

TZHS PTSA MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2009

The regular of the TZHS PTSA met on 12/14/09 with Marybeth Carley presiding and opening the meeting at 7:35. The following people were in attendance: K. Mart, M. Carley, J. Casey, M. Gryzlo, N. Glazer, E. Bolan, M. Paul, T. Bakker and S. Silverman.

Principal's Report-Ed Bolan

- *There have not been a significant number of swine flue cases in the district. The peak for the flu is Jan/Feb. The northern part of the county has had more cases of the flu.
- *Interviews to replace a special education teacher who resigned have been taking place.
- *The cafeteria now offers a salad bar, which is very popular.
- *Annie Scott will be working at the high school as a substance abuse counselor.
- *On 12/23 there will be an early dismissal at 1:50, each period will be shortened by a few minutes.
- *Curriculum council has approved a new course called Applications of Geometry and new math books; this has to go on to the next level for approval.
- *The Pearl River vs. Tappan Zee basketball game had a good fan turnout and the students were well behaved. A Spring Valley student was arrested for possession of marijuana at the game. Pearl River brings some chaperones to the game.
- *Discipline assemblies have been held. There have been seven fights, six during school. Five of the fights were between girls. Expectations by administration are for the students to go to adults rather than it becoming a physical confrontation. Some of the students want to know why they have to listen to the assembly when they are not the ones who have broken the rule. How can the kids who are doing the wrong thing be reached and the kids who do the right thing not have to attend the assemblies?
- *During the in school Thanksgiving concert students in the audience were using their cell phones to text others. How can the students be taut that this is disrespectful to the kids performing? Can a time be set up for students to receive call and texts from parents, maybe during their lunchtime? Teachers should also show appropriate cell phone behavior during class time. Some teachers allow students to use ipods during class time. How can a compromise be reached to alleviate the texting and ipod issue? The issue of students being able to text during tests to their friends to get answers to the test questions was also brought up. Phones are supposed to be off from 7:30 until 2:20 and are taken away if a student is caught using it.
- *Students can drive off campus for lunch currently; the question was asked how could this be changed to students only being allowed to walk of campus. It would have to go to the school board to handle.

A.P. Principal's Report-Sheila Silverman

- *Tuesday, December 22 is the concert, and the in school concert is Monday, December 21st.
- *The parent portal is closed from Dec. 16th through the 20th for teacher updating and will reopen again on Dec. 22nd.
- *A guidance workshop for 10th grade parents will be held Jan. 13th at 7:30 am.
- *Midterms begin Jan 25th and end on Jan 29th.

Treasurer's Report

The starting account balance for the PTSA was \$2940.00, with \$5046.34 in receipts to date, and \$1720.40 in expenses to date, leaving an ending balance in the account of \$4.369.34

The minutes of the November meeting were accepted with the following amendments. Marian Gryzlo's name is spelled Marian, not Marion. Add the title "President of the National PTA" after Byron Garrett's name. Motion to accept by M. Paul and approved by all.

President's Report-Marybeth Carley

*Maureen Hyatt will be at the January PTSA meeting to talk about prescription drug use and the problems that evolve from it.

*The legislative conference is Feb. 27 and 28th.

*The PTSA will have an ad in the 09/10 yearbook.

Committee Reports

Fundraising

*The sale of air fresheners is showing a profit of \$300.

*The '76 house fundraiser raised \$465 and we made a profit of \$1300 from Yankee Candles.

*Could we sell signs to local business that show their support of TZ High School rather than doing the Go Dutch?

Reflection

The high school had a few students win awards.

BLT

What resources are available for kids to deal with stress?

Project Graduation

Denise Jensen will be the chairperson for this committee and planning will start in January 2010.

What is the status of the STEP program?

Motion to adjourn was made by N. Glazer and approved by all.

Kathy Mart

Secretary

Date Approved: _January 19, 2010

As presented

TZHS PTSA MEETING

January 19, 2010

A regular meeting of the TZHS PTSA was held on 1/19/10 with Marybeth Carley presiding and the meeting opened at 6:38. The following people were in attendance: K. Mart, M. Carley, J. Casey, N. Glazer, E. Bolan, M. Paul, B. Noyes, J. Dennehy, K. Dellacava and S. Silverman.

Principal's Report-Ed Bolan

- *Interviews to replace a special education teacher who resigned have been taking place. Six candidates have done their demo lesson and a decision should be made by Friday.
- *What is the hiring process for the coaches for the after school sports? Teachers are first choice, but do not always get the position.
- *Extra help will be available for students to prepare for mid terms.
- *To date only 13 families have signed up to have daily announcements emailed to their home computers. Anyone who is interested can go to the website to enroll.
- *At the Principal's Cabinet meeting students made proposals for use of cell phones and ipods. Also discussed was allowing seniors to enter the school using the doors by their parking lot, but no security guard is on duty there. Presentations were very good and included a power point presentation. Ipod use is under consideration.
- *An open house will be held on April 29 from 6-7:30 pm for parents and community members to see what is going on at the high school and to see the new wing.
- *The foreign language department/clubs will be collecting funds for Haiti on Thursday and Friday and this will be donated to the Red Cross. Collection spots will be in the library, cafeteria and main office.

A.P. Principal's Report-Sheila Silverman

- *Midterms begin Jan 25th and end on Jan 29th. There will be am and pm bus service.
- *Feb. 4th is eighth grade orientation in the evening.
- *Feb. 3rd is a half school day for students and full day for staff.
- *Feb. 10th is the Spanish Honor Society Induction.
- *Feb. 15th to 19th is winter break.
- *Feb. 24th is Founder's Day.

A motion was made by Mary Paul to accept the minutes from the December meeting and approved by all.

President's Report-Marybeth Carley

- *BOCES will be hosting the Rockland County Legislative Breakfast on Jan. 30th. Anyone interested can go and there is no charge for this event.
- *Volunteers are needed for the blood drive on March 2nd from 2:30 to 7:30.
- *At the presidents and superintendent meeting the community survey was discussed. 99% of the high school students completed the survey. Could the results be compiled by the statistics students and presented to the BOE?

Committee Reports

Fundraising

*Feb 3rd the Mountain House will give us 15% of sales starting at 4pm for any table that mentions TZHS. The '76 House will give us 30% of sales on Feb. 16th for any table that mentions TZHS.

Reflection

*The high school had several people move on to regional competition and one to states competition. The winners will be declared in March.

Project Graduation

*A meeting was held with the students to go over the budget. Surveys were given to all seniors in their English class.

Scholarship

*The letter soliciting donations for the scholarship fund has been put on the website and will be mailed to all high school families.

On Feb. 28th, at 12:00 PM the Penguin Plunge will be held at Memorial Park in Nyack to benefit Sean DePatto and Mickey Reeves. Several events will be held including a plunge into the river.

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Paul and approved by all.

Kathy Mart

Secretary

Date Approved: 2/23/2010

As presented