



**STEVENS FOREST ELEMENTARY  
PTA**

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**PTA Board Meeting 4/5/2022**

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

**Other Members Present:**

Dr. Joy Smith  
Mrs. Katie Carter  
Liz Lakey  
Antonio\*  
Gardenia Lacy  
Marcus Jackson  
Jenny Flores  
Megan Williams  
Mrs. Sandy Rosenberger  
Samuel Pearson-Moore  
David\*

\*full name not given during meeting

**Board Members Absent:** n/a

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

## **Agenda**

*Motion to approve meeting agenda at 7:05pm by Sylvia Hennesie*

*Seconded by – Mike Elser*

*Call to vote; motion passed unanimously.*

## **Approval of past meeting minutes**

*Motion to approve past meeting minutes at 7:08pm by Mike Elser*

*Seconded by – J'Ne St Cyr*

*Call to vote; motion passed unanimously.*

## **Membership Report – Andre Neuland**

- 76 members, one new parent increase from last meeting
- Ambassador update - planning to ask parents who have volunteered for this year to transition into role for next grade as long as child isn't moving into middle school

## **Administrative Report: Dr. Smith**

- Shared thanks for the birthday celebration and Asst. Principal's Day
- School asks
  - 5th grade yearbook support, \$972.80 (64 5th grade students)
  - Field Day (May 18) water bottles for each student \$1.31/375 students = \$527.07
    - There is a possible donation from a SFES family for this, Maya will update
    - \$400 in budget for student assembly, under budget \$176
      - Motion to add Field Day program to budget for \$550 by Mike Elser at 8:22pm, second Nadia Herron at 8:24pm, motion passes
- June 6 - Outdoor Spring Concert, will combine Spring Concert with PTA end of year event
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2 - 6
- 50th Celebration Committee - Dr. Smith has had individuals reach out about how they can support
  - Maya, Nadia, J'Ne, and Jenny interested in helping and will put together interest form
- Started student voice groups last Friday (3rd and 5th), meeting with 4th graders this Friday, getting feedback for how to support next year
- School system is sending home covid tests with all students and staff to be used before coming back after spring break
- Hard copies of report cards to be sent home this Friday along with instructions for how to access online

## **Administrative Report: Mrs. Carter**

- Upcoming tests: MAP for grades 1-5 (ELA/Math), MCAP for grades 3-5
  - Dates in newsletter, please send students to school with charged chromebook and good night sleep

### **Treasurer report: Mike Elser**

- \$560 under budget, programs
- Raised about \$1200 more than originally budgeted
- Field trip support - checks returned from PreK trip because of snow day, issued support checks for 3rd and 5th

### **Committees**

#### **VP of Programs - Nadia Herron**

- STEM Night (Samuel Pearson-Moore) - Tuesday, 4/26 new date, 6-7:30pm
  - IdeaLab does not able to have capacity for staffing
    - Mad Science - science of making cotton candy
    - Echo Animals - animals for students to interact with
    - Form for students to use to participate in Science Fair portion
  - Need volunteers - set-up, breakdown, judges, running stations; form going home/being shared
  - Library Night was 4/7, support nights to be held at school and virtually
  - materials ordered for students to use for their STEM board
- (Nadia Herron) June 6th - crafts, ice cream social, Spring/Summer Festival; Dr. Smith will follow up with Mrs. Bacon/Mr. Stabile about combining Spring Band and Strings
  - motion by Mike Elser to add \$300 to create program for June 6 (since there will be no International Festival this year) - seconded by Maya Green 8:14pm, motion passes
- Popsicles on the Playground (last day of school)
- Book Mobile (Jenny Flores)
  - Was able to get books and divide them up; goal was to go to apartments, Orchard Hill and by school
  - Will have a station for people to pick up books on Friday during dismissal at playground area
  - Jenny coming back with additional dates
- Author Visit (Sylvia Hennessee)
  - Fee for Kevin Sherry has increased to \$750 for 4 presentations; was previously \$400 but he is moving back toward his normal rate (\$1200).
    - Can we afford \$750 for four presentations? Yes, we have \$900 in budget
    - Will four presentations work for the student body? YES
    - Waiting to hear back if date switch will work (June 10 instead of June 3), will offer June 9

#### **VP of Fundraising - J'Ne St Cyr**

- Restaurant Night
  - None for March
  - April - end of April
  - May - mid May
  - Vendor - should we have Pizzaman join the Spring/Summer Festival?

- Other ideas: Krispy Kreme fundraiser, Art fundraiser, could be done with 50th anniversary
- Scrip (Raise Right) Gift Card Program - waning; getting rid of option to ship to J'Ne

#### **PTACHC Rep – Nina York & Rikki McCoy**

- Graduation rate in 2021 was 94%
- all PTAs will need to revise/approve bylaws
- No hybrid options for PTACHC
- Offering more open contracts to lure more teachers into HCPSS

#### **Other Updates**

- Hospitality
  - Jenny working on arrangements for Teacher Appreciation
- Books for Bobcats - Bookmobile (see above)
- **SECAC Rep - we are still looking for a representative, please contact Maya if you are able to fill this role!**

#### **New Business**

- [Bylaws Committee and Free State PTA](#)
- Mrs. Rosenberger - thank you for support for field trip, and constant love and support
  - 5th grade gift/yearbooks - Is PTA able to support with yearbooks or shirts? PTA will support with cost of yearbooks; staff can manage tie dye shirts for students

#### **Meeting Closure**

*Motion to adjourn by Maya Green at 8:28pm*

*Seconded by Mike Elser*

*Call to vote; motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28pm.