

TZHS PTSA MEETING

5/11/09

The meeting was opened at 7:30 and the following people were in attendance: M. Carley, J. Dennehy, N. Glazer, M. Gryzlo, M. Paul, K. Mart, E. Bolan, P. Burke, T. Bakker, J. Casey and J. Gevargis.

Principals Report

The Senior Award Ceremony and breakfast will be June 11th at 8AM. The 11th grade class and any siblings may go to the ceremony.

The honor program will be available for 9th graders in Social Studies, English and Science. The incoming 8th graders will be taking placement tests for the honors classes.

Progress reports were mailed out on 5/20. The Academic Awards ceremony will be held for the top 20% of the 9-11th graders and all the 12th graders with an average of 90 or higher. May 18th the Italian Awards will be given out. Each month the names of the children with perfect attendance are placed in the lobby.

There have been no cases of the swine flu at the high school. The Tri States visit went well. Brian Newburger won the chili bake off contest. The spring concert is May 27th. No one may leave the prom before 11PM.

In the past the graduation programs have listed all the scholarships that a child is offered regardless of whether they accept them or not. In some other schools all scholarships are listed and some just put in a total dollar value.

Items have been stolen from student's backpacks because they do not put their valuables in their gym lockers.

The student who started the fight in the cafeteria has been suspended for the remainder of the year and is on probation. Two girls had a fight over a boy and there was a fight at the Pearl River fields involving Tappan Zee, Nanuet and Clarkstown South students. All of these disagreements started outside of school, if anyone had let the school know then maybe it could have been prevented. Can all students' not just athletes sign a code of conduct? The athletes lose playing time what would the other students lose? Can the PTA sponsor a forum on underage drinking by teens and other teen issues?

President's Report

The nominating committee presented the slate as follows:

President: Marybeth Carley

Treasurer: Jeannie Dennehy

V-President: Mary Paul

V-President: Trish Bakker

Recording Secy: Kathy Mart

Corresponding Secy: Patsy Burke

Council Delegates: Jane Casey and Marian Gryzlo

A motion to accept the slate was made by T. Bakker, seconded by P. Burke and approved by all.

Twenty people baked for staff appreciation day and each staff member received a pen. Spent \$275, but this includes a key chain that is the wrong color but will be used next year. Six plants were put on the tables for decoration and staff members took 3.

At the next PTA president's meeting with the superintendent, staff membership in the PTA will be discussed and Bill Hughes will also be in attendance.

The budget postcards will mail so they are received the Friday or Monday before the budget vote. Poll watchers are needed.

The calendar party will be held next week and the PTSA meetings will be moved to the 3rd Monday of each month.

The interview committee will meet on May 21st and May 27th to interview for the Technology position.

Committee Reports

Fundraising

The Go Dutch proceeds are being collected. Denise Jensen wants to train someone to take over this project next year.

Scholarship

Fewer donations have been made to the scholarship fund; so fewer scholarships will have to be given to students. New committee members will be needed for next year, only two are remaining and three are leaving. If your child is a senior you may not sit on the committee.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:00 by J. Casey and seconded by P. Burke and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mart

TZHS PTSA MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

The meeting opened at 7:35. The following people were in attendance: K. Mart, L. Sweeney, M. Jones, R. Pitruzella, K. Dellacava, M. Carley, B. Vero, B. Noyes, A. DeStefano, J. Casey, J. Dennehy, M. Gryzlo, N. Glazer, J. Gevargis, E. Bolan, M. Lynch, L. Neuendorf, M. Paul, T. Bakker and D. Maguire.

Principal's Report

*A "Did you know" presentation showing statistics on college grads, internet usage, texting, how technology is changing so rapidly and how will the school district keep up. This was shown to all 11th and 12th graders to prompt them to think about their future and college choices.

*Thank you for another successful Project Graduation.

*Opening day of school went well, the ninth graders are adjusting.

*A Safety class for juniors and seniors who park at school will be held and the video will be about texting while driving.

*Gym floors were refinished and new boys lockers completed.

*New lunch service(Whitson's) and all vending machines have all organic snacks.

*Honors classes for 9th graders have near capacity enrollment.

*The students who go to the learning center receive help from teachers, guidance counselors and honor society students.

*Students are crossing Orangeburg Road between Western Highway and the Dutch Hill Road light. Parents need to speak to their children about this since this is a safety issue.

*Three grants have been received. One pertaining to drugs and alcohol, security and FLAP. The FLAP grant is a foreign language assistance program that will provide the district with critical languages. Critical languages are the languages of developing nations becoming more dominant, such as Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Russian. Chinese will be offered as an elective this spring and the students will learn about their culture and language. Someone has been found to do the Russian elective. The high school will get a language lab. This will all filter to the middle school at a later date. Rosetta Stone will be available district wide, can it be integrated at the elementary level.

*Club Fair will be held on Sept. 23rd.

*School spirit week will be held from Sept. 21st to 25th.

*The College Office—which is a space where counselors can work with students and college representatives, can speak with students.

*Question as to why the parking lots are dark, such as meet the teacher night, when meetings are being held in the building?

A motion to accept the budget for the 2009/2010 school year was made by J. Casey and seconded by T. Bakker. The motion was carried.

A motion was made to accept the Audit Report of the 2008/2009 books by B. Noyes and M. Paul. The motion was carried.

President's Report

*Founder's day committee is working hard to finalize the event.

*A nominating committee is needed in the next few months, there are several openings.

A nominating committee is needed to decide who will receive the Founder's Day award.

*A prom presentation will be done at the PRHS regarding true stories about what really happens at after prom events. Former students and law enforcement officers will speak at the presentation.

Committee Reports

Council

*All units are to come up with goals. Enthusiasm is shown by all units attending the meetings. A committee has been formed and will look into why students are watching movies at all grade levels in school.

Fundraising

*The sale of air fresheners is finally showing a profit.

*The '76 house can do a fundraiser for us and they would give us 30% of the night's receipts.

*The Go Dutch committee needs a chairperson, volunteers and new ideas.

Membership

*135 parents and 50 staff members have joined.

Board Reporter

*PTA's presented.

*A 21st Century report has to be filed with the state, which reports special education statistics.

*The BOE is working with the town to reach a fiscal responsibility to the taxpayer. The current contract expires in June of 2010.

Reflection

*The forms are on line, registration is due by 9/29 and the entries have to be in by 11/2. Everyone is encouraged to enter. Ideas for the 2011/2012 reflections program can be submitted.

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Jones, seconded by D. Maguire and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mart