

Principal's Report

E. Bolan

- NYS is in a budget crisis. SOCSO will look at everything possible to see where things may need to be cut
- Honors Committee would like to add some 9th grade courses. They are looking for student input- kids will be asked to take a survey on the topic
- BLT- 3 new courses are being proposed-
 - 1)TV Studio 2 (lots of interest) 2) Project Lead the Way- Principles of Engineering 3)Environmental Science class (elective)- there would probably be less of another class offered
- Parental Burst- only 268 parents are signed up. The TZ Times was sent out successfully. TZHS will begin to use it more often to send out information- Mr. Bolan is looking for suggestions as to how to get more parents to sign up. Some suggestions that were made were to send a letter out in a progress report or to have Dr. Mitchell send out the info in one of his phone messages
- Senior Awards Ceremony- In recent years it has been at night. There is discussion of moving it to the day b/c the entire student body could be there. One suggestion is the morning of the prom. There would be awards, breakfast with parents, yearbooks and the seniors could leave by 11am.
- Parent Conferences- 6pm to 8pm was better attended than in previous years when it was held from 7pm-9pm. It is still not as well attended as it could be.
- STEPS Program- TZHS/SOCASA- Sue Maher-Vicki Shaw
 - Program was developed by NYU. It offers a grade specific, confidential for both parents and kids with a variety of topics. Kids are learning about it in health classes and brochures are being distributed in English classes

AP Report

S. Silverman

- 11/3- Honors Society put on a presidential debate forum. There were four candidates on each side. They presented positions to the entire student body. The kids were very focused. They voted during SS class. The AP Statistics class analyzed the data and presented it. Teachers thought that it helped to teach the concept of the electoral college
- Thanksgiving Music Assembly- all band students will be in the band room, while the rest of the student body will be in the auditorium
- Fundraising- -Italian trip is having a pastry sale
 - COVE is having a pet biscuit sale that will run through December
- 11/21- 18 HS students will participate in a land use symposium at RCC. There will be students from 5 other districts
- 11/22- Model UN- Turkey Bowl flag football game \$10 per player
- 11/25-Concert 7:30pm
- 12/2 Italian Honors Society
- 12/4-12/6 Tip-Off Tournament
- 12/9 National Honor Society Inductions
- 12/10 Principal's Chat Faculty Lounge 9:30 am
- 12/17 Winter Concert- BOE mtg. at TZHS will adjourn in time to attend
- Food Drive- competing among English classes- the class with the most food brought in will be treated to breakfast by the Leo Club
- 12/23 Early Dismissal 10:42 (times for all schools will be listed on the website)
- Talent Search was postponed to late winter/early spring

- Denise Jensen will come to the December meeting to discuss Project Graduation
- October minutes were approved by membership. Jane Casey made the motion and Mary Paul seconded the motion
- Superintendent's meeting- Dr. Mitchell discussed the outlook for the 21st century (see attached handouts for detailed information from Dr. Mitchell)
- BOE retreat was 10/30. Some of the topics that were addressed were facilities, funding, leadership transition teams and budgetary problems- the money that was supposed to be coming from the state is not coming
- PTA Directories are being distributed through English classes
- Go Dutch! Meeting-
 - may be a challenge to get restaurants to sign on at this time
 - starting earlier so that everything is set to go on time
 - March/April are the months in which it will run
- Fundraising- air fresheners will be sold at ZEE Mart. Committee is looking for ideas as to where they can be sold. We need to sell 400 to break even
- Membership is at about 250
- Next Project Graduation will be 11/21. It will be a morning meeting
- Wellness Committee- looking at guidelines that were written to see if anything needs to be changed or tweaked.
 - Vending machines don't have much variety. The committee is trying to improve on what is being served. They are looking at the possibility of a refrigerated vending machine.
 - Smoking is on the rise
 - Wellness Walk will be in the spring

Reality Check- a new club, will be presenting at our next meeting.

Next meeting 12/15 at 7:30 pm in TZHS Library

T. Bakker made a motion to adjourn meeting. M. Gryzlo seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
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TZHS PTA