

TZHS PTSA MEETING
November 16, 2009

A regular, general membership meeting of the TZHS PTSA was held in the TZHS library, presided over by M. Carley and started at 7:35. The following people were in attendance: K. Mart, J. Casey, T. Bakker, N. Glazer, E. Bolan, J. Gevargis, M. Gryzlo, D. Maguire, K. Dellacava, M. Russo, M. Carley and P. Burke.

Assistant Principal's Report

*Love's Labors Lost was good.

*Nov. 13th is the last day of quarter and report cards will be mailed on Nov. 20th with a letter telling parents that the district is going green and future report cards will be able to be viewed online. If needed parents can request hard copies. Parents will receive a letter telling them their access code for the parent portal. The students will get a pin number that they can use to access the system.

*Nine fire drills have been held so far.

*The first lockdown drill was held and one police officer, the SRO officer and the Pearl River SRO officer were on site for the drill. Everything went well. Was there any feedback from the ninth graders who were in middle school last year when the building had to go into an emergency lockdown?

*Nov. 24th is the Thanksgiving concert.

*The Chinese elective will run in the spring with a class size of 18.

Principal's Report

*As part of Character Leadership should all students have a code of conduct they have to sign like the athletes?

*Applications of Geometry is going to curriculum council for approval as a new course. It would not end with a regent's exam.

*New math books published by Holt will be going to curriculum council for them to approve.

*The kids survey is being filled out in social studies class.

*More parents attended the daytime conferences and this was more stressful for the staff and parents. SOMS parents can request a team conference with all their child's teachers, but this is not easy to do in the high school.

*Any student who cuts a class has their name put on a list in the main hall. Students can receive a referral, detention, or a suspension for cutting classes.

*Students are texting too much during their school day.

A motion was made by J. Casey to accept the minutes and all approved it.

Marion Gryzlo attended the NYS PTA conference and came back with a lot of information. Every 7 years NYS PTA has to renew all resolutions. A new resolution about adolescent detoxification is being worked on. Prescription drug abuse is problem among students. A resolution can be drafted at the local level. Family and community engagement was the theme for the conference. Byron Garrett wants to shake up the culture of the PTA and bring in new people. It was recommended that every PTA should go and see the movie Precious. Have PTA meetings in different venues to make it more interesting and friendly.

A motion was made by M. Gryzlo to approve the nominating committee: Mary Paul, Kathy Mart, Jean Dennehy, Jane Casey and Patsy Burke. All approved the motion.

A presentation by Lynn Gorey on the Math Tri-States was done at the PTA Council meeting on Nov. 9th.

The President's/Principal's dinner was held at the Casa Mia Manor House on Oct. 29th.

At the President's/Superintendent's meeting one of the topics was how to develop the grant process so the SOMS PTA could use their money to benefit the school. Back to school mailings will be consolidated.

Another flue clinic will be held on Nov. 30th from 3:30 to 7 PM.

Committee Reports

*Health and Safety—The lights outside in the circle parking lot do not seem to be all working. A bucket truck is needed to fix them.

*Reflections had 20 entries and they will be on display in January.

*The '76 House fundraiser made approximately \$500.

The Go Dutch booklet will be discontinued this year, no one has stepped forward to take it over.

A motion to adjourn was made by P. Burke at 8:58 and approved by all.

Kathy Mart

Secretary

Date approved: _____

As presented or amended