



**STEVENS FOREST ELEMENTARY
PTA**

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PTA Board Meeting 2/13/2023

Maya Green called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m. Meeting took place in a virtual format.

Board Members Present:

President - Maya Green

Vice President for Membership – Andre Neuland

Vice President for Programs – Nadia Herron

Corresponding Secretary - Mary Amponsah

PTACHC Delegate – Rikki McCoy

Other Members Present:

Joy Smith

Megan Williams

Katie Carter

Jenny Flores

Marcus Jackson

Gardenia Jackson

Kevin Orellana

Tara Jackson

David *

Kristen*

Sandy*

*full name not given during meeting

Board Members Absent:

Recording Secretary – Sylvia Hennessie

Vice President of Fundraising – J'Ne St Cyr

PTACHC Delegate – Nina York

Treasurer - Mike Elser

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

Agenda

Motion to approve meeting agenda at 7:05 pm by Andre Neuland

Seconded by – Mary Amponsah

Call to vote; motion passed unanimously.

Approval of past meeting minutes

Motion to approve past meeting minutes at 7:09pm by Andre Neuland

Seconded by – Rikki McCoy

Call to vote; motion passed unanimously.

Membership Report – Andre Neuland

- No change in members
- Nothing else to report

Treasure Report- Mike Elser (Maya Green presented b/c Mike was not present)

- We spent \$38.19 on flowers for the winter concert for Ms. Bacon and Mr. Stabile
- We raised \$67.77 with Raise Right
- If you have receipts for the Turkey Trot, teacher lunch and Winter Concert, get in touch with Mike so he can reimburse you
- Effective February, 20th, Amazon Smile is ending. It is not a huge hit to us because we only raise about \$100 annually

Administrative Report: Mrs. Carter & Dr. Smith

- Highlight last week was celebrating the 100th day of school. Students celebrated last week and Pre-K celebrated today, they came dressed as 100 years old
- We had an average turnout for Math conferences. Teachers followed up with emails and phone calls to those families that couldn't make it. Teachers are always happy to share news about students
- A big thank you pta for staff breakfast a few weeks ago and then the lunch provided for math conferences. Staff always appreciates the PTA
- We are looking forward to Random Acts of Kindness Day, and the PTA Valentines Dance
- 35 days until spring and we have a lot going on, we are moving right along having fun, students are happy to get out to recess when it's nice out
- We did hire new staff. A .5 para for Kindergarten. The current Kindergarten para was moved to Alternative Ed. Ms V, the new K para started today, we are happy to have her support
- We are always happy to engage with students

- There will be a Black History Month program during the day, Ms. Williams, Ms. Capel our BSAP Liaison, and Ms. Boone our Family Liaison are working together to put on a program for the students during next Wednesday along with a drummer to share different sounds and culture
- *A parent asked if there will be winter Tune in Tuesday.....*Dr. Smith said that the academic committee decided not to continue Tune in Tuesday this year
- *A parent asked if parents can come to the BHM program?...Dr. Smith said if your student is in the program, yes parents can come*
- Unheard Perspective- 4th and 5th graders did their presentations with Ms. Kastner and Ms. Boone. Judges will select students to go to county level presentations on the last weekend of the month to present at that county level

Committees

VP of Programs - Nadia Herron

- Valentine's Day Dance-on the 15th, 7-8pm, 6-7pm is math night. There will be a DJ, decorations and crafts. It'll be short sweet and fun
- STEM Night (Jenny Flores spoke)-in March, Valerie Patel, Lindsay and Patirck Cox are on the committee. It will be March 30th, we are doing four booths from Science Guy. They will be Engineer Earth(building structures) Rainbow and Lasers (light waves), Science of Art, Echoes of Nature (animals from Harry Potter). There will be another creating a structure booth, middle and high school students will volunteer to do projects, and students doing projects is the main attraction. We will offer two in school events March 2nd at 3:30 and March 21st at 3:30 to help students with projects. No kits this year b/c they were not taken last year. We will need volunteers to help setup, from 5-6pm and clean up. Students can do anything for science fair we provide the trifold
- Paint night- In April. Funds from the artwork fundraiser will be used to do the paint night in the 3rd week of April in conjunction with World Art Day on April 15th
- Again this year the Spring Concert and Spring Fair will be combined like last year.
- We love providing meals to the staff, we did On The Border catering for staff during Math conferences. Staff is always so happy and appreciative

VP of Fundraising - J'Ne St Cyr (Maya presented because J'Ne was not present)

Officer Report - VP of Fundraising

- RaiseRight Gift Card Program
- 50th Anniversary Bricks & Banners update- The website Bricks r Us is up and running, you can order bricks there, goal is to have it installed before end of the year in the grassy area in front of school. <https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/sfesbricks>
- Upcoming: Harlem Wizards Game (March 22, 2023)- we are so happy to have it back, it'll be at 6:30pm. To buy tickets you go to harlem wizards website, go to "schedule and tickets", go to "March" on calendar, scroll down to "Columbia MD March 22" select "buy now", scroll up to see cost it is \$15 for general admission
- Dr. Smith said it was a well attended event, we had hard copy tickets that worked better for sales last time. The event had a lot of teachers participating, OM community was there and it special
- Tara Jackson said as a parent, it was a lot of fun and kids enjoyed it too
- We need to clarify ticket purchase because what if people just show up because the link to purchase tickets is not on there. One more note, there is a processing fee to purchase of \$1.50

- We will send out email with better directions. Please reach out to any PTA member if you need help

PTACHC Rep – Rikki McCoy

- This past monday was PTACHC meeting, meetings are in person only 730-9pm
- Talked about budget, Dr. Martirano introduced the budget to board, then it goes to county executives
- They encourage everyone to go review the budget
- Discussed stuff going on with Member Hub might be changing

New Business- Maya Green

- Board Shadowing-elections coming up in May, nominating committee is starting to organize
- Positions available for board next year are; President, Treasurer, Vice President of Programs, Treasure, Vice President of Fundraising, Corresponding Secretary, and PTACHC Delegate. We need one more volunteer for the nominating committee. The committee will meet, help recruit and vet candidates, and present to the board at the meeting in May. We must have a president, treasure, and recording secretary. If interested, send email to PTA email
- If you would like to shadow a current member in any of the board positions, send an email to PTA email and we can make that happen
- We need 5 people for the nominating committee, we are short 1 volunteer
- Hospitality update- There was a hot cocoa bar a week before the staff breakfast. Ms. Carlson was treated to lunch for Guidance Counselor week, she was so grateful. On Feb 22 it is School Bus Driver Day, we will pass out candy and notes for drivers and assistants
- Random acts of kindness Day is Friday, February, 17. The plan is to put hearts in teacher mailboxes for them to pass out to students, when you catch a kid doing kind acts or a kid catches someone else they get a heart, they will put in box with their name on it and those hearts will be put around the building so kids can see all the acts. Ms. carlson will pick 10 kids to be kindness superheroes and they will get a bag for bag of goodies
- On Thursday, February, 16th we will decorate school 7-9pm need volunteers to help
- Friday morning, February 17th, Jenny will chalk kind words on ground around school grounds for Kindness Day, she is looking for any volunteers to help
- School social work week coming up, Jenny will buy goodies for that
- Please buy things from the wishlist, staff likes coffee
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/10GHPQ6O47DOV?ref_=wl_share

Meeting Closure

Motion to adjourn by Andre Neuland at 7:51pm

Seconded by Tara Jackson

Call to vote; motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 7:51pm.