



**STEVENS FOREST ELEMENTARY  
PTA**

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**PTA Board Meeting 9/5/2023**

Michael Elser called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m. Meeting took place virtually.

**Board Members Present:**

President - Michael Elser  
Vice President for Membership – Andre Neuland  
Vice President for Programs – Nadia Herron  
Vice President of Fundraising - Jonathan Shin  
Treasurer - Joshua Green  
Recording Secretary – Sylvia Hennessie  
PTACHC Delegate – Marcus Jackson  
PTACHC Delegate - vacant

**Other Members Present:**

Brittany Fitzpatrick  
Casey Schurman  
Jenny Flores  
Katie Carter  
Kimberly Arndt  
Mary Amponsah  
Megan Williams  
Rikki McCoy  
Sandi Weaver  
David Blagg  
Pam Linton-Kozar  
Christine Allen  
Tangie Chen  
Adeisha Samuel

\*full name not given

**Board Members Absent:**

Corresponding Secretary - Tara Jackson

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

### **Agenda**

*Motion to approve meeting agenda at 7:03pm by Sylvia Hennesie*

*Seconded by – Joshua Green*

*Call to vote; motion passed unanimously.*

### **Introductions of Board Members**

#### **Treasurer Report - Mike Elser/Joshua Green**

- Presented and discussed 2023-2024 PTA Budget
  - \$19,500 beginning balance
  - \$14,000 estimated to spend on event and programs, about 70% of our budget
  - Looking for authors for author visit, if you have leads please reach out to Mike at [sfesbobcatspta@gmail.com](mailto:sfesbobcatspta@gmail.com)
- Vote taken to Approve/Deny Budget
  - Motion to approve the budget at 7:13pm by Marcus Jackson*
  - Seconded by - Sylvia Hennesie*
  - Call to vote; motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Membership Report - Andre Neuland**

- Currently have 15 members
- Andre preparing to put membership/donation forms for staff in their mailboxes
- Will also have promotions at BTSN and fall events

#### **Administrative Report - Mrs. Carter & Dr. Casey Schurman**

- Fantastic start to the school year; students excited about seeing their friends and teachers
- Student Success Assemblies
  - Today (9/5) for grades K, 1, 2
  - Grades 3, 4, 5 tomorrow (9/6)
  - PreK next week
  - Discuss ROAR behaviors
- SFES is one of 4 community schools this year and we are working to identify the needs for our community
  - Survey will be coming out Sept 14 online, and there will also be a paper version. Please look for and complete!
- Community Schools Site Coordinator - Brittany Fitzpatrick, please reach out if you have any questions about community schools process [Brittany\\_Fitzpatrick@hcpss.org](mailto:Brittany_Fitzpatrick@hcpss.org)
- Thank you for chalking the walk and the Back To School luncheon for staff!
- At the next meeting, we will share the 2023-24 School Improvement Program.
- Light banners were approved at the board of ed meeting last Thursday. They should be shipped and installed within the month.

## **Committees**

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

- Sept 21: Family Fun Night
- Oct 27 @ 6:30pm: Trunk or Treat
- Nov 18: Turkey Trot
- Dec: Winter Movie Night
- To sign up for event volunteering:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0HKe62B8DiSe4NX0v8UCaTAsYdp8FyIRlwKABkYwHu-vZiA/viewform>

### **VP of Fundraising - Jonathan Shin**

- Oct 7: Oakland Mills Community Association's Fall Fest, will need at least 6-7 volunteers
- Nov: Photo session fundraiser, if you know of any photographers reach out to Jonathan:
- Dec: Square 1 fundraiser
- Jan: First restaurant night at Chipotle

### **PTACHC Rep – Marcus Jackson**

- We are still looking to fill the second position. If you are interested, please reach out to Mike at [sfesbobcatspta@gmail.com](mailto:sfesbobcatspta@gmail.com)

## **New Business:**

- PTACHC position opening - Mike to send email to Mrs. Carter to go out to the community
- Superintendent Capital Budget Advocacy
  - Newest capital budget pushes OMHS renovations back to 2038, we need to advocate to put it back to 2027
  - Sept 21 is date for public testimony
  - Written testimony can be as simple as "I support putting OMHS renovations back to 2027 on the budget."

*Motion for SFES PTA to submit testimony at 7:33pm by Mike Elser*

*Seconded by - Sylvia Hennesie*

*Call to vote; motion passed unanimously.*

- To sign up for testimony:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScuqsRd7GTkG5WWQQkrE-9xIHycbyRnxi-X22\\_-KUh2ef3Ew/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScuqsRd7GTkG5WWQQkrE-9xIHycbyRnxi-X22_-KUh2ef3Ew/viewform)
- Membership versus Donations push - donations go 100% to school, whereas school only keeps about 55% of membership dues, and the rest goes to state and national PTA.
  - We are required to have at least 10 members, which we do
  - Prefer donations unless person desires to be a board member and/or vote on issues
  - Reach out to Mike or Andre with questions [sfesbobcatspta@gmail.com](mailto:sfesbobcatspta@gmail.com)
- Teacher Treats (Jenny Flores)
  - Coffee pods have been purchased for the school year and will be rationed out
  - Books for Bobcats - We have a membership to the Maryland book bank, unlimited books
    - Jenny wants to have someone shadow her to take over, as this is her last year

**Other Updates**

SECAC Representative

- We are in need of a SECAC representative (Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee), if interested please reach out to Mike ASAP: sfesbobcatspta@gmail.com
- meetings are typically the first Tuesday of the month from 7-9pm at Patuxent Valley Middle School
- website for more information: <https://howardcountysecac.com/>

**Meeting Closure**

*Motion to adjourn by Sylvia Hennesie at 7:42pm*

*Seconded by Nadia Herron*

*Call to vote; motion passed unanimously.*

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.