

TZHS PTSA
Minutes 10/14/08

Principal's Report

Ed Bolan

- Concern over ADHD medications being shared between students. One child brought them from home for other students. Parents need to monitor if their child is on meds. The patches can be very small and hard to see
- Kids were found smoking pot outside of school. SRO Kopunek handled the situation
- Homecoming game- child brought alcohol in a water bottle
- Parents dropping off money and /or valuables need to wait for child to be called. Classes will not be interrupted and items cannot be left for student. There was an incident last year in which money was missing
- Piermont Rotary is turning in its charter b/c of low membership. Therefore, there will not be any more scholarships from the Piermont Rotary
- Senior Cut Day was 9/29. The school was unhappy, but hands are tied if parents write notes
- Honors Committee- meet regularly-parents want Honors Living Environment and Honors Chemistry
- Question regarding how info from school is communicated- TZ Times is put 4 times per year. Can info be put out another way that makes parents more accountable? Suggestion that there be a monthly e-mail that people could sign up online to receive

Assistant Principal's Report

J. Gevargis

- Guidance college info workshop was videotaped and will be available online through a guidance link on the webpage
- 10/15- 9th and 12th grades- special activities workshops, 11th grade- takes PSAT, 10th grade takes PLAN which is the pre-test to the ACT
- 10/16-English Dept Induction Honors
- 10/17-Acoustic Underground
- 10/23 College Night
- 10/29- BOE mtg. - each school will be presenting. TZHS will be highlighting how TZHS is preparing students for the 21st century
- 11/3-11/4 parent teacher conferences- 11/3 evening-first come, first served-11/4 daytime-by appt only
- 11/7-11/8-Fall play- "My Sister Eileen"

Jane Casey made a motion to accept the minutes. T. Bakker seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

J. Dennehy

- Concern that membership numbers are lower than in the past
- J. Dennehy proposed that Go Dutch! Be put on a separate line b/c it funds scholarships and Proj. Graduation
- We set a goal of \$2000 for fundraisers other than Go Dutch!
- Budget discussion was tabled until the next meeting
- There was some discussion as to whether Proj. Grad. Should be reported on each month at the general PTA mtg. Denise will be asked if she would be able to send summaries about what's happening with Proj. Grad. And scholarships. We will look at this again next year

- Superintendent Mtg.-energy conservation project is being audited an outside source. Questions are being raised such as: How can we cut back? Make changes? Conserve energy?
- Powerschool update- not continuing after this year. It is not supported by BOCES. New programs are being looked at. A team is being put together. At this time, no parents are being asked to sit on the committee
- Superintendent is not pushing teachers to have websites at this time
- Electronic backpack- trying to cut down on paper use, but not all kids have access to computers
- Picketing At SOMS- non-union workers were hired, which is okay as long as they are paid the “going rate”
- 10/30- BOE and PTA Pres retreat
- PTA Directories are ready to go. Hopefully, they will be distributed through English classes again this year(it may be sent out as a pdf in the future)
- Open positions- 2 council delegates, legislation, school board reporter, Wellness Committee (student and parent positions)
- Question was asked about whether there is career day at TZHS. If not, can we have one? A Career Day Committee was formed :Marian Gryzlo, Michelle Jones, Catherine Mercedes, Elayne Armaniaco
- Question as to how parents can become more aware of consequences of incidents happening outside school i.e. at Orangetown Plaza etc.

Motion to Adjourn made by Jane Casey, seconded by Mary Paul.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Irizarry
TZHS PTSA Recording Secretary