

TZHS PTSA Minutes

12/15/08

SADD and Reality Check presented to PTSA. They would like the PTSA's support. They are asking TZHS PTSA to agree to never accept funding from tobacco companies. Many other PTAs in the area have already done the same. Jean D made a motion was made that TZHS PTSA make a commitment to this public health contract. Elayne Armaniaco seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Principal's Report

E. Bolan

- 3 new courses are being added at TZHS at no extra cost
- Honors Committee is looking into more options for 9th grade. Kids in 12 AP classes were surveyed and the results were interesting. There is still some concern whether there is a need for honors classes in 9th grade
- BLT- There will be an Open House at TZHS in the spring. There will be demos by kids and teachers. The PTSA may be asked to help out with promotion and refreshments
- Tip-Off Tournament- there was an incident in the stands which took away from the tournament. As a result, some new things are being tried to help avoid issues: chaperones will be stationed in the stands, a breathalyzer will be in the gym, students will not be allowed in after half time and no shirts off or body painting.
- Members feel that the discussion regarding all students signing the code of conduct needs to be taken up again. Currently, athletes are the only students who are required to sign a code of conduct.
- Bullying Prevention Programs at TZHS- Peer Mediation, Peer Leadership, PSAT Awareness Workshops, Athletes Code of Conduct, Day of Silence (sponsored by Gay-Straight Alliance), and Grade level assemblies, Health classes; English classes address the subject in some of the novels they read. If a bullying issue is suspected, the Asst. Principals get on it immediately. Parents should also let the school know if something is going on with their kids
- Fall Play-there was some concern about whether it as appropriate. It is a high age play that was already presented at TZHS many years ago
- Students will get a copy of the curriculum guide
- Heat at TZHS- Unacceptable levels of carbon monoxide were detected in the boiler room. Boilers had to be shut off. One boiler had an issue so it couldn't be turned on. As a result, parts of the building were very cold

AP Report

S. Silverman

- Course advisement will begin in mid December with the Juniors. Each grade will follow after that. The course advisement booklet is always posted on the website
- Events
 - 12/17 Winter Concert 7:30 pm (BOE will adjourn early)
 - 12/18 SOS Meeting 8pm
 - 12/19 Drama Club Evening of Scenes 7:30 pm
 - 12/19 Progress Reports mailed out
 - 12/23 Early Dismissal

Treasurer Report

J. Dennehy

- Budget was approved. Mary Paul made the motion. M. Rutkowski seconded. The motion carried.
- A separate line in the budget is being proposed for Go Dutch! Go Dutch! Will be split out from fundraising

President's Report

M. Carley

- Superintendent Meeting- SOCSO is trying to align the bullying policy throughout the district so that it is more cohesive. Principals need to report back regarding the anti-bullying programs in their buildings.

- Budget cuts will affect all schools. Sports will be re-aligned. Teams will play mostly in Rockland. This saves money on busing
- Recycling- More bins have been ordered to encourage more recycling
- PTA Directories went out through English classes
- All 9 Fall sports teams were scholar teams. A suggestion was made to put this information on the website and in Our Town and Journal News. It should also be posted in TZHS lobby or on the board outside
- Founder's Day- flyers are out and the committee is still soliciting for nominees and prizes for baskets
- Fundraising-
 - Air fresheners available for sale. PTSA is looking for suggestions on how/where to sell them
 - Yankee Candle Sale will run from 1/22-2/12

- Go Dutch! is out and about trying to secure businesses that will participate
- Project Graduation had a meeting. Possible activities were discussed. Students will be surveyed regarding their preferences during English classes
- Membership is at 254
- Scholarship Committee will meet in January to discuss the essay topic

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Recording Secretary, TZHS PTSA

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