

TZHS PTSA
February 23, 2010

A regular meeting of the TZHS PTSA was held on Feb. 23, 2010 in the TZHS Library with M. Carley presiding over the meeting. The following people were in attendance: M. Carley, J. Casey, N. Glazer, J. Gevargis, E. Bolan, L. Neuendorf, J. Dennehy, R. Pitruzella and K. Mart.

Principal's Report

The budget is being worked on and cuts are being made in each building. Enrollment is growing and new teachers will have dual certification. The resource room will be called the academic center and will assist more children per class. This will be piloted in the next school year for the 9th grade only. The budget needs are trying to be balanced against the student needs.

A 2009 graduate died and the crisis team met with the staff first thing in the morning when school opened on Thursday and about 25 students and past graduates came for assistance/guidance. What is the best way to approach suicide with students? SOCASA and Candle Club are venues for this discussion. Guidance hosted a symposium on suicide this past year.

Eighth grade orientation meeting was held at SOMS and then an open house will be held at the high school.

Students can use Ipods in the cafeteria or homeroom if the teacher allows it. The cafeteria seems calmer at lunch times and students are sharing their music. The number of referrals given has decreased now that they have a designated place to use Ipods. There are no immediate plans to change the cell phone usage policy at this time. Dr. Mitchell and Ms. Gorey will be sharing the results of the student survey with them on Thursday.

Students waiting in the lobby for pickup will open the doors for people who wish to enter the building. If parents come into the building, once they sign in they can go anywhere. No real control. No real policy on how students are picked up during the school day by their parents. If students are to be picked up outside then a note has to be given to the main office.

Some parents are not aware of the electronic report cards. If a parent loses the id number and password for their child's account, then a phone call can be made with no questions asked to the guidance department. Maybe there needs to be some kind of security question.

April 29th an open house will be held and the BLC will coordinate it.

Assistant Principal's Report—J. Gevargis

Joe Ehrmann and former Baltimore Colt player will do a character education program for boys on March 1st. An evening program for coaches and parents will also be held.

The t-shirt design for Project Grad will be chosen this month.

Could the student handbook be put on the website for people to read? This should be able to be done.

Treasurer's Report

The Yankee Candle fundraiser made more money than expected. The Mountain House fundraiser proceeds were about \$145.00
Scholarship donations are down.

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

President's Report

R. Pitruzella went to the Rockland County Legislative Breakfast and only Ellen Jaffe was the only representative to attend.

Field trips and PTA presentations at the board meetings were discussed at the board of education retreat.

At the Presidents/Superintendent Meeting the following items were discussed:

Looking for the lowest budget increase in 20 years.

Present the budget to all the PTA units at one meeting.

Fixing the roofs using the capital expense fund, the cost of doing the roofs may be cheaper due to the economy.

The legislation/education breakfast is on March 6th, at the Casa Mia Manor House. The cost is \$25 per person.

N. Glazer made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 and was approved by all.

Kathy Mart

Secretary

Accepted on: _____

As presented or amended

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