

**Minutes for TZHS PTSA Meeting
December 17, 2012 TZHS Library**

1. Call to Order, 7:08pm

2. Introductions

3. In attendance: Tara Shapiro, Colleen Meehan, Gina Ironside, MaryBeth Carley, Mary Paul, Cindy Yee, Kathy Mart, Jennifer Amos, Richard Neidhart, Nicole Glazer, Rosemary Pitruzzella, Kathy Dellacava, Maureen Aitchison, Mary Ryker

4. Principal's Report (Mrs. Amos)

- TZHS response to CT Tragedy, Safety throughout the district reviewed, crisis team meetings, discussions over the weekend of 12/15 review district policies and procedures that are already in place. TZHS had a moment of silence on Monday 12/17, and discussed with students importance of making save choices and make the TZHS environment safe.

- Nat'l Honor Society, question on appeals process. Application send to those academically eligible, with the by-laws and requirements such as community service and letters of recommendation. To appeal a denied application, contact NHS advisor, request an appeal to faculty council who hears student's case and faculty council make decision. If still denied entrance, can appeal to the principal, no new evidence can be submitted. Principal's decision is final. Question what could prevent an academically eligible student invite to join NHS? Answer: Number and type of referrals during a school year, and breach of academic integrity. Soph year, it affects applicants in Jr. Year. Jr Year, it affects applicants in Sr. Year.

- PSAT results were sent home last week

- TZHS Principal presenting at BOE meeting on 12/20/12

- No changes to Prom for 2013, although it's been discussed.

- Midterms are the week of 1/22/13, which is 12 school days after Christmas break. Question was asked if teacher could mention it to student in classes this week, before the break.

4. Asst Principal's Report (Mr. Neidhart)

- Project Grad had its first meeting – survey will be done in early January to see what they would like during Project Grad.

- Winter concert is 7:30pm on 12/19

- NHS Induction Ceremony is 7pm on 12/18

- TZHS presents literacy initiatives on BOE meeting on 12/20/12. Review of start times will also be discussed.

5. Treasure's Report (Cindy Yee)

- Current Membership is 114 Parents/Teacher and 35 Students. These numbers are down from our projections, so we need to ask friends, neighbors and kid to join. Paypal is up and running on the TZHS PTA link for membership or donations to Project Grad and Scholarship to separate accts.

- Yankee Candle Sale Net 702.45

- NYS PTA membership dues of 596.00 paid

- \$150 paid for HalfMoon Yearbook ad

- \$150 from Boulders fundraiser

6. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve November Minutes – Tara Shapiro

2nd – Kathy Mart

Unanimous, Minutes approved.

7. President's Report

- Meeting with Dr. Mitchell – discussed community survey of start times and sleep studies. Large response received to survey, tentatively seems positive. Will discuss at BOE Meeting on 12/20, will have complete survey results in January
- Copying requests no longer go through BOCES
- Modified calendar due to Hurricane Sandy needed to show due diligence by district in case add'l snow days are needed. SOCS D had 7 days built into calendar
- Any issues with bus routes or issues on the buses, contact transportation dept.
- Drop offs in the am and concerns over start time changes. Many parents not complying with drop off in the back. Re-blast where am drop off should be done.

8 Committee Reports

- Membership – (Cindy Yee) Student membership is up (35) Parent/Student membership down (114). Reach out to friends/neighbors/students in hopes of reaching our projection for budget
- PTA Council – No Report, meeting cancelled
- Fundraising – (Gale Henry) Yankee Candle raised 702.45
- Reflections – No Report
- Health and Safety – No Report
- Scholarship – (Cindy Yee) Brainstorming for fundraising ideas. Selling waters at SOCES Dance festivals, Take out dinner nights, AMC Ticket sales to pre-order tix for movies at a discount
- Curriculum Council – No report
- Founders Day – (Mary Paul) Looking for Nominations from community
- Technology Committee – (Cindy Yee) Technology plan is being updated (last plan was for 2002-2008) Examining what infrastructure needs are coming, interested in maximizing mobile technologies.
- BLT – (Tara Shapiro) Working on Student Resume's for next year, also acknowledging
- Project Graduation – No Report

9. Old Business – Regarding Radio City trip discussed in November, return bus was provided, chorus requirement was built into the curriculum.

Bathroom breaks issue was addressed and should be an issue any longer

10. New Business – What is policy on food in classrooms and cell phone use during school. Both are technically not allowed, however, food in class is up to the specific teacher and cell phone can only be used during non-instructional time.

Who is responsible for Student Showcase display case? Ms. Gevargis

How are coaches determined each year? Coaches positions are open each year, Liam Frawley determines who the coaches for each high school team will be. Often reappoints coach from prior year.

Discussion on donating food that is leftover in the cafeteria. Once sold, food cannot be donated or reissued. Seems to be a large amount of waste, but guidelines on portions relate back to federal laws that provide a certain amt of nutrition in case the cafeteria meal is only meal of the day. Leftovers cannot be donated.

Motion at adjourn, 8:26pm

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Aitchison