nominated for president, are there further nominations for president?” (Pause).

“_____ has been nominated for vice president, are there further nominations for vice president?” (Pause). This procedure is used for each office.

The president then says,

“Are there further nominations for any of these offices?”(Pause) “Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed. The bylaws state that where there is but one nominee for an office, the ballot may be dispensed with and the election held by voice. Is there any objection to this procedure?” (Pause) “Hearing none, the following are presented for election _____ for president, _____ for vice president, etc.” After all offices have been presented say the following: “All those in favor say aye, those opposed say no.”

The president states,

“The ayes have it and you have elected the following officers.” (The president restates names and offices.)

Officers are elected by a majority vote of those present, providing the quorum as stated in the bylaws has been met.

VOICE VOTE

If there is but one nominee for any office, the ballot vote for that office may be dispensed with and the election held by voice vote, as described above.

The following is the slate of nominees which were nominated and elected by the above procedures:

President: Quiana Holmes

VP Membership: Lena Kennedy

VP Fundraising: Vacant

VP Programs: Krista Threefoot

Treasurer: Jill Edelson

Corresponding Secretary: Jonathan Edelson

Recording Secretary: Daphne Harrington

PTACHC delegate: Reginald Avery

PTACHC delegate: Vacant

Principal's Update: Mr. Diaz

State of the schools presentation – seemed to go well – most recently an elementary school model

Board docs, then go to meetings, and search for particular meetings

Won gold in Healthy Howard – added another level

Year winding down – finishing school teacher observations – continuing articulation, giving student info to next years' teachers

Team meetings to start planning sections for next years to give all students balance

Little League going to start playing on our fields – Howard County Park and Recreation -

Articulation – parent input forms – can we bring them back? If want input, send them in to school - Mr. Diaz will look into putting together a school-wide form

Question about Science Fair possibility

Kindergarten numbers good, might have 4 classes

Money for Principal's fund – Mr. Diaz will look into how to spend funds

Waivers still not spent for books for Language arts classrooms – how to handle this?

Save the date:

May 4-8 Staff appreciation week, lunch on 5/8	May 7 – Progress Reports issued
May 14 – Enrichment Fair	May 20 – 7-8 pm Spring & Band Concert
May 22 – Field Day (June 5 rain date)	May 23 – Spring Fling
May 28 – 7-8:15 pm Spring Chorus Concert	May 29 – Simulated Congressional Hearings& Bobcat Bonanza
June 1 – 7:30 pm PTACHC Meetings	June 3 – 6:30-7:30 pm PTA Meetings
June 13 – 9-11:30 am Food Giveaway @ Forest Ridge Apartments	
June 19 – Last Day of School	

Meeting Adjourned: 8:18 pm